



*Remember me with Love and Joy
 Let gratitude fill your heart
 Thankful for all the time we had
 Gone yet not apart
 If we measured life in moments
 Not in months or years
 I've lived a hundred lifetimes
 Loved by all who hold me dear
 I hope you'll find your smile
 And generously speak my name
 Share stories and my heart
 Your love for life unchanged
 Celebrate the life I lived
 I'll be watching from above
 I am always with you
 Sending you my light and love*

A WORD OF THANKS

Dorothy had a gift for connecting with People and making everyone feel like family Her love, faith, and strength touched all who knew her. She will be deeply missed, yet her Legacy of love and laughter will continue to shine through the family and friends she leaves Behind.

The family wishes to thank everyone for their love, prayers, and support during this time. Dorothy would want us to smile, share stories, and remember the good times she brought into all of our lives.



A CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF

Dorothy
THOMAS

NOVEMBER 20, 1952 — OCTOBER 16, 2025

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2025 | 2:00
THE CHAPEL OF PEACE, EAST
 5456 E. LIVINGSTON AVE., COLUMBUS, OH 43232



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Her Story

I was born Dorothy Marie (affectionally known as Ree) Ditaway on November 20, 1952, in Newbern, Alabama to Carrie Marie Ditaway and Luke Jackson. My maternal grandparents Fannie Belle and Richard Allen Ditaway raised me alongside my cousins Diane (Ditaway) (Edwin) Williams, and Shellie (Ditaway) Carter. I loved playing baseball, outdoors activities, and driving fast. After graduating from West Side High School, I began the Ohio chapter of my life with my mother and stepfather Braddie Hayden, sister Margaret(Ditaway) Ware and brother Joseph (Yvonne) Holifield.

While working at Thermo-Disc my friend Joyce Paige introduced me to her cousin. That's how I met the love of my life, Eddie Benjamin Thomas Sr. We have been married for 51 beautiful years and have two wonderful children, Desiree Thomas and Eddie Benjamin (Traci) Thomas Jr. Our granddaughter, Kaylin Marie Thomas, grandson Eddie Benjamin Thomas III, and a bonus granddaughter Tamesha Carter from my cousin Shellie, brought me great joy.

Our home was always the destination for family gatherings and competitive card games. I had a gift for connecting with people and making everyone feel like family. My husband and I loved to travel and took our last trip this year. I could do anything I sent my mind too and had multiple careers. I got to positively impact the lives of kids first as a girl scout troop leader, and then as a bus driver for Mansfield City Schools.

My faith was important to me. I accepted Christ at an early age at Reynolds Chapel AME in Newbern, Alabama and was a dedicated member of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church. I was on the deaconess board, Committed Women for Christ, and the Feed the Hungry program. My husband and I led the couple's ministry at church. I leave to cherish my memory my Ohio, Alabama, Tennessee, Texas, California, North Carolina, and Indiana family along with a host of dear friends. I had a good life and lived it to the fullest.

Hugs and Kisses

Dorothy Marie Thomas

Order Of Service

ORGAN PRELUDE
Chapel of Peace Music Ministry

PARTING VIEW
Immediate Family

SCRIPTURE READING
Minister Brittnee Joiner
Old Testament ~ Ecclesiastes 3:1-8
New Testament ~ Matthew 11:28-30

PRAYER
Minister Brittnee Joiner

SELECTION
The battle is the lords by Yolanda Adams
Valerie Byrd

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT/CONDOLENCES
Jeanine Brandon

REMARKS
Desiree Thomas, Joseph Holifield, Ambria Ware, Mary Bridges

READING OF OBITUARY
Ambria Ware

SELECTION
"His Eye is on the Sparrow"
Valerie Byrd

THE EULOGY
Elder Shellie Carter

BENEDICTION
Minister Brittnee Joiner

RECESSIONAL
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