

The Journey of Florine Ephraim Thomas

Florine Ephraim Thomas was born on January 5, 1947, to the late Robert and Nellie B. Ephraim.

Sis. Thomas accepted Christ at a young age and was a faithful member of Tabernacle C.M.E. Church most of her life. She graduated from Turner High School in 1966 and later attended Jarvis Christian College.

After attending college, Florine worked at the Egg Plant in Keatchie, Louisiana where she met her husband, LeRoy Thomas. The two were united in holy matrimony on September 27, 1968. To this union three children were born, a set of twin boys, Leon & Levon, and a daughter, Marlo.

Early in her adult life, Sis. Thomas was an active member of The Order of the Eastern Star organization. Her interests included family, gardening, reading her Bible, and cooking. She thoroughly enjoyed cooking for church and family gatherings. She always made extra plates for anyone who asked or if she thought they needed one.

Sis. Thomas loved taking care of others. She devoted much of her time and energy as a caregiver to her son, Leon. She also worked as a Home Health Aid for many years as well as a transportation specialist for disabled adults. She also worked as the church secretary for Tabernacle C.M.E. Church for over a quarter of a century.

Florine peacefully went into the arms of Jesus Christ on December 30, 2021, at her home in DeBerry, Texas. We can only imagine the joy she felt when God's open arms embraced her and she was no longer in pain, was worry-free, and could rest on the knowledge that her work on Earth was complete. Sis. Thomas was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, one son, four brothers, seven sisters, and one grandchild.

Florine leaves to cherish her memories, her son, Leon Thomas of DeBerry, Texas; a daughter, Marlo (Lamonte) Reese; two granddaughters, Karis Reese and Jeneille Reese, all of Little Elm, Texas; sisters-in-law, May Bowman and Gloria Boykin, both of Shreveport, Louisiana and Zora Ephraim and Bobbie Riley, both of Dallas, Texas; and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

Her presence, strength, guidance, and love will be cherished for eternity.

