

## *She Is Gone*

You can shed tears that she is gone or you can smile because she lived. You can close your eyes and pray that she will come back, Or you can open them and see all that she's left. Your heart can be empty because you can't see her, or you can be full of the love you shared. You can turn your back on tomorrow and live in yesterday, Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday. You can remember her and only that she is gone, Or you can cherish her memory and let it live on. You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back Or you can do what she would want, smile, open your eyes, Love and go on.

## *There is an Empty Chair*

And a part of us cannot believe that you will never again sit there. Our hearts will always grieve, but we know our tears are less for you and more for us. Your pain is gone and your soul flies free, and we know that a part of you is still here with us. Deep in our soul where only we can see there is our love for you and your love for us.



### FLORAL BEARERS

*Grandchildren*

### PALL BEARERS

*Grands & Great Grandchildren*

### *Family Acknowledgements*

Our family wishes to express our warmest "Thanks" and appreciation to each of you for your many comforting acts of love, prayers and any other expressions of kindness and concern shown to us at this time. We thank God for the gifts of friends who cared and felt our loss with us. Our prayers are that God forever bless and keep each of you in a very special way always.

*The Family of Mother Gladys J. Thomas*

Special thanks are extended to the doctors and nurses of  
Pruitt Health Care and Aurora Pavilion Center  
in Aiken, South Carolina



### PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ENTRUSTED

*Jackson's Memorial Chapel*

*"Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted"*

6751 Savannah Highway, Neeses, South Carolina  
(803) 247-3479

AND

290 West Third Street, Swansea, South Carolina  
(803) 568-7832

[www.jacksonsmemorialchapel.net](http://www.jacksonsmemorialchapel.net)

## CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND

## MEMORY OF

*Mother Gladys J. Thomas*



~SUNRISE~  
April 24, 1923

~SUNSET~  
March 21, 2019

*To God Be the Glory...*

Tuesday, March 26, 2019  
2:00 PM

Oakey Spring Baptist Church  
2773 Firetower Road  
Salley, SC 29137

Reverend Dr. Kenneth C. Perkins, Sr., Pastor  
Reverend Darryl Salley, Sr., Presiding



ORDER OF CELEBRATION

FOR

Mother Gladys Thomas

REVEREND DARRYL SALLEY, SR., PRESIDING

Processional & Final Viewing

-Musical Selection-

Selection

Scriptures:

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Solo

Poem

Resolutions/ Acknowledgements

Poem

Reflections – (3 minutes)

Tribute

Solo

Words of Comfort

Closing Selection

Recessional

Family & Friends

Sister Zockia Miller

Reverend Jannett Hartwell

Reverend Jeanette Bowens

Reverend Gail W. Yon

Sister Mary “Bean” Davis

Sister Stephanie Adams, Granddaughter

Sister Letha J. Ferguson, Granddaughter

Sister Norma J. Jenkins, Granddaughter

Church – Reverend Donald Fenlayson

Family – Sister Helen Ray Tyler, Daughter

Pruitt Health Care – Ms. Amy Rutherford

Sister Burna Fenlayson, Granddaughter

Sister Taylor L. Adams, Great Granddaughter

Reverend Dr. Kenneth Perkins, Sr., Pastor

Interment

Oakey Spring Baptist Church Cemetery

Committal Service, Prayer and Benediction

The family of Mother Gladys J. Thomas will greet friends during the repast which will be held in the OSMBC Fellowship Hall.



~ A Life Lived ~

THE LORD IS MY LIGHT AND MY SALVATION; WHOM SHALL I FEAR?

PSALM 27:1

Mother Gladys J. Thomas was born, April 24, 1923 in Salley, South Carolina. She was the daughter of the late James Dunbar and Letha Lubell Jenkins. She was married to the late Henry Thomas.

On March 21, 2019 at 10:50 AM at Aurora Pavilion Center our beloved mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend received her wings and went home to spend eternal life with the Lord.

Mother Gladys Thomas was baptized and became a member of Oakey Spring Baptist Church at an early age where she served faithfully until her health started to fail and even then, she enjoyed coming to church when she was able. She participated in various activities within the church when her health was good, such as the Usher Board, Senior Choir, Missionary, Church Custodian and as one of the Mothers of the Church.

Mother Gladys Thomas was a strong, faithful praying mother who truly loved the Lord, her church and her Pastor. The love of her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren were the source of her strength.

Mother Gladys Thomas loved her family unconditional. She had a love for people and she never met a stranger. Her sweet personality and her beautiful smile would light up a room and she captured the hearts of many who would claim her as their mother or grandmother figure.

Mother Gladys Thomas leaves to cherish her memories; two daughters; Mrs. Lizzie (Frank) Anderson of Columbia, South Carolina and Mrs. Helen Ray (James) Tyler of Salley, South Carolina. One sister, Mrs. Kitty Seawright, Perry, South Carolina; a devoted Granddaughter and Caregiver, Mrs. Burna Fenlayson, Springfield, SC, and one daughter-in-law, Mrs. Bernice Jenkins, Springfield, South Carolina. She also leaves a legacy of 21 grandchildren, 52 great grandchildren and 28 great great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her mother, father two brothers, a sister and her son.