



Ms. Earline Thomas

June 14, 1952 - September 13, 2019

In Loving Memory Of;

Earline (Oliver) Thomas was born on June 14, 1952 in River Rouge, Michigan to the late Benjamin and Arstric Oliver. At an early age she professed her faith in Jesus Christ and joined First Baptist Church of Ecorse. Earline attended Ecorse Public Schools and was a proud graduate of Ecorse High School class of 1970. During her high school years, she played clarinet for the Ecorse Red Raiders Marching Band. Earline furthered her education by attending Wayne County Community College where she received an Associate of Arts Degree. In addition to her associate degree, Earline obtained many professional certifications.

Earline was united in holy matrimony to Ronald Keith Thomas on October 4, 1975; where they spent 25 years together. This union was blessed with two children, Jennifer (Thomas) Williams and Omar Thomas.

Earline later joined Family Victory Fellowship Church where she was an active member and served as the media coordinator for the BLOOM Conference, as well as participating in other church activities. Earline was also active in the Red Hat Society, Inc., and was an avid supporter of community involvement and local government. She volunteered endless hours helping facilitate the polling process for the City of Lathrup Village. In addition to her service to the community, Earline was a self proclaimed “basketball mom” helping young

women develop leadership skills through sport via her non profit Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) organization, The Michigan Spartans. Under Earline's leadership hundreds of young women received college scholarships.

Earline spent over 20 years in various leadership positions at AT&T (formerly known as Michigan Bell/Ameritech). Upon retirement she decided to pursue her passion in beauty and wellness by obtaining her esthetician license from David Pressley School of Cosmetology. She was committed to making all women feel beautiful in their own skin, and often volunteered at Beaumont Hospital with the Look Good, Feel Better project.

Currently, Earline was employed at WDET Public Radio Station on the campus of Wayne State University, where she found extreme joy in her current role as an Accounting Assistant.

As a result of her generous spirit and pleasant personality, Earline was loved by many; and guided by her spiritual values and love for humanity. Her influence will forever remain in the lives of all who knew her. She quietly departed this life on Friday, September 13, 2019.

Cemetery Details

Woodmere Cemetery

9400 W. Fort St.
Detroit, MI 48209

Previous Events

Family Hour

Monday, Sep. **23**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Family Victory Fellowship Church
19421 W. 10 Mile Road
Southfield, MI 48075

Funeral Service

Monday, Sep. **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Ms. Earline Thomas*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *Earline was truly a great older cousin, when we moved from Montgomery, AL to Detroit, in 1969, Latonya and I spent a lot of weekends in Ecorse, with our family..... "The Olivers"....when we were getting acclimated to the north. I remember loving to watch Earline and Marilyn dancing together as sisters....we all loved going rollerskating in Ecorse!...I remember attending Earline's elaborate wedding and marriage to Ronald....I remember when Jennifer was born.....I remember Earline being a very 'doting' Mom....certainly a lot of auspicious memories with Earline and family. My heart remains heavy..... Rest eternally, Dear Cousin Earline.....*



Joyce Bowman Cunningham - September 28, 2019 at 06:06 PM



“ *Expressions of sympathy for Ms. Thomas family. Continue to rely on God and know that he hears your prayers, because he cares for you. Thinking of you all.*

Evans family - September 23, 2019 at 12:17 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ms. Earline Thomas.*



September 21, 2019 at 10:06 PM



“ *Johnetta Hayes-Perry & Dawn Brown purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Ms. Earline Thomas.*



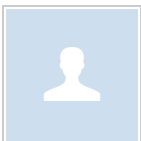
Johnetta Hayes-Perry & Dawn Brown - September 21, 2019 at 04:57 PM



“ *The Tillery, Carr & Vinson Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ms. Earline Thomas.*



The Tillery, Carr & Vinson Family - September 20, 2019 at 07:16 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Ms. Earline Thomas.*



September 20, 2019 at 01:06 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ms. Earline Thomas.*



September 18, 2019 at 03:21 PM



“ *You remember the adults in your childhood that set the example of poise and grace. The women who set forth an example. Earline was always this classy lady, who was intelligent and wise. She always had a smile and took the time to make you feel special and loved. I will always remember and cherish her smile.*

Tracy Mobley - September 18, 2019 at 08:44 AM



“ *My sincere condolences to the Oliver and Thomas family. Earlene and I had just reconnected and shared old memories from our years from 7th street. I thank God we had that time. I will miss my good friend. Love you all Marilyn, Benjamin, Reggie . (Brenda Barnes Overall)*

Brenda Overall - September 17, 2019 at 11:20 PM

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Earline initiated me into coaching with the Michigan Spartans. This provided a wonderful opportunity to spend quality time with my daughters and all the other players over 12 years of coaching. Thru all of the ups and downs Earline showed class, compassion and grace. While so many get involved in youth sports for the wrong reasons, Earline's ONLY goal was to teach young women how to have confidence and compete on the court and in life. Earline affected thousands of lives and she will be both missed and remembered with great love and respect.

Gary Gilyard

Gary Gilyard - September 19, 2019 at 01:35 PM

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*Powerful...
Positive....
Great person and parent!
The class of Ecorse*

Kenneth J. Mcphaul,Jr - September 22, 2019 at 01:22 PM