



## Mrs. Hazel Thomas

March 1, 1930 - October 10, 2013

A time to be born...

Hazel Thomas was born on March 1, 1930 in Texarkana, Arkansas to the late Mamie and George Ford. Hazel was one of eleven children born from this union. Preceding her in death were her brothers, Joe, Dewey, Ellis and Amos; her sisters were Hattie, Elenora, Katie, Leola, Minnie and Dovie.

A time to live...

Seeking a better life for themselves and their children her parents moved the family to Detroit, Michigan. Hazel received her formal education in the Detroit Public Schools system.

She met and married the love of her life, Albert Eugene Thomas. They were united in holy matrimony on November 26, 1946. To this union, two children were born, Albert Jr. and Ricardo.

Hazel was employed for many years as a domestic engineer providing assistance to many of Detroit's prominent families. Many of which she became an extended member of their families. She retired from Mt. Carmel Hospital where she worked in the Dietary Department.

Hazel Thomas (affectionately known as "Granny Thomas") confessed Christ at an early age in Texarkana, Arkansas. As a young adult, she joined Saint Augustine Episcopal Church, under the leadership of Father Morrisseau. Hazel served on the Altar Society and Hospitality Committee. Hazel loved

God and her church family and they loved her. Upon her illness, she attended United Christian Church of Detroit with her son and family.

Her greatest pleasure was providing assistance to others. She prepared meals and provided transportation when needed. Her generosity and caring nature was well known. Radio personality, Martha Jean the Queen acknowledged her as one of the "Mother Day Warriors" for her service to her family and community. She enjoyed being a grandmother to all the children who crossed her path.

Her compassionate nature and generous spirit allowed her to make lifelong friends: Dorethea Jenkins, Laronna V'soski, Claudia Bradford, Julia Nelson and Sandra Hughes. She loved dancing and traveling with the award-winning square dance group the "Sashay Strutters."

A time to mourn...

Hazel departed this life October, 10, 2013.

# Cemetery Details

## Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Rd.  
Holly, MI 48442

# Previous Events

## Visitation

Thursday, Oct. **17**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home  
17600 Plymouth Road  
Detroit, MI 48227  
(313) 838-9770  
info@pyefuneralhome.com

## Family Hour

Friday, Oct. **18**. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home  
17600 Plymouth Road  
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## Funeral Service

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Friday, Oct. **18**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Hazel Thomas*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Deepest sympathy.*

**Brenda** - October 20, 2013 at 07:42 AM