



Mrs. Mary Emma Thomas

November 9, 1913 - November 11, 2015

Celebrating The Life Of Mary Emma Thomas:

Mary Emma Richmond was born in Lexington, Mississippi in 1913 to West and Ninnie Richmond. She was the fourth of eight children. Christianity and serving the Lord was always an integral part of her life.

She migrated from Mississippi to Detroit at the age of 18 where she worked as a beautician by day, and attended Cass Technical High School in the evening. She was a very proud graduate.

She joined Scott Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church, where she met and married Archie W. Alston. To this union two daughters were born, Brenda Joyce and Cheryl Anita. The family moved to Highland Park, and Mary chose the life of a wife and mother. She was very active in the community, both civically and politically. She was in the Sewing Club, troop leader of the Girl Scouts, and worked on various political campaigns.

Mary then became a member of Berea Methodist Church; which later became Berea-St. Paul's United Methodist Church. She was very active in the church, including singing in the Chancel Choir and serving several years with the United Methodist Women in many positions including President. She was also a member of the 50+ Club. She returned her membership to Scott Memorial United Methodist Church late in life.

She was widowed in 1977. In 1985 she married James Thomas, who passed in 1987

She went back to work in her later years for the City of Detroit as an on-site manager of the Food and Friendship program. She was also an Avon Representative for over thirty years.

Mary liked singing in the choir, traveling, and going out to dinner. Good food made her very happy.

Cemetery Details

Detroit Memorial Park West

25200 Plymouth Road
Redford Twp., MI 48239

Previous Events

Family Hour

Wednesday, Nov. **18**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Scott Memorial United Methodist Church
15361 Plymouth Road
Detroit, MI 48227
(313) 836-6301
<http://www.scottumc.org>

Funeral Service

Wednesday, Nov. **18**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Scott Memorial United Methodist Church
15361 Plymouth Road
Detroit, MI 48227
(313) 836-6301
<http://www.scottumc.org>

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Mary Emma Thomas*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *Dear Cheryl, Gregg, Brenda & Family,
What a blessing to have had your mother for over 65 years! God
has touched your family in a special way. May His love sustain you
and His peace be with you as you grieve. I am praying for you.
Love, Janice Blackman*

Janice Blackman - November 16, 2015 at 02:55 PM



“ *Yvonne, Janice, Nykita, Jau'Nita, Mary and Kim.
purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the
family of Mrs. Mary Emma Thomas.*



Yvonne, Janice, Nykita, Jau'Nita, Mary and Kim. - November
16, 2015 at 01:19 PM

JJ

“ Cheryl & Gregg, I send my most sincere condolences as you grieve the loss of your mom and grandmother. She lived a long prosperous life and certainly left her mark in this church community. I know you will miss her, but I hope you know that she is at peace now and her spirit will live eternally. Know, too, that Scott Church is here to support you. We love you and will keep you in our prayers as you go through this grieving period. God bless both of you.



Love, Jimmie Jones

Jimmie Jones - November 14, 2015 at 10:54 PM

LB

“ Mrs. Thomas was my babysitter...And our Avon lady..May God bless her family in this difficult time. Prayers from the Sykes-Braithwaite family



lori Braithwaite - November 14, 2015 at 11:03 AM