



I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call:
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way;
I found my place at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joys.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too shall miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow:
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much;
Good friends, good times, a loved ones touch.*

*Perhaps my life seemed all too brief:
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me;
God wanted me now, He set me free.*



Active Pallbearers
Friends and Family

Acknowledgements

The family would like to extend our most humble appreciation and heartfelt thanks for each expression of kindness, sympathy, loving thoughts, visits, calls, flowers, concerns, and many prayers during this time of bereavement of our loving Aunt and family member. We are eternally grateful and express our sincere thanks to each of you. God bless you all!
-The Family.

Interment

Sunnyside Cemetery
4216 Donnie Harper Road
Douglas, Georgia, 31533



Final Arrangements Entrusted To:



HARRELL'S FUNERAL HOME
400 E. CHERRY STREET ~ DOUGLAS, GEORGIA 31533
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*Celebrating
The Home Going*

for

Thelma Shaw Burns Thomas



Sunrise

March 23, 1939

Sunset

December 18, 2020

*Wednesday, December 30, 2020
1:00 P.M.*

Harrell's Funeral Home Chapel
400 East Cherry Street
Douglas, Georgia, 31533

Elder Garfield Duckett Jr.
Eulogist
Pastor Johnny Grady
Presiding

Obituary

Thelma Shaw Burns Thomas was born on March 23, 1939, to the late Mr. Talmadge Shaw and Allie Grady Shaw in Coffee County, Georgia. She died on December 18, 2020, in Waycross, Georgia, at the age of 81. She attended school in Coffee County and moved to Jacksonville, Florida, at the age of 17, where she began working as a short-order cook. It was there that she met and married her first husband, C.L. Burns. After her husband's death, C.L. Burns, some years later, she met her second husband, Carl Thomas, from Buffalo, New York. She moved to Buffalo and where she became a Cafeteria Cook for the Buffalo School System. She retired in the early 1990s, and after the death of her husband Carl, she relocated to Douglas, Georgia.

Thelma loved the Lord. She loved everyone and always provided support for her family. She was always able to recall in detail past occurrences about adventures she shared with her cousins, sisters, brothers, aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces, mother, father, and so many others with the family even through her childhood, teenage years, and adulthood. If there was a question about family history, all one had to do was "Ask Aunt Thelma."

She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Carl Thomas; her father and mother, Talmadge and Allie Shaw; and siblings, Ozella Dawson, Elvin Shaw, Madie Shaw, Bernice Smith, Talmadge Shaw, Jr., Olivia Spence, Daniel Louis Shaw.

She is survived by sisters, Rosa Shaw Davis and Doris Brown, as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Special acknowledgment to her nieces, Jamilla Shaw Eady and Cynthia Shaw, and nephew, Basilio Shaw, who provided extraordinary support to our Aunt Thelma as her health declined.



Precious Memories



Order of Service

Presiding, Pastor Johnny Grady

Processional.....Ministers & Family

Final Glimpse

PrayerPastor Johnny Grady

Solo.....Minister Barbara Killiebrew

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament.....Rashida Shaw

New Testament.....Minister Rhonda Grady

Reflections: (Please Limit 2 Minutes)

Anyone Desiring to Speak

Solo.....Pastor Willie Carter

Eulogy.....Elder Garfield Duckett Jr.

Acknowledgements.....Harrell's Staff

Committal Service

Recessional

