



Mrs. Era Mae Thames

July 27, 1924 - January 17, 2024

Era Mae Butler Thames was born July 27, 1924, in D'Lo, Mississippi to the late Mr. Ludie Butler and Mrs.

Edna Butler Brown. She was the third of six children born to this union. She departed this life for her eternal home on January 17, 2024.

She was preceded in death by her husband Reverend Willie Lee Thames, her daughter, Mary Thames, her parents, five sisters: Anna Leason, Earlean Butler, Ruby McConico, Mary L. Thomas, Geneva Hines, two brothers, John Butler, and Billy Butler and two stepchildren Lorine Graham and Willie Lee Thames Jr.

At an early age, she received the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal Savior and was baptized at Good Hope Baptist Church in Florence, Mississippi. She attended and graduated from Lanier High School in Jackson, Mississippi.

She was united in Holy Matrimony to Reverend Willie Lee Thames and to this union, five children were born. She loved singing in the Greater Star Baptist Church Choir and had us singing as well. After returning to Mississippi, Era reunited with her home church, family, friends and where she sang in Good Hope and Rock Hill Choirs. She enjoyed cooking, listening, to Gospel singing, growing flowers, and spending time with family.

She was truly a devoted and loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt and cousin. She also was a hard worker in the different jobs that she had.

She leaves to cherish her sweet memories: Mildred (Ronald) Dorsey, Chicago, Ill., Bobbie (Robert) Kitchens, Florence, MS, Shirley Ann (Reverend Willie Earl) Collins, Canton, MS, Sandra (Kenneth) Sanders, Madison, MS, and Step-Son Mickey (Faye) Garrett, Richland, MS; Sister Christine Walker, Springfield, MD. 21 grandchildren, a host of great-grands, nieces and nephews.

Cemetery Details

Good Hope Church Cemetery

476 R.T. Braddy Road
Florence, MS

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 26. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Dean Memorial Funeral Home
745 Highway 468
Brandon, MS 39042
(601) 825-3884
<https://deanmemorialfuneralhome.com/>

Service

JAN 27. 11:00 AM (CT)

Good Hope M. B. Church
476 RT Braddy Rd
Florence, MS 39073
(601) 845-3488

Tribute Wall



“ *Dean Memorial Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Era Mae Thames*



Dean Memorial Funeral Home - January 25, 2024 at 06:28 PM

DL

“ *There are so many memories that I have of my beautiful aunt. My favorite memory is when she and my mother, her sister Earlean, would call each other at 6:30 almost every evening to watch "Wheel of Fortune" together (over the phone). They weren't just sisters; they were best friends. My Aunt Era was also a great cook. My favorite dish was her sweet potato pie, and my second favorite was her sock it to me cake. Her sweet potato pie was simply the best! Better than Ms. Patti.... way better! Be strong family, and may God bless you with peace. Love, Dianna*



Dianna Butler Lairy - January 30, 2024 at 03:56 PM

LS

“ *Love, Rita and Bruce Skaistis purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mrs. Era Mae Thames.*



Love, Rita and Bruce Skaistis - January 26, 2024 at 12:58 PM

DO

“ *Dennis Owens lit a candle in memory of Era Thames*



Dennis Owens - January 23, 2024 at 10:49 AM

AB

“ *Alexis Bilbro lit a candle in memory of Era Thames*



Alexis Bilbro - January 22, 2024 at 08:55 PM

EY

“ *Evelyn Young lit a candle in memory of Era Thames*



Evelyn Young - January 22, 2024 at 06:02 PM

DJ

“ *Delphine Jenkins-Davs lit a candle in memory of Era Thames*



Delphine Jenkins-Davs - January 20, 2024 at 03:03 PM

MB

“ *My condolences to everyone in lost of your love one. May God comfort you.*

Mary Banks - January 20, 2024 at 11:32 AM

MW

My deepest sympathy to the Thames family and friends. R.I.H. Mrs Era
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Minister Letha Walker - January 22, 2024 at 08:00 PM

EA

“ *Eddie Ainsworth lit a candle in memory of Era Thames*



Eddie Ainsworth - January 20, 2024 at 01:22 AM