



Edrice G. Thomas

May 1, 1920 - July 11, 2015

Edrice G. Thomas was born May 1, 1920 in Mobile, Alabama, to her parents, Dennis and Christine Grooms, who predeceased her, along with her sister, Cleavo Pate and brother, Rufus Dudley. She attended Miss Joe's Girls School and Tuskegee Institute. In Mobile, she met her husband of 70+ years, Columbus Thomas, Jr. from Darrow, Louisiana. She and her parents moved to New Orleans, then to Kenner, Louisiana. After her husband's return from his service in WWII, they relocated the family from Kenner to Darrow in 1955. Mrs. Thomas initially taught parochial school at St. Catherine of Sieanna in Donaldsonville, Louisiana, where most all of her 10 children attended or graduated. When St. Catherine closed its doors, she pioneered the integration efforts in Ascension Parish Schools and was always active in the community, helping, encouraging and prodding politicians, students, co-workers, clients, and others to do better, especially the youth. She managed her household and the family's Dry Cleaners, while her husband worked as a longshoreman foreman in Burnside, Louisiana until his retirement in 1972. After closing the cleaners and graduating her children out of the nest, Mrs. Thomas worked at Bell South in Gonzales, Louisiana and as a para-legal with the area Legal Services Corporation; also as job placement officer in the JTPA Program at the Community Action Center in Donaldsonville and for Tangipahoe Parish, from where she retired at the age of 85. Then, both having retired, the prominent husband and wife team moved to Jonesboro, GA, near most of their children and grandchildren, where they resided and joined St. James the

Apostle Catholic Church, until Mr. Thomas' death in 2008. Mrs. Thomas, longing to return to her home in Darrow, moved back and lived on her own amongst beloved friends and neighbors, until she expired at the age of 95 on July 11, 2015. Mrs. Thomas had 10 children, 31 grandchildren, 83 great grandchildren, 16 great-great grandchildren, one niece and a whole host of friends. She will be missed.

Previous Events

Service

JUL 21. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. James the Apostle Catholic Church
1000 Decatur Rd.
McDonough, GA 30253

Interment

JUL 21. 1:30 PM (ET)

Georgia National Cemetery
1080 Scott Hudgens Dr.
Canton, GA 30114
<http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/georgia.asp>

Tribute Wall

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“ *Deepest sympathy goes to the family of Mrs. T. She was loved by all for her kindness, she gave me my first job working with her side by side in the Donaldsonville office. I will cherish my memories and the pleasure of knowing this "GREAT LADY". A great soul never dies it brings us together again and again. I know we never lose the people we love to death they continue to participate in every act, thought and decision we make.*

May you find comfort in your memories of Mrs. T.

Mary Howard

Donaldsonville, La

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“ *Lady,*

We will all miss you. I will especially miss our 2-3 hour talks on Saturday mornings. But as you use to tell me, I can love you and let you go.

May you rest in peace,

T. A. Thomas #3 daughter.

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