



Vivian Thomas

July 29, 1953 - April 8, 2022

Vivian Thomas was born July 29, 1953 in Ruleville, Mississippi, the eleventh of twelve children born to Manuel and Alma Carter Caffey. She was baptized at a young age in Renova, Mississippi and was currently a member of Greater New Hope Missionary Baptist Church. She graduated from East Ridge High School in 1971.

Vivian was united in holy matrimony to Robert Buster Thomas on September 28, 1990 and their union was blessed with two children.

She worked for Dow Chemical for 10 years; for Fiber Drum for 10 years and retired from Baker and Taylor after 12 years of service.

Vivian is remembered as a lady with grace who was very fashionable and jazzy. She was outspoken and lovable with a giving heart; a people person who you could talk to about anything. She enjoyed decorating, gardening, shopping and cooking big meals.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her daughter, Lakaime Caffey of Sun River Terrace, IL; her twin sister, Lillian Caffey of Kankakee, IL; her brothers, James Caffey and Grover (Joanne) Caffey, both of Cleveland, Mississippi and Elmer Caffey of Bourbonnais, IL; an aunt, Ora Lee McAlpine of Mobile, AL; uncles, Ezel Carter and Losie Carter, both of French Camp, Mississippi; in-laws,

Cleveland (Eliza) Thomas, Larry Shannon, Irving Taylor, Dyan Shannon, Esther Love and Shirley Shannon, all of Kankakee, IL, Edward (Pamela) Thomas of Upper Marlboro, MD, David Crisp Sr. of Wausau, WI and Roseline Caffey of Charlotte, NC; four grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; her son, Demond Marcel Caffey; a brother, Manuiel Caffey Jr.; sisters, Alma Taylor and Thelma Caffey; a grandson, Aireon Marcell Caffey; mother-in-law, Clara Lee (Claudia) Shannon; a brother-in-law, Leroy Thomas and sisters-in-law, Sadie Caffey, Louise Caffey, Zeola Taylor and Delores Dalton.

Cemetery Details

Mound Grove Cemetery

1000 N. Greenwood
Kankakee, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **21**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Lax Mortuary
187 S. Greenwood Avenue
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 935-0090
laxmortuary@laxmortuary.com
<http://laxmortuary.com/>

Visitation

APR **22**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Greater New Hope
1591 E. Cedar
Kankakee, IL

Service

APR **22**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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1591 E. Cedar
Kankakee, IL

Tribute Wall

MK

“ *Mrs. and Jocelyn Keesee lit a candle in memory of Vivian Thomas*



Mrs. E.E. and Jocelyn Keesee - October 15, 2023 at 08:18 PM

VH

“ *Man, I came back to look again, with tears in my eyes. Vivian you was a very special friend, my heart aches to know that when I come home I won't be seeing you, I can't talk to you on the phone anymore, Vivian was a person I could always talk to, laugh with. So many memories, my friend, going to miss you for sure.*

*Love you forever
Valencia Griffis (Holden)*

Valencia Holden - April 29, 2022 at 12:41 PM

DW

“ *Vivian will truly be missed, this was one jazzy lady loved her.*



Debra Williams - April 27, 2022 at 08:15 PM

JF

“ Jeanette Whalum-Chambers & Family lit a candle in memory of Vivian Thomas



Jeanette Whalum-Chambers & Family - April 24, 2022 at 03:43 AM

DB

“ Danny C. Brewster lit a candle in memory of Vivian Thomas



Danny C. Brewster - April 23, 2022 at 06:15 PM

V(

“ Love you. You will forever be in my heart

Valencia Griffis (Holden) - April 23, 2022 at 12:57 PM

V(

“ So many memories. I'm going to miss you. My neighbor , my friend. Vivian was a true friend

Valencia Griffis (Holden) - April 23, 2022 at 12:55 PM

ES

“ My condolences and loss to you and your family 🕯️🙏❤️



Elizabeth Stevenson - April 22, 2022 at 05:43 PM



“ Audrey Dear lit a candle in memory of Vivian Thomas



Audrey Dear - April 22, 2022 at 01:33 PM



“ Audrey Dear lit a candle in memory of Vivian Thomas



Audrey Dear - April 22, 2022 at 01:32 PM



“ My condolences and prayers to the Thomas family. I will miss her so much. Bless this beautiful lady.



Linda Allison - April 22, 2022 at 09:19 AM



“ My condolences and prayers to the family. I will remember her working in her beautiful flower garden.



Mary Gant - April 21, 2022 at 11:15 PM

TF

“ Our Condolences goes out to the Caffey family at this time. May God bless you all at this time we will keep you in our prayers.



The Kennedy Family - April 21, 2022 at 05:45 PM

SK

“ I worked with Vivian and Lillian at Dow. What classy ladies. Always brought a smile and a laugh. Rest In Peace Vivian. My thoughts and prayers are with you Lillian.

Sue Kelly - April 21, 2022 at 09:15 AM

DB

“ I met Vivian through working with her sister Lillian, very sweet and kind person. Lillie and Kaime we are so sorry for your loss.

Darlene Benfield - April 20, 2022 at 03:39 PM

AR

“ Lakaime i want to send u my sincere condolences girl your mom was a wonderful woman she was very loving and had such a great personality always making me laugh when we use to hang out at your house. i miss u my dear friend know y u and your family is all in my heart u need anything please reach out.
Much love angie 507 990 8574

Angie Rankins - April 20, 2022 at 01:52 PM

CR

“ Carolyn Rice lit a candle in memory of Vivian Thomas



Carolyn Rice - April 20, 2022 at 12:00 PM

MB

“ To my dear friend, Vivian boy did we have fun and some of the things we did and talked about i will never tell and I will miss talking to you but I know you was so sick and GOD knew it too and he said come on VIVIAN and take your rest you fought a good fight, LOVE YOU VIVIAN , you and your twin SIS, JAMES, KAMMIE, SHORTY. BOW

minnie brewer brewster - April 19, 2022 at 09:19 PM

MB

“ Minnie Brewer Brewster lit a candle in memory of Vivian Thomas



minnie brewer brewster - April 19, 2022 at 09:12 PM

PJ

“ Patricia Jamison sent a virtual gift in memory of Vivian Thomas



Patricia Jamison - April 19, 2022 at 05:49 PM

TW

“ Tiffany Williams lit a candle in memory of Vivian Thomas



Tiffany Williams - April 19, 2022 at 05:39 PM

JF

“ SHE WAS A BEAUTIFUL PERSON.

JOANN FORD-BOX - April 19, 2022 at 05:17 PM

JF

“ JOANN FORD-BOX lit a candle in memory of Vivian Thomas



JOANN FORD-BOX - April 19, 2022 at 05:09 PM

MW

“ RIP girl friend enjoy being your friend

Michele Whitlow - April 19, 2022 at 02:41 PM

LI

“ VIVIAN TRULY WAS A GREAT PERSON
LOVE HER STYLE AND TRULY WAS
PEOPLE PERSON REST ON MY SISTER💔



LisaHunter-Davis - April 19, 2022 at 11:57 AM

CD

“ *Enjoyed working with her at Dow. Many fond memories of her and Vivian.*

Cheryl Dayhoff - April 19, 2022 at 10:46 AM

PS

Worked with her and Her sister at Dow. We all had a good time . So sorry for your loss

Patricia Smith - April 20, 2022 at 06:59 PM

MG

“ *Mary Ann Gaddy lit a candle in memory of Vivian Thomas*



Mary Ann Gaddy - April 19, 2022 at 09:49 AM

CO

“ *My deepest sympathy to you Kaime and the rest of the family. Ms Vivian was a beautiful person and put a smile on my face with all her sass.*



cathrine ohme - April 19, 2022 at 09:38 AM

CW

“ *My condolences to the family,*



Cheryl Wilson - April 19, 2022 at 02:54 AM