



## Erma Jean Thomas

September 24, 1958 - July 24, 2018

Erma Jean Thomas, daughter of J.W. Banks and Sarah (Collins) Banks, was born September 24, 1958 in Helena, Arkansas where she grew up and attended school.

On January 5, 1978, Erma was united in marriage to James Lee Thomas in Helena, Arkansas. They shared over 40 years of marriage together and were blessed with three children: James, Jr., LaSaundra and Nija.

Due to James being in the military, Erma and the family moved to different duty stations with James. They were stationed in Germany, Ft. Riley (KS), Ft. Leonard Wood (MO) and Ft. Stuart (GA). During that time, Erma worked as a civil service employee with different departments on the military bases. She worked as a supply technician, as a fabric worker in the uniform facility and also worked in the dining facility.

In her spare time, Erma enjoyed being outdoors working in her garden and was also talented when it came to sewing. She loved to travel and see the different parts of the country and also going shopping with family and friends.

The most important part of Erma's life was her family. She treasured each and every one of them and was so very proud of her children and grandchildren. She loved spending time with them and looked forward to every family get

together.

Erma passed away Tuesday, July 24, 2018, in Phelps County Regional Medical Center in Rolla, Missouri having attained the age of 59.

Erma will be sadly missed, but fondly remembered by all those that knew and loved her. She leaves to cherish her memory her husband, James of the home; three children, James Thomas Jr. of St. Robert, MO, LaSaundra Henderson (Ardell) of Grand Rapids, MI, and Nija Thomas of St. Robert, MO; three grandchildren: Jaylan Thomas, Ardell Henderson IV and Camden Henderson; her mother, Sarah Banks of Helena, AR; twelve siblings: Melvin Banks (Janet) of Helena, AR, Linda Hayden (George) of Helena, AR, Janice Banks of Helena, AR, Cassandra Early (Larry) of Memphis, TN, Tommy Ray Banks, Sr. (Wanda) of Memphis, TN, Karen Curry of Memphis, TN, Anthony Banks Sr., (Crystal) of Turrell, AR, Patrick Banks, Sr. (Chevon) of Scott, AR, Patricia Jernigan (Bill) of Minneapolis, MN, Cora Banks of Plant City, FL, Tommy Jonathan Banks of Minneapolis, MN and Authur Ivory (Carolyn) of Indiana; her grand-dog: Clause; a number of nieces and nephews; as well as a host of other relatives and friends.

Erma was preceded in death by her father, J.W. Banks.

Services were held at 10:00 a.m. Monday, July 30, 2018 in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert with Rev. Anthony Banks, Elder Ardell Henderson, Jr., and Elder Ardell Henderson III officiating. Serving as escorts were Melvin Banks, Sr., Anthony Banks, Sr., Ardell "TJ" Henderson IV, Alexander Brooks, Dave Scales and Micheal Wilson. Burial followed in the Missouri Veterans Cemetery of Waynesville.

# Cemetery Details

## Missouri Veterans Cemetery - Fort Leonard Wood

25350 Hwy H  
Waynesville, MO 65583

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 30. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Erma Jean Thomas*



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**Memorial Chapels and Crematory** - July 30, 2018 at 12:47 PM

RM

*May, God bless, in your times of sorry*

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**Rosie MA**lone - January 11 at 08:22 PM



“ *Erma Jean Thomas*

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January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM

JB

“ *Jill J Boehle lit a candle in memory of Erma Jean Thomas*



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**Jill J Boehle** - September 20, 2018 at 11:05 PM

HF

“ *Harvey-Davis Family lit a candle in memory of Erma Jean Thomas*



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**Harvey-Davis Family** - July 31, 2018 at 03:10 PM

ML

“ *Monica Law lit a candle in memory of Erma Jean Thomas*



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**Monica Law** - July 31, 2018 at 01:24 PM

JE

“ *Jennifer lit a candle in memory of Erma Jean Thomas*



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**Jennifer** - July 30, 2018 at 02:16 PM

TM

“ *Wonderful lady. It has been my blessing to know her in my lifetime. MiSuk and I have missed your smiling face and cheerful presence. RIP. Our prayers are with the whole family*

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**Tom & MiSuk** - July 30, 2018 at 01:49 PM

LP

“ *Linda Perdue lit a candle in memory of Erma Jean Thomas*



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**Linda Perdue** - July 30, 2018 at 11:24 AM

MB

“ *Mary Brown-Charles lit a candle in memory of Erma Jean Thomas*



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**Mary Brown-Charles** - July 29, 2018 at 09:35 PM

WW

“ *Willie Winfield lit a candle in memory of Erma Jean Thomas*



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**Willie Winfield** - July 29, 2018 at 12:50 AM

ST

“ *Shakira Winfield Thornton lit a candle in memory of Erma Jean Thomas*



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**Shakira Winfield Thornton** - July 29, 2018 at 12:38 AM

LW

“ *Linda Faye Pierce White lit a candle in memory of Erma Jean Thomas*



Linda Faye Pierce White - July 29, 2018 at 12:35 AM

CB

“ *CSM Retired And Brigitte Burleson lit a candle in memory of Erma Jean Thomas*



CSM Retired and Brigitte Burleson - July 28, 2018 at 05:07 PM

PG

“ *Pulaski County Gideons lit a candle in memory of Erma Jean Thomas*



Pulaski County Gideons - July 28, 2018 at 05:06 PM

RW

“ *Robin Woolsey lit a candle in memory of Erma Jean Thomas*



Robin Woolsey - July 27, 2018 at 09:38 PM



“ *LaWanna Rogers lit a candle in memory of Erma Jean Thomas* ”



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**LaWanna Rogers** - July 27, 2018 at 06:40 PM



“ *80 files added to the album Life Tributes* ”



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**Memorial Chapels and Crematory** - July 27, 2018 at 03:36 PM