



## Mary Thomas

November 30, 1960 - December 23, 2016

Mary Thomas, 56, of Huntsville, Arkansas, formerly of Hot Springs passed away on Friday, December 23, 2016. She was born on November 30, 1960 in Hot Springs to the late Thomas Wylie Jones and Ada Lee Gardner Jones. She was a member of the Evangel Fellowship Church in Huntsville, Arkansas where she served as a Family Life Pastor. She was a Certified Minister with the Assemblies of God Churches and served with the Madison County Ministerial Alliance.

She was predeceased by her parents.

Survivors include her husband, Michael Thomas of Huntsville, AR, one brother, George Jones of Mt. Pine, AR, one sister, Linda Davis of Springdale, AR and two nephews and a great niece and nephews.

Memorial services will be Tuesday at 7:00 P.M. at the Evangel Fellowship Church in Huntsville, Arkansas.

Celebration of her life will be Thursday at 2:00 P.M. in the Hot Springs Funeral Home with Pastor Dennis Brannan officiating.

Burial will be in Crestview Memorial Park.



# Tribute Wall

AS

“ I met Mary at Trinity Church when we lived in Hot Springs in the 90s. Always smiles and full of Holy Spirit. We were Facebook friends and enjoyed sharing things of the Lord. I will miss seeing her on social media but will see her again in our new and better life in heaven. My prayer for Mike is what Mary would say, "Be strong in the Lord and the power of His might in Jesus name." God bless you Mike. Barney and Ann Simmons

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**Ann Simmons** - January 19, 2017 at 01:50 PM

AS

“ I know Dennis will miss your Private meetings. He Loved you so much.

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**Ashley** - January 04, 2017 at 06:02 AM

NA

“ The last time I saw Mary was in October 2016 at Hettie Lue Brook's Fall Women's Seminar. The theme was "Unveiling". I knew Mary had health challenges so I was surprised to see her. But she was passionately worshipping and cheering on all in their callings. She was so unselfish and so infectious.... great is her reward.

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**Nancy Anderson** - December 30, 2016 at 09:13 AM

BS

“ Mary and I enjoyed lots of lunches and dinners at Salsas in Hot Springs and many car rides discussing our Lord and praising Jesus and just having a great time laughing and talking... such a prayer warrior.  
My prayers for Mike.

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**Beth Ann Weston Smith** - December 29, 2016 at 01:27 PM

SH

“*Mary, we were friends for so long. How I will miss you and your smile. you were always such an encourager to me. Your happy chatter was something to behold. We kept in touch for all these years, no matter where you were. I know you are having a wonderful time right now. Hope to see you soon!*”

*Mike, you have so many decisions to make, but please be at peace, Mary, is where we were all created to be. God will direct your path and guide you into all decisions. We love you and our prayers are with you.*

*Love,*

*Sue Hall*

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**Sue Hall** - December 29, 2016 at 10:52 AM



“*Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Thomas.*”



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December 29, 2016 at 10:08 AM

RH

“*This WONDERFUL Lady married me and my BEAUTIFUL Wife last year. Was an honor to know Mary. She has touched so many people, she will be greatly missed.*”

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**Ron Holetzky** - December 29, 2016 at 08:48 AM

DM

“ I met Mary when I was 18 and attended church at Christian Ministries. Always loving and giving. Positive and happy. Ready to pray and always encouraging others. I can't believe she's gone home so soon. I'll never understand why but I know she's praising the Lord right now and enjoying his presence. I hope that I can be half the prayer warrior she was and honor her by being a giver and helping others. She was such a giver and blessed so many lives. You will be missed Mary. God bless you Mike and your family.

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**Debra McCracken** - December 29, 2016 at 12:50 AM

MC

“ i was so happy when I found you on Facebook it was so good to talk to you I was reminded of the good times we had when we were kids your dad picking us up from school going to your house your mom was so sweet you were just like her so sweet and kind it broke my heart when I learned you passed what a shock ill never forget you Mary Jones Thomas may GOD bless your husband Mike and your sister and brother I remember meeting them as well your a angel now looking down on your husband god bless your friend Mary Gay Coleman Ill miss you on Facebook but treasure the memories

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**Mary Gay Coleman** - December 28, 2016 at 08:16 PM

SY

“ I haven't known Mary but for a few short years but as I asked God for words all that would come is that Mary picked up her cross and followed Jesus as a loving compassionate disciple! Remember the separation is temporary and this is an intermission... Thank You Lord for blessing us with Your child and her witness on earth. In Jesus name Amen

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**Shannon Yochum** - December 28, 2016 at 05:51 PM

PD

“ *Mary was so full of the love of God . Can remember when she came and shared the word of God at my home with a group of people! Had a wonderful time. We have the comfort in knowing that Mary is with the Lord ! She will be greatly missed.*

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**Pam davis** - December 28, 2016 at 03:42 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mary Thomas.*



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December 28, 2016 at 10:26 AM

SW

“ *I can't believe my beautiful friend is not here, I am waiting for the day we meet in heaven and hug again, a beautiful person, the best Christian woman I have ever known, thank you for being a friend to me Mary, I am going to miss you so, I only knew you for the last 6 years , but you left me with a lifetime of memories, in awe of you, with love, your friend Sally*

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**Sally Witt** - December 28, 2016 at 09:58 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Thomas.*



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December 28, 2016 at 08:41 AM

TB

“ I have been Mary's friend all the way back to the Jones school days. She was one of my few friends in those days and when I became a Christian at 16 she became my sister in Christ. We were in each others weddings, We went to church together for many years. We were in the Witness together (what a beautiful voice by the way). although we didn't get to see each other as much as we would have liked she always made time for her friends. She was one of the busiest person I knew and all of it was doing the Lords work. I got to eat dinner with her and Mike and some friends a few month ago and as always she had a lot of pictures to show me. All of her pictures were of people she loved and who she had been spending time with. Mary and Mike as far as I knew never owned a house, went on expensive vacations or got new cars. they invested their lives and resources into the Fathers work. I cry as I write this. I am humbled to have know such as great woman. I am heartbroken for Mike and heartbroken for all of us who will not have her in our lives anymore. The world will be a little less quieter without Mary and heaven a little brighter now that she is there.  
Tanni Braughton

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**Tanni Braughton** - December 28, 2016 at 07:25 AM



I only got to know Mary for around 5 or 6 years, but she has left me with memories for a lifetime, what a blessing she was, such a bubbly spirit, and so generous with herself, she was hands down the best Christian I have ever met, I consider myself lucky to have been one of her friends, I am truly going to miss her, I thank her from the bottom of my heart for being there for me and I know there is an angel up above watching over all of her friends .

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**Sally Witt** - December 28, 2016 at 09:34 AM

 Leveta  
Sexton

“ *When I met Mary, I had no intentions of making close friends. I made the mistake of telling her this and she made it her number one goal, to be my closest friend. That was 30 years ago. She's been with me through good times and bad times. We've sang worked, laughed and cried together and had some grand adventures. She drug me kicking and screaming, on many shopping sprees because she knew how bad I hated shopping and would never go alone. Mike and Mary were childhood sweethearts and married right after his graduation from high school; (yes, she robbed the cradle). You would have thought they were newly weds because they worked to keep their love fresh and new; each of them putting the other's needs before their own. Mary lived and breathed for God and people. She would have given her last dime to someone if God told her to because she held her money with an open hand and trusted that God, who had provided that, would provide again, and He never failed to do so. I've seen her give her life for God's people and in doing so, she made a tremendous impact on many lives. Mary loved the way Jesus loved and I believe, if she had to, she would have gladly given her own life to save a friend. Mary had a beautiful voice and in her last few years, she gained the confidence to lead praise and worship with her beautiful sweet voice. My life and the lives of my family, were forever touched by Mary. We have this blessed hope, that we will see her again. Mary was my best friend and the closest to a sister that I've ever had. I love you Mary Thomas; until we meet again.*

*Leveta Sexton*

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**Leveta Sexton** - December 28, 2016 at 01:19 AM

Paul  
Kern

“ Our prayers and love go out to all of the family for your loss. May you experience God's grace, strength and peace now and in the coming days, weeks, and months. Sincerely sorrowful for your loss.

*Paul and Angela Kern*



Paul Kern - December 27, 2016 at 11:59 PM

SD

“ I can't believe you have left your earthly bonds Mary. I will miss you so. You were such and encourager to me. I always looked forward to hearing from you which was often. A Memory? the first time I met you when you sold me my Bible 20 years ago and it is the one I still use to this day. And I remember our surprise we worked on for Mike for Christmas many years ago with the "Portals". We had such a good time planning that surprise and surprised he was. We will meet again my friend.



Suzi Dennis - December 27, 2016 at 09:41 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mary Thomas.



December 27, 2016 at 08:45 PM

RA

“ Rennie Auiler lit a candle in memory of Mary Thomas



Rennie Auiler - December 27, 2016 at 08:01 PM

Tracy Fisher

“ Mike, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your wonderful wife. I remember when you both sang on the worship team at Trinity Church and she was always smiling and uplifting. May God give you comfort and peace in the very difficult time.



Tracy Fisher - December 27, 2016 at 07:23 PM

Aaron MeLisa Allred

“ So sorry for the loss of such a wonderful giving woman of God. Mary you will be missed by so many.



Aaron MeLisa Allred - December 27, 2016 at 07:22 PM

GH

“ Gary And Barbara Herron lit a candle in memory of Mary Thomas



Gary and Barbara Herron - December 27, 2016 at 05:05 PM

GH

*We love you Mary. Our prayers and sympathy to Mike and Mary.s family during this time of great loss. Barb and Gary Herron*

**Gary and Barbara Herron** - December 27, 2016 at 05:07 PM

GH

“ *Gary And Barbara Herron sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Thomas*



**Gary and Barbara Herron** - December 27, 2016 at 05:04 PM

PL

“ *Phyllis Lovelace lit a candle in memory of Mary Thomas*



**Phyllis Lovelace** - December 27, 2016 at 02:27 PM

PL

“ I sang with Mary in the "Witness" Musical Passion Play in Hot Springs years ago and she was so kind and sweet. She spoke her mind but in a gentle way and had a beautiful singing voice. She encouraged me by sending me this scripture after I went through my divorce. I will miss your smile and your laugh. Tell Jesus I said hello!

*Psalm 20:*

*1 MAY THE LORD answer you when you are in distress;  
may the name of the God of Jacob protect you.*

*2 MAY HE send you help from the sanctuary  
and grant you support from Zion.*

*3 MAY HE remember all your sacrifices  
and accept your burnt offerings.[b]*

*4 MAY HE give you the desire of your heart  
and make all your plans succeed.*

*5 May we shout for joy over your victory  
and lift up our banners in the name of our God.*

*MAY THE LORD grant all your requests.*

*6 Now this I know:*

*The Lord gives victory to his anointed.*

*He answers him from his heavenly sanctuary  
with the victorious power of his right hand.*

*7 Some trust in chariots and some in horses,  
but we trust in the name of the Lord our God.*

*8 They are brought to their knees and fall,  
but we rise up and stand firm.*

*9 Lord, give victory to the king!*

*Answer us when we call! == prayed over your mom and you too ❤️*

*Mary Thomas - View Obituary & Service Information*

*Share Memories and Support the Family.*



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**Phyllis Lovelace** - December 27, 2016 at 02:25 PM

PL

“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



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**Phyllis Lovelace** - December 27, 2016 at 02:21 PM

 Joyce  
Zachman

“ *Mike, I wish I could be in Arkansas to tell you in person how shocked I was to hear this news and to hug you and stand with you and help hold you up. I'm standing in the gap for your heart now.*

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**Joyce Zachman** - December 27, 2016 at 01:39 PM



“ *You will never be forgotten because you will never be gone....memories of you will remain forever etched in the walls of who I am. I will love you forever, Mrs. Mary Thomas, my other mother, best friend & mentor!*

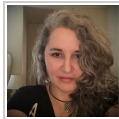


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**Sheila Willis-Amy** - December 27, 2016 at 01:28 PM

TH

*What a special Lady! You blew into Huntsville like a Hurricane! I thought "who is this woman"? Well, let me tell you who this beautiful, kind, loving, giving woman was. She was the face of God manifested in all she did. She was a wonderful, trusting friend to me. Mary's mission was to serve others. She fulfilled that mission and so much more. I love you, Mary. No one can ever fill your pretty little shoes. You took enormous steps and kicked satan's butt with those little feet. And, as fast as you blew into our world, you vanished. I'm so sad for those of us who lost our dear Mary. But I am so happy for you. I know that you rest in the arms of Jesus. I'll see you soon, my friend! Terra Hood*

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**Terra Hood** - December 27, 2016 at 02:15 PM



*Well said. Thank you for sharing this. I can picture her blowing in like a pretty little hurricane.*

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**Anne Marie Surnson** - December 28, 2016 at 12:03 AM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Thomas.*



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 December 27, 2016 at 05:44 AM

YU

“ *Yor friends from the UPDC. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mary Thomas.*



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**Yor friends from the UPDC.** - December 26, 2016 at 11:41 PM

LP

“ *I have so many memories of Oak Street and growing up with Mary. She was the first friend I guess I made--at the age of 3 or 4. She grew to be such a strong, loving Christian woman, and I have no doubt she touched more peoples lives than she ever realized. Mike, you were definitely blessed with a wonderful wife, soulmate and friend. May God guide you through this difficult time.*



*Lauren McBride Pedigo*

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**Lauren Pedigo** - December 26, 2016 at 05:55 PM

GP

*Our hearts are breaking with yours Mike. We don't understand God's ways just know they are higher and so much more greater than we can imagine. Love you and hope to see you soon. All because of Jesus.*

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**Gay and Terry Poynter** - December 27, 2016 at 12:33 PM

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*Mary, what a joy she was! She was like a light in a dark world. She was fun, a hard worker, a dear friend and a mentor to many. What will we ever do without her! Love you Mary. See you soon. Dean & Patsy McCormick*

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**Patsy McCormick** - December 27, 2016 at 04:19 PM