

Active Pallbearers

Danterious Thomas

DeQuante Thomas
Zkylyn Williams

Cameron Deadmon

Honorary Pallbearers

Kelvin Thomas

Arculious Thomas
De'Mario Thomas

Ja'Mario Thomas

Flower Bearers

Family and Friends

Acknowledgement

Your thoughtfulness has meant so much, as well as everything you have done. We truly appreciate you. Thank you for your words of encouragement, the food and drinks you brought, the gentle hugs and the loving smile.

- The Family-

Final Resting Place

Carterville Cemetery
Hallsville, Texas



Services Fulfilled by:



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Celebration of Life



Melvin Sue Thomas

Sunrise: June 18, 1967

Sunset: March 8, 2023

-SERVICES-

Saturday, March 18, 2023 — 11:00 A.M.

GROWING VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

209 Harlem St. — Longview, Texas 75602

Dr. Kelvin Lynch, Pastor

Bishop Kelvin Thomas, Eulogist

Bishop Roscoe Williams, Master of Ceremony



Obituary



Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid – John 14:27

On June 18, 1967, Melvin Sue Thomas was born to the proud parents of Melvin Thomas and Laverne Fite Thomas, in Longview, Texas.

As the first born of seven children, Sue was considered the second mom of the family. She helped instill family values, the importance of financial literacy, and was a genuine example of unconditional love and support. She loved her family dearly and was always ready to help anyone in their time of need.

Sue joined Growing Valley Baptist Church at an early age, and she gave her life to the Christ. She later joined Fresh Start Ministries under the leadership of Bishop Kelvin Thomas.

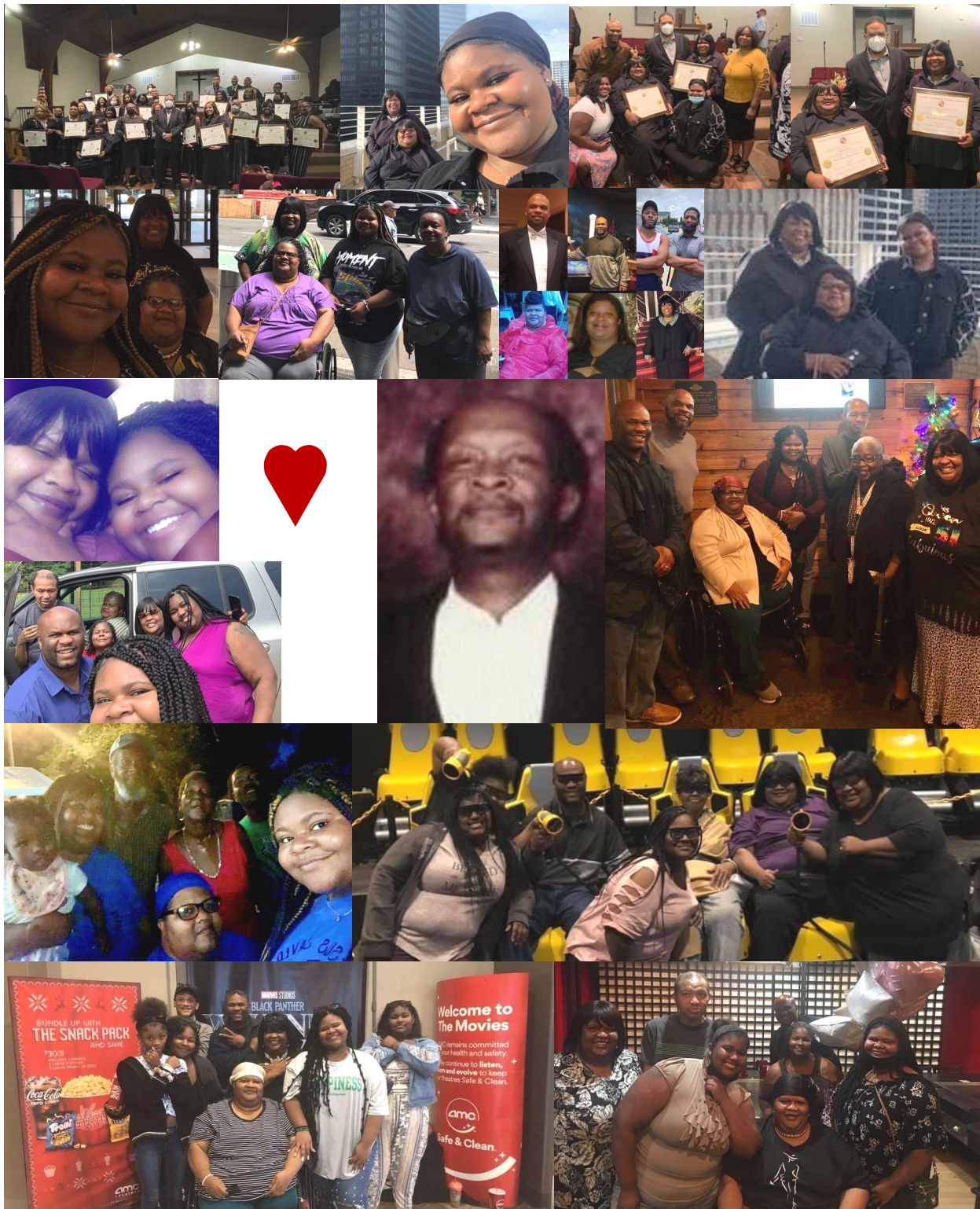
Sue graduated from Longview High School in 1985 and began her higher education at Kilgore College in pursuit of a Bachelor of Science Degree. She also became a Trauma Consultant, and on November 5, 2022 she became a Certified Christian Counselor.

At the age of 11, Sue decided to explore entrepreneurship by selling candy. This is where she began to understand the importance of financial stewardship and building wealth. Sue worked at Sarsaparilla Steakhouse at age 13. She owned her own fashion store, MS Fashions. Everyone knew she was a self-starter and no stranger to hard work. She took interest in business management. She began her management career with Carmike Cinemas, Sabine Valley Center, and American Rehabilitation. One of Sue's greatest and most proud accomplishments in life was that of being a mother to her daughter Jalessa Makaila Dotson. She always expressed admiration for her daughter's success.

Sue was preceded in death by her parents Melvin Thomas and Laverne Thomas, and her long-life partner Jeffrie Dotson.

Sue leaves to celebrate her life and precious memories: her loving daughter, Jalessa Makaila Dotson, Longview, TX; foster-son, Bennie Dudley, Longview, TX; four brothers, Kelvin Thomas (Sheri), Fort Worth, TX, Arculious Thomas (Claudette), Longview, TX, Ja'Mario Thomas (Heather), Yukon, OK, and De'Mario Thomas, Longview, TX; two sisters: Zipora Thomas, Longview, TX and Joynella Thomas, Longview, TX; uncles, aunts, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.





Order of Service

The Processional..... Clergy, Pallbearers and Family

Musical Selection..... Minister Nelita Booth & Bro. Robert Dickey

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament..... Pastor Ray Beasley

New Testament..... Evangelist Tyronda Jones

Prayer..... Bishop Curtis Slay

Musical Selection..... Minister Nelita Booth & Bro. Robert Dickey

Resolutions..... Dr. Sheri Thomas

Acknowledgement..... Millicent Hooper

Life's Reflections..... *(Read Silently)*

Remarks..... Limit 2 Minutes, PLEASE

Reflections of Love..... Dorothy Slay, Velma Clay and Pastor Joy Thomas

Song of Worship..... Minister Nelita Booth & Bro. Robert Dickey

Eulogy..... Bishop Kelvin Thomas

A Glimpse 'til Glory..... Bigham Funeral Staff

The Recessional



I Never Left You

*Now that I'm gone, release me and let me go.
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears,
be happy we had so many years.*

POEM TO MAMA



Momma, I miss you so much. Things seem out of place in this world ever since you left. I feel blessed to have the memories to remember you by. I will miss your beautiful smile, your hugs and your kisses. I will forever cherish your words of wisdom one that comes to mind you would say Makailia "STAY GROUNDED." You will forever be in my heart.

Love Always, Makailia

POEM TO SISTER

Sister: Of all the many blessings, however great or small to have had you for a sister was the greatest one of all. The family chain is broken now and nothing seems the same. But as God takes us one by one the chain will link again. Love ya!!!

Your, Brothers and Sisters

We will Miss You!!! Our mind knows that you are in a better place where there is no pain. You are at peace. We understand that, we just wish we could explain it to our hearts. There is an empty space in our hearts and with time and help from God we know it can be mended. We grieve, but we know our tears are for us. We will be together again. Until then, our love will always be with you.

Acknowledgement

How can we say thanks for all the things that you have done? We will forever remember and be grateful for the extraordinary love given to our family. Thank you for your prayers, kind words, cards, phone calls, flowers, and other acts of generosity. Your compassion has comforted us and will continue to strengthen us now and, in the days, to come. Our prayers for each of you is that God will bless you in a special way for the kindness that you have extended during this time.

-The Family



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