



Doris Rose Thomas

July 11, 1928 - July 20, 2009

Mrs. Doris Rose Thomas, 81, of Douglasville, Georgia passed away Monday, July 20, 2009. She was born July 11, 1928 in Blaney, South Carolina. She was of the Baptist faith. She was the daughter of the late Walter English Rose and Emily Branham Rose. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brothers, Coley English Rose and Jimmy Hazel Rose, and by her husband, Gilmer Waymon Thomas, Sr. who passed away on September 18, 1996. She and her late husband, known affectionately as "Big Tommy", opened and began operating the Thomas Barbershop in September, 1959, in the Buckhead area of Atlanta at the corner of West Paces Ferry Road and Northside Parkway/U.S. 41. The Thomas Barbershop has become an Atlanta institution which has served 4 generations of customers in the same location and will celebrate its 50th Anniversary in September, 2009. Doris Thomas was a much loved presence at the Thomas Barbershop for most of its history, treating everyone who patronized the shop, whether of low or high station in life, as family and sharing with them her gentle kindness and dry humor. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Doris Ann Thomas Rye and Jerry Rye of Douglasville; her son and daughter-in-law, Gilmer Waymon Thomas, Jr. and Sheila Little Thomas of Cumming; and her son and daughter-in-law, Walter Clextion Thomas and Linda Goodman Thomas of Fayetteville. She is also survived by her 5 grandchildren, Tracey D. Rye of Douglasville, Carla Thomas Camp and Burt Camp of Fayetteville, Jason Walter Thomas and Charlotte Thomas of Fayetteville, and Gilmer Waymon Thomas, III and Stephanie Thomas and Jamie Cofer Thomas, all of Charleston, SC; her 8 great-grandchildren; her sisters and brothers-in-law, Carolyn Rose Branham and Charlie Branham, Vera Rose Nelson and Wayne Nelson, and Betty Rose Timmerberg and James "Jim" Timmerberg, all of Elgin, SC; her brothers and sisters-in-law, Arlin and Jim Rose and Jerry and Barbara Rose, all of Elgin, SC; her sisters, Iris Rose and Jean Rose Jeffers and her brother, Robert Rose, all of Elgin, SC; and her sister Emmadora Rose Mikesch of Fenton, MO. Funeral Services will be conducted Wednesday, July 22, 2009 at 1:00 PM from the Douglas Chapel of Jones-Wynn Funeral Home in Douglasville with Rev. Charles Sims officiating. Interment will follow at Rosehaven Cemetery in Douglasville. The following will serve as pallbearers: Mac Abercrombie, David Mulkey, Trey Thomas, Ricky Johnson, Frank Wilson, and Randy Bryant. Her grandchildren and

their spouses will serve as honorary escort. The family will receive friends at Jones-Wynn Funeral Home, Douglas Chapel, Tuesday, July 21, 2009 from 6:00 PM until 9:00 PM. In lieu of flowers contributions in memory of Mrs. Doris Rose Thomas to the Shepherd's Spinal Center, 2020 Peachtree Road, NW, Atlanta, Georgia 30309-1465.

Messages of condolences to the family may be sent from www.jones-wynn.com.

Jones-Wynn Funeral Home, Douglas Chapel is serving the Thomas Family. 770-942-2311

Events

JUL **Visitation** 06:00PM - 09:00PM

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Jones-Wynn Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc.
2189 Midway Road, Douglasville, GA, US, 30135

JUL **Service** 01:00PM

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Comments



“ My sympathy to all of you in the loss of your precious one. I thank God that my dad and Doris were able to reunite after so many years with daily visits via the telephone. I so enjoyed my visits with her as well. She will remain in our hearts always. Thank you God for Doris Rose Thomas!
Janet Barnett

Janet Barnett (Tex's Daughter) - July 23, 2009 at 05:08 PM



“ May God comfort and strengthen all of you during this time of loss. You all are in my thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, Denise

denise johnson mccarty - July 22, 2009 at 08:56 AM



“ To all the children and grandchildren of Mrs. Thomas, my deepest sympathies. I realize the pain of your loss, after losing my precious mother a year and half ago. Always keep her memories dear to you. God be with you all. Love, Candy

Candy Johnson Askew - July 22, 2009 at 08:39 AM



“ To Our Atlanta Cousins,
Aunt Doris is such a special part of my childhood memories (as well as the later years). It was always so exciting for us kids, as we waited on our "Atlanta cousins" to arrive for a visit to SC. It was usually very late at night, since Uncle Thomas didn't start the trip until after he closed his shop. Everyone piled into our little house, and we'd climb out of bed while Mama made pallets for us all over the floor. Breakfast was a real treat, with a dozen people attempting to crowd around the table. Laughter and chatter filled the room until it was time for Aunt Doris to head out to visit the rest of the relatives. You were exciting, Aunt Doris, and we loved you and wanted yall to move closer to us. Thank you for keeping all of us close to your heart and a "family" path from Atlanta to SC well worn. We will miss your happy laughter.

Janice Rose Evatt - July 22, 2009 at 12:15 AM



“ I'm sorry to hear that a loving and caring lady has passed. I just knew her for a little while but she open her home to me as a worker of hers she will be missed may GOD Bless the family.



“ I'm so sorry to hear that Doris has passed. I guess the good Lord needed her in heaven more than we needed her here on earth. She was a neat, sweet lady who took great pride in her family. She will be missed.

jackR4R6

Jack Berlin - July 21, 2009 at 07:38 PM



“ Tommy:

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. My prayer is that God provides you comfort and many vivid, fond memories of your mom that will console you, bring a smile, or encourage you until your reunion with her.

God bless,

Mac

Mac Gibson - July 21, 2009 at 03:28 PM



“ We were very saddened to learn just a short while ago that Aunt Doris had passed away. She truly was a very special part of the Rose family and will be missed. Although we didn't get to see her as often as we would have liked to, it made the times we did see her all the more special and precious. Her laughter was very infectious and we feel blessed to have such wonderful memories of Aunt Doris. We love you.

Darlene Rose Strickland and JoAnn Rose Kelly and Families (Daughters of Coley English Rose)

Darlene Rose Strickland - July 21, 2009 at 03:19 PM



“ I just want to say thank you so much for letting me come into your home and take care of Mrs. Thomas. She and the family have been so good to me. Mrs. Thomas was the best patient I could have ever ask for. I love yall and I wish the best for yall in the coming days.

Sheila Fitzjarrald - July 21, 2009 at 01:27 PM



“ Tommy,
I was so sorry to see that your mother passed away. She was a truly wonderful person and she will be missed by many people, including me and my family. We send our deepest sympathy.
Bob Harkey

Robert Harkey - July 21, 2009 at 01:15 PM



“ In this time of your sorrow please accept our deepest sympathy. To this day some of my fondess memories are sitting in a chair in the shop and having Ms. Thomas giving me a manicure. She was a dear heart and a wonderful lady and she will be missed by all of us.

Glenn Radford - July 21, 2009 at 10:12 AM



“ Tracy; I'm so sorry for your loss. Your grandmother Doris must have been a wonderful person the way you spoke of her through the years. I know she will be missed by you and yours. Mary Lee

Mary Lee Cook - July 21, 2009 at 09:58 AM



“ Heaven has another precious loved one. She was such a special sister and aunt who gave us many wonderful memories that will be forever cherished and etched in our hearts. Her laughter and her smile had a way of making our hearts lighter, and you knew she loved you without ever having to speak the words. She had a big generous heart. We witnessed her devotion and commitment to family. She is absent in the body but her spirit lives forever through the people who knew and loved her. She was a special Daughter, Sister, Mother, Grandmother, Aunt and Friend.

The Robert Rose Famiy

Jeannie Rose Potter - July 20, 2009 at 07:44 PM



“ You will always be that special Aunt!
You are one of the most percious people that I ever met. I was worth marring your niece to get you as an Aunt. You and Uncle Thomas are now together forever.

Dan

