



*Celebrating* THE  
LIFE & *Legacy*  
of

*Ms. Shelia  
Coleman Thomas*

***Sunrise***

*July 8, 1956*

***Sunset***

*March 29, 2025*

**Saturday, April 5, 2025**

1:00 p.m.

**Damascus M. B. Church**

905 California Road Northwest  
Brookhaven, MS 38601

**Rev. Dr. Robert Daniels, Sr. ~ Officiating**



# Shelia Coleman Thomas

## REFLECTION OF LIFE

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**Shelia Coleman Thomas** was born July 8, 1956, to the late Henry and Hannah Rosetta Hicks Coleman in Copiah County, MS. She was the eighth child of 15 children. On Saturday, March 29th, Shelia peacefully transitioned at 11:25 a.m. at UMMC surrounded by family. She is preceded in death by both of her parents and her siblings; Henrine Coleman Sanders, Joann Coleman Catchings, Louvella Coleman Sanders, Brenda Coleman Bailey, Hazel Coleman Martin, Donald Ray, Jimmy Ray, Fredrick, and Arthur Coleman, Sr.

**Shelia** attended Wesson High School and was a member of the Class of 1975. She received her GED from Col-Lin Junior College. As a lover of education, Shelia received her degree in Food Services and Culinary Arts and Cosmetology. As a passionate Cosmetologist of 42 years, she was employed at Style World of Jackson and Hazelhurst, MS. Shelia was later employed at Friends of Children in Hazlehurst, MS where she was Head Cook and Supervisor over the kitchen until she retired. Shelia was a well-known beautician and a wonderful, loving cook.

Coming from a hardworking, strong Christian family, Shelia was faithful and true to her spiritual growth. She was a lifelong faithful member of New Hope United Methodist Church. Shelia served as a Lay Leader and servant to all.

**Shelia** was united in holy matrimony to the late Edward Thomas. To this union she was blessed with one beautiful daughter, Angelia Thomas.

**Shelia's** legacy and cherished memories will continue through her daughter; Angelia Thomas and grandson; A'Layvion Jackson of Wesson, MS. Six (6) siblings: Essie Lee (Elijah) Mitchell of Oakland CA, Ruby Nell (Andrew) Collins, Cassandra Pendleton, Laura Brown all of Wesson, MS, Norma (Rev Robert) Daniels of Hazlehurst, MS and Michael Coleman (Delia) of Hattiesburg, MS. Special Family Members; Aunt ~ Grace Newsome, Cousins ~ Willie (Pump) Hicks, Brothers-in-law ~ Shelby Bailey and Robert Sanders. Special Friends; Jacqueline Brackett, Leon (Jackie) Newton Jr., Lucinda (Richard) Dow, Margaret Byther (Joseph Battle Jr.), Shelly (Pam) Butler (Eddie Harris), Pearl Fatheree, Doris Mims, Mary Dampier, Barbara Hawkins, Connie Jones, Patricia Farve, Ricky Baxton, Shirley Sandifer, Mary Helen Shannon, Robert Carol Wiseman, and Barry Jay Wade.



# Order of Service

*"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."  
1 Timothy 1:7*

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*Processional..... Ministers and Family*  
*Program Guide..... Betty Stamps*  
*Musical Selection..... "I Shall Wear a Crown"*

## **Scripture Reading**

*Old & New Testament – Rev. Jesse Terrell*

*Solo ..... Equanya Corvin*  
*Prayer ..... Minister*  
*Solo ..... Joseph Fairley*

## **Special Remarks & Reflections – Limited to 2 minutes Please**

*Acknowledgments & Tributes ..... Betty Stamps*

## **Obituary Read Silently – Soft Music**

*Solo ..... Evangelist Geraldine Nelson*  
*Eulogy ..... Rev. Robert Daniels*  
*Recessional..... Funeral Directors of Peoples Funeral Home Inc*

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## **Active Pallbearers**

Arthur Coleman, Jr.  
Micheal Coleman, Jr.  
Mike Cook  
Steve Martin

Marcus Coleman  
Shelton Coleman  
Charlie Frank Martin, Jr.  
Jermaine Stewart

## **Honorary Pallbearers**

Shelby Bailey  
Andrew Collins  
Marvin Murray, Sr.

Michael Coleman, Sr.  
Donald Gilmore  
Robert Sanders

## **Flower Bearers**

Friends and Family

## **Repast**

Immediately Following  
The Shed  
Colemanville, MS

## **Interment**

New Hope United Methodist Cemetery  
2163 Sylvarena Road  
Wesson, MS 39191

## *Forever in our Hearts...*

### *If Roses Grow in Heaven*

If roses grow in heaven  
Lord, please pick a bunch for me.  
Place them in my mother's arms  
And tell her they're from me.  
Tell her that I love and miss her,  
And when she turns to smile,  
Place a kiss upon her cheek  
And hold her for a while.  
Because remembering her is easy,  
I do it everyday  
But there's an ache within my heart  
That will never go away.  
~ Love Always, Angie

### *Thank You Grandma*

For all the times you tied my  
shoes and tucked me into bed  
Or needed something for yourself  
But put me first instead.  
For everything we shared,  
The dreams, the laughter & tears,  
I love you with a Special Love  
That deepens every year.  
~ Love, A'layvion (Lit Man)

### *From Your Sisters*

When will the tears stop falling?  
When will the emptiness stop echoing?  
When will the sorrow cease?  
We cannot answer that  
But we will always carry the  
memories of you with us.  
The memories of your knowledge and  
success  
Give us pride and strength  
The memories of our conservations  
warm our hearts.  
The memories of your humor and  
Laughter are part of us  
Even if we can't say these things to  
you  
We know you can hear us.  
There is an empty spot in our family  
now  
But it's filled the joy and pride  
That you were one of us!  
Thank you for the time we had  
together  
Until we meet again!  
~Essie Lee, Ruby Nell, Cassandra and  
Norma

## *Acknowledgements*

The Family of the late Shelia Coleman Thomas wishes to express our sincere gratitude for the many acts of kindness extended to us in the loss of our loved one. Maybe it was a whispered prayer that you prayed, a phone call, flowers or visits. A special thanks goes to UMMC, Accent Care, Caregivers ~ Angelia Thomas, Yasmine Sanders, Cassandra Pendleton, and Norma Daniels.  
~ The Thomas Family

### *Services Entrusted to:*

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