



OC Thomas (Thornton)

May 18, 1925 - April 24, 2011

Ripley, Mississippi--- Mrs. OC Thornton Thomas 85, passed away April 24, 2011 at her home in Ripley, Mississippi. She was born on May 18, 1925 to Richard Webster and Ossie Lee Witt Thornton in Tippah County Mississippi. She was an active member of the Ripley Presbyterian Church where she was elected as the First woman to the following positions: Elder, Deacon, and Church Treasurer. She also taught the Seekers Sunday School Class, was a youth leader and director of Logos. She retired from The Peoples Bank as Vice-President with 37 years of service. She was a graduate of Buena Vista High School and attended Blue Mountain College, majoring in mathematics. During WWII, she taught school in Hickory Flat and then at Chalybeate School. She was active in her community, serving as Neighborhood Chairman for the Ripley Neighborhood in the Girl Scouts. She was awarded the Girl Scout "Thanks" Award for her years of service to the Girl Scouts. She was a member of the Eastern Star, a charter member of the Century Civic Club, and an avid Bridge player and Club member.

Her survivors include: Her husband of 62 years: J. D. Thomas of Ripley, MS: One daughter: and son-in-law: Lynne and Norris Howell of Ripley, MS: One granddaughter: Julie Howell of Oxford, MS: One sister: Loverta Weinberger of Ripley, MS:

She was preceded in death by: Her Parents: One brother: Noel Thornton:

Four sisters and brother-in-laws: Bernice and Preston Smith: Bill and Jasper Bullock: Hazel and Junior Griffin: Mattie Jewel and Fred Smith:

Pallbearers will be: Doyle Griffin, Richard Griffin, Don Smith, Bill Stewart, Doyce Burney, Hal Edge:

Honorary pallbearers will be: Elders and Deacons of the Ripley Presbyterian Church: Members of the Seekers Sunday School Class: Employees of The Peoples Bank: The Presbyterian Women:

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Tribute Wall



“ *OC Thomas (Thornton)*

October 05, 2023 at 12:14 PM



“ *Seems like yesterday Mrs. O.C. would come into the lobby of the bank with a bounce in her step and a smile on her face. She was always such a happy person. We were out of town and found out after -about her passing. Lynne, I have thought of you often and kept you in my prayers. I lost my Dad in Nov of 2010 and I know exactly the struggle you have had the past months. We will continue to keep you in our prayers and we extend our sympathy to you, Norris and your family.*

Jarvene & Pat Shackelford - May 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our prayers are with you and your family. God be with you.*

Patricia Wiginton, Shirley Rutherford, Pam, and Renae - May 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear JD, Lynne and Norris, So sorry to hear of OC's death. She was a very special woman and had you as a wonderful family. I just found this out so I am sorry I was not there for you at the funeral. Would love to visit with you soon. Billy and Renelda Owen*

Billy Owen - May 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ My memories of Aunt OC always bring me joy. I felt a sense of closeness to her although we were separated by distance. When I think of her, I think of kindness, graciousness, and encouragement. This world was a much better place because of her presence here. I share your grief.

Love,

Terry

Terry Smith - April 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

VC

“ I am so sorry to hear about OC. I admired her very much, and look back with great fondness on the times when we were in Girl Scouts and OC and Maxine Floyd were our leaders. I have great memories of that time and of OC. I will keep your family in my thoughts.
Vicki Childers

Vicki Childers - April 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Uncle J.D., Lynn, Julie and Norris,

We remember Aunt O.C. especially for her love of the Lord, her love of family, her giving spirit and her kindness shown to many. We know she will be greatly missed by you, but what a glorious reunion she is experiencing now.

"His peace will keep your hearts and minds quiet and at rest as you trust in Christ Jesus." Phil.4:7

Stan and Sonya Smith - April 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

FN

“ We were so sorry to hear about Ms O.C. She was a sweet lady and my family thought so much of her. You all will remain in our thoughts and prayers.

Frank and Kathy Norton - April 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Years ago O.C. and I were roommates on a NABW trip to Philadelphia,PA. We had never met before, but immediately became friends. Of course, we had much in common because of age and banking. She was such a lovely person....compassionate, enjoying everything we did, a little daring. She made the trip and all the experiences we had memorable. What a special 62 years of marriage to her must have been. I can only imagine what a wonderful Mother and Grandmother she was. I know she is having an unbelievable time in heaven with Jesus. God bless you and give you peace during this time of final earthly separation. Remember the best is still to come.

Jane Bowles - April 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ My prayers are with you during this time of loss. I have many fond memories of working with Mrs. O.C. at The People's Bank.

Cathy McMillin Bates

Cathy McMillin Bates - April 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ Ginny was a great lady. I always loved seeing her happy face and lovely smile. Julie and I loved our grandmothers dearly. I will be thinking and praying for y'all during this time of loss.

Lauren Hopkins - April 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ So sorry to hear the news of Aunt O.C.'s passing. Sorry also that my studies (this is finals week at Miss. State) will prevent me from attending the services. I am glad that I was able to write a letter to her a couple of weeks ago. I guess that will have to serve as my "goodbye."

I imagine that all of Webb Thornton's precious girls are getting together and celebrating with their folks.

I imagine mama asking, "Hey, where's Loverta?"

And it will surprise no one that she is not there yet..

After all, Loverta always did have a stubborn, independent streak.

She's just the one you would expect for a late arrival, of course.

But I am sure that there is a happy reunion waiting for her, too. No cotton to pick, either and a mama who won't leave them as motherless children ever again.

God Bless you, Aunt O.C.!!!!

Tim (Mattie's baby boy)

Tim Smith - April 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ We are so sorry for your lose.

Danny Witt - April 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ So sorry to hear the news this morning! Although I hadn't seen Aunt OC for some time I still have vivid memories of how she made everyone around her feel special. As a child I would look forward to visits at Christmas and family reunions. I'm thankful my daughter had the chance to meet her and experience her hospitality (she went fishing in her lake). What a warm, loving person she was! - so sorry distance keeps me from attending the service but I think she'd understand. Mickey (Mattie's 2nd youngest)

Mickey Smith - April 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM