



## Mildred Sharque Thomas

August 10, 1951 - April 27, 2026

Bluefield, WV- Mildred S. Thomas, 74, of Bluefield, WV, died Monday, April 27, 2026 in Bluefield.

Born August 10, 1951 in Powhattan, WV, she was a daughter of the late David Elston and Vella Neal.

With deep love and gratitude for a life beautifully lived, Mrs. Thomas is remembered as a devoted woman whose faith in the Lord guided her every step. Her unwavering belief was the foundation of her strength, compassion, and the kindness she extended so freely to others.

She was a mother not only to her own children, but to many. Her home-and her heart-were always open, offering comfort, guidance, and unconditional love to anyone in need. Countless lives were touched by her nurturing spirit, and many found in her the support and encouragement they needed to grow.

A passionate advocate and mentor, she dedicated herself to uplifting and guiding children, especially with her time at the Children's Home Society.

She found joy in simple and meaningful things: gathering with family, caring for children. Whether preparing a meal with her beloved collection of cookbooks or sharing stories around the table, she created moments that will be remembered forever.

Her legacy is one of faith, love, and service. She leaves behind a lasting impact in the hearts of all who knew her-a reminder of the power of compassion and the beauty of a life devoted to others.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her son, Ronald

Eugene Younger, Jr., and first husband, Ronald E. Younger, Sr.

Left to cherish her memory are her beloved husband of 45 years, Ellis M. Thomas of Bluefield, WV; children, Cynthia L. Younger of Bluefield, WV, Derrick J. Younger and fiancé Ilonah Jean Santos of Atlanta, GA, and Ellis M. Thomas, III and wife Rebecca “Niki” Thomas of Murfreesboro, TN; siblings, Jerry Neal and Arnetta Darden; Ethel Lane, Earline Keesley, Curtis Elston, Sr., David Elston, Jr., Madeline Baker, and Katherine Harriston; and her grandchildren, Elijah Younger, Aaliyah Younger, Jacquez Younger, Jalysia Younger, Jaylen Younger, Brielle Thomas, Sydney Thomas, and Brayden Thomas, brother-in-law, John Thomas, sister-in-law, Debra Gravely and best friend of 50 years Equilla Redd.

A celebration of her life will be held on Saturday, May 9, 2026 at Greater Mt. Zion Pentecostal Church at 1:00 p.m. with Bishop Timothy A. Schofield officiating. The family will receive friends from 12:00 p.m. until the service hour.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 9. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Greater Mount Zion Pentecostal Church  
Bluefield, WV

## Celebration of Life

MAY 9. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Bluefield, WV

# Tribute Wall

LN

“ I was sorry to hear of Dadies passing. I have been reflecting on memories of her kindness to me & her love of her cousin, (Dennis Newbill) & Pops (Arthur Neal). You have my sincere condolences! God is faithful & good memories are such a comfort during a time like this. 🙏💖

Lillie Newbill - May 06 at 10:44 AM

LS

“ My thoughts and prayers are extended to the Thomas family. When we would meet, there was the smile to greet you. She will be greatly missed. Family stay strong. God will take care of you.

Linda Chambers Smith - May 05 at 06:02 PM

AT

“ I am so sorry to learn of sweet Mildred's passing. She was my Mother's neighbor and Mom absolutely loved her. How could you not? I feel privileged to have known her. God give her family & friends strength and courage for the difficult days.

Ann Turner Taylor - May 02 at 10:07 PM

FP

“ Ellis Elaine and I are so sorry for your loss. Mildred and your friendship over the years has always meant a lot to us.

Fred Pennington - May 02 at 12:58 PM

RM

“ My sister edith Martin where good friends growing up in McDowell county at northfork high in McDowell county. Mildred and I where classmates. Has been over 40 years since I seen Mildred. She was always nice and pleasant to be around especially I use to tease her about her dimples. Gone but not forgotten by your family and friends. RIP sister.

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**Reginald Puff Martin** - May 01 at 10:29 PM

BW

*Please accept my Sincerest condolences for your loss. You and your family are in our thoughts and Prayers. Beverly Penn Wolfe, Scott, and Vikki of Richmond, Va*

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**Beverly Penn Wolfe** - May 09 at 01:44 PM

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*To Ellis and family, May God's love bring you comfort and strength in your time of need. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

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**Wanda Swain** - May 10 at 09:44 AM