



## Mary Ruth Thomas

November 1, 1940 - April 17, 2024

Mary Ruth Thomas, 83, passed away on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, at her home in Noxapater, Mississippi, surrounded by those who loved her dearly. Services will be Friday, April 19 at 1 p.m. at Oak Grove Baptist Church in Noxapater with Reverend Tommy Jones officiating. Visitation will be the day of the service at the church from 11 a.m. until service time. Interment will immediately follow the service in Oak Grove Cemetery.

Mary Ruth was born November 1, 1940, to Ophelia Miles Holton and Jesse Holton. She was a member of Oak Grove Baptist Church. Mary Ruth has been married to Asa Thomas for 65 years. They have resided in Noxapater most of their life; where she was known to all as “Maw”. She enjoyed working in her flowers in her yard, and the annual stay of the hummingbirds. She loved to fish and instilled that love in most of her family. Her love for quilting shows in the homes of all the people she loved the most—there is no way to count the number of beautiful quilts she has made and given away. Her greatest joy was her family, especially the grandchildren, and the latest being the love she had for her great-grandchildren.

Mary Ruth is survived by her loving husband of 65 years, Asa Thomas; and her five children: Jerry Thomas, Jim Thomas, Ginger (Larry) Phillipson, James “Chunky” (Sandra) Thomas, and T. J. (Melissa) Thomas all of Noxapater. One of her greatest joys was being “Maw” to her grandchildren: James Gully

(Nadine Kirk), Sam (Kellie) Gully, Brady Thomas, Chase (Anna) Thomas; and her great-grandchildren: Jackson and Emmett Gully, Jack, Elena and Isaac Thomas, Gavin and Westyn Gully; Birdie and Olyn Thomas; and Corbin, Caroline, and Catie Kirk. She is also survived by her brother, Jesse Gene (Emily) Holton of Madison, Mississippi; and sister-in-law, Shirley Holton; in addition to numerous nieces, nephews, other family members, and friends. Mary Ruth is preceded in death by her grandson, Michael Thomas; her parents; brother, James Berlin Holton; and sister, Freda Rhodes.

Serving as pallbearers are T. J. Thomas, James Gully, Sam Gully, Brady Thomas, Chase Thomas, and Robby Phillipson. Memorials in memory of Mary Ruth may be given to Oak Grove Baptist Church, 19 Asa Thomas Rd., Noxapater, MS 39346 or to Blair E. Batson Hospital for Children, Office of Development, 2500 N. State Street, Jackson, MS 39216.

Services are under the direction of Nowell-Massey Funeral Home, 724 North Columbus Avenue, Louisville, MS. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family by signing the guest register at [www.nowellmasseyfuneralhome.com](http://www.nowellmasseyfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Oak Grove Baptist Church Cemetery

19 Asa Thomas Road  
Noxapater, MS 39346

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 19. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Oak Grove Baptist Church  
19 Asa Thomas Rd  
Noxapater, MS 39346  
(601) 677-2352

## Service

APR 19. 1:00 PM (CT)

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## Interment

APR 19 (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

TP

“ *Mary Ruth not only loved her family but made everyone feel loved that came in with family!! She was a sweet lady and will be missed.* ”

Teresa Price - April 19, 2024 at 06:54 PM

MR

“ *So sad to hear of this loss. She was a precious lady and hard worker. Her love for family can never be questioned. God bless all of you!* ”

mary and david reed - April 19, 2024 at 06:37 PM

TO

“ *Tori purchased the Classic Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Mary Ruth Thomas.* ”



Tori - April 18, 2024 at 11:54 PM

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“ *Such a sweet, talented friend, healed at last. Prayers and love for this precious family.* ”

Nadine Estes - April 18, 2024 at 06:47 PM

JW

*My friend and classmate, RIP* ❤️ 🙏

Jessie woodiel - April 18, 2024 at 10:24 PM