



Patricia Anne Cooper-Thomas

July 14, 1947 - July 27, 2024

Mrs. Patricia Anne Cooper-Thomas, age 77, was a beloved wife, mother of three daughters, grandmother of three, sister, loving aunt, cousin, mentor and friend who passed away early July 27, 2024. Patricia was the oldest of five children born to the late Reverend Davis A. Cooper Sr. and Rose Ann Tharpe Cooper.

Patricia married the love of her life, Franklin Delano Thomas on March 21, 1963, and their marriage was blessed with three daughters. She was educated in both Blackshear and Waycross, Georgia and graduated from Lee Street High School in 1965 with honors. She was deemed a high achiever. Nevertheless, Patricia sang in the school choir and served as a school office aide. Later in 1964, she became a United States Army wife!

In 1966, she joined her husband, Delano in Fort Bragg, North Carolina, where she was a housewife. In 1967, they drove to Fairbanks, Alaska, where she worked in the Courts and Boards of the city, until the family returned to Fort Benning, Georgia. From 1973-1989, she worked at several installations with the Department of Defense Communications (Fort Campbell, KY, Charlotte, NC, Fort Leonard Wood, MO, Fort Benning, GA, Fort Bliss, TX, and Fort Richardson, AK). In 1989, she worked in the hospital postpartum unit at Fort Stewart, GA., while simultaneously leading the Enlisted Wives Club (teaching all senior ladies on how to maintain operations while their husbands were deployed to the Middle East). In 1990, during Desert Shield/Desert Storm, Patricia served as the spokesperson for the Enlisted Wives at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield. She was interviewed on the Today Show with Bryant Gumbel and NBC News with Joe Garagiola and received high praise! Furthermore, she participated in erecting a monument in honor of all 24th Infantry Division Soldiers. From 1994-1996, her husband and she were stationed in the Republic of Panama where she worked at Gorgas Hospital. From 1997-2005, this amazing woman finally retired as a Logistical Coordinator for the Fort Gillem Commissary. Overall, she loved and honored her country by decorating her various homes in red, white and blue. We salute her patriotic duties and life's work!

Patricia BELIEVED in FAMILY! She enjoyed assisting with the establishment and

maintenance of the Hightower Family Reunion Directory for approximately 45 years. Her efforts resulted in 200 family members attending the recent family reunion in Atlanta, July 18-21, 2024!

Patricia was preceded in death by her father, Reverend Davis A. Cooper, Sr. and mother, Rose Anne Tharpe Cooper, and brother, CPO (Ret.) Joshua E. Cooper. She leaves to cherish her memories and legacy to her husband, CSM (Ret) Franklin Delano Thomas (married 61 years), daughters: Dr. Della M. Thomas-Culver, Chiquia D. Thomas-Quick and Kandice R. Thomas-Crockett (Ryan), grandchildren: Chalis X. Crockett, Natalyn V. Crockett, Julian T. Crockett, Michael Brinkley, Courtney Culver Simmons (Brandon). Great-grandchildren: Victoria Dowdy, Stephen Dowdy, and Grace Nicholson. Brothers: Davis A. Cooper, Jr. (Cecile), Benjamin F. Cooper, SFC (Ret.) Asa G. Cooper (Erika) and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 8. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory-Rockdale
1999 Hwy. 138 SE
Conyers, GA 30013

Family Visitation

AUG 8. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory-Rockdale
1999 Hwy. 138 SE
Conyers, GA 30013

Celebration of Life

AUG 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

Berean Christian Church
2201 Young Rd
Stone Mountain, GA 30088
(770) 593-4421

Celebration of Life Service - Live Streamed

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Church will live Stream the service

Tribute Wall



“ Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory created a <https://youtube.com/live/xAdvbt9AOtQ?feature=share> in memory of Patricia Anne Cooper-Thomas



Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory, Inc. - August 03, 2024 at 09:36 PM

DM

Rest in peace cousin sending my love to you and your family love you're ❤️ family from Florida the Mae family you will be missed dearly love Diana Mae

Diana Mae - August 07, 2024 at 02:04 PM

ML

I'm in total shock to learn that my friend and classmate Patricia passed! She will never be forgotten by all who knew her! Rest peacefully!!

Maude Elizabeth Leonard - August 08, 2024 at 02:38 PM



“ Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Patricia Anne Cooper-Thomas



Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory, Inc. - August 03, 2024 at 09:36 PM

BP

“ I am just hearing the news that The Beautiful Mrs. Patricia Cooper -Thomas has transitioned. My heart is broken 💔 she was the most amazing, Godly Woman. I will never ever forget her when we were Stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, MO they were a surrogate family to my Mom and Sisters and I. I will never forget Mrs Thomas and her beautiful family treated me so well. Until We meet again, Rest in the Arms of the Lord Mrs Thomas ❤️🙏 I Love you Always.

Beryl Patterson - August 22, 2024 at 10:54 AM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Patricia Anne Cooper-Thomas.



August 08, 2024 at 09:40 PM

DE

“ Dr. Irene Streeter Easley planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patricia Anne Cooper-Thomas.

Dr. Irene Streeter Easley - August 08, 2024 at 09:40 PM

DF

“ Dinkins, Ellis, Bussey families purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Patricia Anne Cooper-Thomas.



Dinkins, Ellis, Bussey families - August 08, 2024 at 08:59 PM

YF

“ Your school family purchased the Classic Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Patricia Anne Cooper-Thomas.



Your school family - August 08, 2024 at 03:55 PM

SW

“ My sincerest condolences to CSM Thomas and Family. I was flabbergasted when I learned that Pat had transitioned to be with the Lord. I miss you my Friend. You were the epitome of an Army Wife and Friend. I love you! Sending up prayers for your Family. SGM (Ret) Scarlett V. Williams



Scarlett V. Williams - August 08, 2024 at 08:51 AM

LC

“ LTC(Ret) Fabian & Michelle Cook purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of Patricia Anne Cooper-Thomas.



LTC(Ret) Fabian & Michelle Cook - August 08, 2024 at 12:38 AM

LC

“ LTC(Ret) Fabian & Michelle Cook planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patricia Anne Cooper-Thomas.

LTC(Ret) Fabian & Michelle Cook - August 08, 2024 at 12:38 AM

GV

“ Gregory V. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patricia Anne Cooper-Thomas.

Gregory V. - August 07, 2024 at 07:33 PM

AG

“ Angelia A. Garnett lit a candle in memory of Patricia Anne Cooper-Thomas



Angelia A. Garnett - August 07, 2024 at 12:18 PM

AG

My sincere condolences and prayers to the family during their time of bereavement.

Angelia A. Garnett - August 07, 2024 at 12:21 PM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Patricia Anne Cooper-Thomas.



August 06, 2024 at 08:11 PM

AC

“ Alton and Lydia Colbert purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Patricia Anne Cooper-Thomas.



Alton and Lydia Colbert - August 06, 2024 at 01:17 PM

DJ

“ To be born into a family of "Best Friends" to each other is a powerful gift (Pat, Bug, Ben, Asa, and Josh).
Pat, my sister, to know you is to love you! As your brother, I wanted you to live forever; however, years have equipped me with a realization that one can only pray that someone you love finds joy in the brief time God gives us on this earth. LOVE you forever is the sum total of my thoughts of you.

Davis A. Cooper, Jr. - August 06, 2024 at 01:20 AM

KS

“ Ken & Faye Sanford purchased the Red, White & Blue Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Patricia Anne Cooper-Thomas.



Ken & Faye Sanford - August 05, 2024 at 05:44 PM

KS

“ Ken & Faye Sanford planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patricia Anne Cooper-Thomas.

Ken & Faye Sanford - August 05, 2024 at 05:44 PM

DS

“ Donna Solomon lit a candle in memory of Patricia Anne Cooper-Thomas



Donna Solomon - August 05, 2024 at 11:09 AM

LD

“ Our sincere condolences to Delano, Della, Chiquia, Kandice, Aunt Inez and the entire Thomas Family in the loss of the lady who I also call "Aunt Pat". She was always like family to me from the day that my Uncle Chip and Aunt Inez introduced me to her and Delano. When I would be in their presence at Thomas events we would always have a good time. Pat had the energy that would always cheer you up and the personality to warm your heart. She will be greatly missed. We grieve with the family in the loss of Aunt Pat. Please know that we are praying 🙏 with the family during this difficult time and will continue to do so in the days ahead. Love you all.
Lynn Davis & Michael Wilkerson



Lynn Davis - August 04, 2024 at 11:03 PM

GM

“ Gen and Mrs Barry Mcaffrey purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Patricia Anne Cooper-Thomas.



Gen and Mrs Barry Mcaffrey - August 04, 2024 at 09:44 PM

GM

“ Gen and Mrs Barry Mcaffrey planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patricia Anne Cooper-Thomas.

Gen and Mrs Barry Mcaffrey - August 04, 2024 at 09:44 PM

PE

“ Correction: "MAY 😊 memories of Pat bring you comfort at this sad time and always."

Patricia Evers - August 03, 2024 at 07:38 PM

CS

“ To the entire Thomas Family, I want to extend my sincere condolences and prayers to you all in the passing of your love one. I will always remember how Patricia loved to laugh. May our God, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort hold you in his loving arms.



Carnell McCary Sheffield
Class of 1965

Carnell Sheffield - August 03, 2024 at 02:49 PM

YF

“ Yvonne Funnye lit a candle in memory of Patricia Anne Cooper-Thomas



Yvonne Funnye - August 03, 2024 at 11:22 AM

PE

“ Patricia Evers lit a candle in memory of Patricia Anne Cooper-Thomas



Patricia Evers - August 03, 2024 at 12:49 AM

CH

“ To my awesome and one of a kind friend Pat Cooper Thomas I will surely miss you.

Clementine Hunter.

Clementine Hunter - August 02, 2024 at 11:16 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Patricia Anne Cooper-Thomas.



August 01, 2024 at 08:37 PM

TM

“ I'm praying comfort & strength for the Cooper & Thomas families. Mrs. Pat was wonderful person with a genuine kind heart. She will be dearly missed.
The Posley family (Allen, Phyllis & Tobita)

Tobita McKinney - August 01, 2024 at 06:54 PM

JS

“ So very sorry to hear about Patricia. We have known each other since childhood. My aunt was a seamstress and would make clothes for her that’s how we became friends. She and I have messaged each other as a way of communicating. I spoke to her last year when one of her brothers passed. She had that same laugh as always. The ones here in Waycross who knew her, will remember her beautiful smile. My husband and myself extend our sincere condolences and prayers to her husband, children, brothers, and all family and friends. May God grant His peace and comfort to each of you. Patricia will be truly missed. Jo Ann Streeter-Smith and Fred L. Smith



Jo Ann Streetet- Smith - August 01, 2024 at 02:42 PM

MR

“ To the family of Pat Thomas. There are no words to express the heartache we feel at this present time. please know that you all are in our prayers.

Cousin Johnnie Raven and family of Americus, Ga.



Maude Raven Russell - August 01, 2024 at 02:01 PM



“ Too soon Aunty. Thank you so much for your pertinent guidance and love for me from my childhood to my adulthood. Unwavering was your love for me. I spoke to you just before heading to GA last week and didn’t have the time to stop by and see you on my way back due to my work schedule . I will forever regret not stopping to see you. I love you forever 🙏

Deyuel TheCreator - August 01, 2024 at 02:21 AM

RG

“ Pat Cooper-Thomas you left me. But it is ok you are in a better place. I will always cherish the countless hours we shared in life. Praying that GOD strengthen your family love you ❤️🙏. Robin and Family



Robin Gresham-Preston - August 01, 2024 at 12:42 AM

RO

“ Mrs Pat will be missed but never forgotten; thank you for sharing your wisdom, guidance, and love for others. I can hear your voice saying, ‘holo como está?’

I love you very much Mrs. Pat



Raquel Cepeda & Victor M Otero - July 31, 2024 at 04:54 PM

RO

“ Raquel Cepeda & Victor M. Otero purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White for the family of Patricia Anne Cooper-Thomas.



Raquel Cepeda & Victor M. Otero - July 31, 2024 at 04:47 PM

BA

“ Bradford A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patricia Anne Cooper-Thomas.

Bradford A. - July 31, 2024 at 02:44 PM

RF

“ Rogelio Davidson & Family purchased the Red & White Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Patricia Anne Cooper-Thomas.



Rogelio Davidson & Family - July 31, 2024 at 12:54 PM

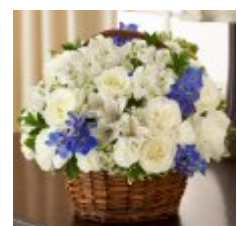
RF

“ From: Rogelio Davidson & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patricia Anne Cooper-Thomas.

Rogelio Davidson & Family - July 31, 2024 at 12:54 PM

TF

“ The Morgans - Orlando Florida purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of Patricia Anne Cooper-Thomas.



The Morgans - Orlando Florida - July 31, 2024 at 08:36 AM



“ *Red, White & Blue Half Casket Cover was purchased for the family of Patricia Anne Cooper-Thomas.*



July 30, 2024 at 09:47 AM

IM

“ *The Center High School Class of 1965 from Waycross, Georgia celebrate Patricia life as our outstanding classmate .I want the Thomas family to know she will always be in our hearts.*

Our love and prayers,

Margaret J, Irvin Center High Class of 1965

IRVIN MARGARET - July 29, 2024 at 03:04 PM

CL

I met this sweet, caring, friendly, fashionable at work

It was a pleasure knowing and servinh her. I looked forward to her visits because it would be lots of laughter. She gave me am endearing name that I will always treasure. I pray for comfort amd peace for her husband and daughter and the rest of her family. Love always. Claudette

Claudette - July 30, 2024 at 10:10 PM

YF

My family and I are so saddened by the transition of Cousin Pat. Although we trust she's with the Lord, she is and will be greatly missed among us. We admired her determination and stamina until the end. At the reunion, it was sooo nice seeing her and knowing she spent her final days among family and friends loving on her. We will continue to keep the family lifted in prayers. 🌸

Yvonne Funnye - July 31, 2024 at 02:41 PM