



Mrs. Bunny Clanton Thomas

February 6, 1925 - April 4, 2026

Mrs. Isla Bernice "Bunny" Clanton Thomas, 101, passed from this life peacefully at her residence at The Manor in Florence, SC, on April 4, 2026.

A funeral service to honor her life will be held at 3 o'clock on Wednesday, April 8, 2026, in Wesley Chapel Methodist Church of Lydia. The Rev. Dr. Tim McLendon will officiate, with burial to follow in the church cemetery. The family will receive friends in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the service. The Directors of Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home & Crematory are caring for the family.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in her honor to Wesley Chapel Church of Lydia, P.O. Box 56, Lydia, SC 29079.

Bunny was born in Darlington, SC, on February 6, 1925, to the late Isla Blackmon Clanton and the late James Corbett Clanton. She attended Darlington County schools and graduated from Coker College with a degree in Education, and taught in the Lee County public schools. She married her lifelong one and only, the late Henry Timmons "Tim" Thomas, Sr., in 1946 upon his return from service in WWII. They began their life together by renovating the old Cypress Community schoolhouse, where they lived for the next 61 years.

They raised three children: Tim Jr. (Wanda) of Darlington, S.C., Nancy (Ray) Oliver of Vance, SC, and the late Jan (Albert) Lynn of Darlington, SC. Bunny and Tim were active in their church, Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church of Lydia, for over fifty years. She taught the Wesley Fellowship class for over 40 years and sang in the church choir. Later, she taught Adult Education classes in Florence County, opening the world of literacy to those who, before, could not read. She described it as one of the most rewarding chapters in her life.

As well as full-time Mom duties and being a supportive partner to her husband, she also found time to help in the family business, Clanton's Auto Auction, established by her father in 1946 and operated along with her brothers, JC, Ray, and Laurie Clanton.

Bunny was adored by her grandchildren, who affectionately knew her as "Grammy" and loved gathering at she and "Pop T's" for Christmas, Thanksgiving, and whenever. Her grandchildren, Trey Thomas, the late Clant Thomas, Nance (Thomas) Lowry, Les (Page) Oliver, Bert (Maggie) Lynn, and Cooper (Sydney) Lynn, have accounted for her nine great-grandchildren: Cole, Adelyn, Asher, Lucy, Annie, Henry, Isla, Tate, and Christian.

Bunny was never happier than when she and Pop T, in matching aprons, were in the kitchen cooking for this raucous crowd. She was a loving, generous person, a gifted gardener, an amazing whistler, quick-witted, and considered the family wordsmith. She remains undefeated in word definition challenges. She will be greatly missed, and we all thank God for giving her to us for 101 years.

The family wishes to thank her dear friends from The Manor and her compassionate caregivers from McLeod Hospice.

Cemetery Details

Wesley Chapel Methodist Church of Lydia Cemetery

3061 Wesley Chapel Road
Lamar, SC 29069

Previous Events

Funeral Service

APR 8. 3:00 PM (ET)

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3061 Wesley Chapel Road
Lamar, SC 29069

Tribute Wall

DL

“ *Debbie DeWitt Lowder lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bunny Clanton Thomas*



Debbie DeWitt Lowder - April 12 at 05:29 PM

NL

“ *I have so many wonderful memories of the years I spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T in my teenage years. I know Mr. T is so happy to be together again, he truly loved her so much and it was such fun to watch him tease her, and he always did. Knowing they are together again puts a smile on my face. Thank you both for giving me great memories!*



nancy lindsay - April 08 at 09:43 PM

FM

“ *Sorry for your loss. My dad, the late Finley Forrest Morrison Jr told more than once that when the Auction was nearer to town in Darlington, a young Miss Bunny would stand on a crate and help mark the cars and assist her family with Clantons Auto auction. I think he was impressed that she was so engaged at such a young age to help the family business. I remember her well. Such a nice person. 🙏*

Frankie Morrison - April 08 at 08:38 PM

JL

“ Jerry And Angela Lane lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bunny Clanton Thomas



Jerry and Angela Lane - April 08 at 06:51 PM

JL

“ Mrs. Bunny was such a delight to work with at Clanton’s A/A. Mrs. Maybelle and Mrs. Bunny always had something funny to share that would keep us girls laughing and kept work interesting. A beautiful soul and a precious Southern Lady. Sending prayers to all of the family 🙏🙏🙏❤️❤�

Janice Johnson Lewis - April 08 at 12:51 PM

CC

“ So sorry for your loss.

Cheryl O’Kelly Cole - April 08 at 03:47 AM

MM

“ She was such a fine Southern Lady. I admired her as a young teenager working at my first job at Clanton’s Auto Auction. She was always so positive and pleasant. A privilege to know her.

Mary Lee Miles - April 07 at 10:53 PM

JS

“ *Judy McCarley Scurry lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bunny Clanton Thomas*



Judy McCarley Scurry - April 07 at 09:04 PM

DO

“ *Dianne O’Neal lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bunny Clanton Thomas*



Dianne O’Neal - April 07 at 08:23 PM

EC

“ *Elaine J Carpenter lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bunny Clanton Thomas*



Elaine J Carpenter - April 07 at 07:24 PM

RS

“ *What a fine lady! She and Tim were a couple I truly looked up to and admired. A life well lived, now they are reunited. Prayers for all the family. Much love from the Skinners*



Rebecca Skinner - April 07 at 02:19 PM

JS

“ *Jerry & Pat Sumner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bunny Clanton Thomas*



Jerry & Pat Sumner - April 07 at 01:40 PM

JS

Pat and Jerry Sumner

Jerry Sumner - April 07 at 01:43 PM

CB

“ *Carol Elmore Bryant lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bunny Clanton Thomas*

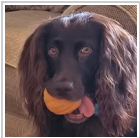


Carol Elmore Bryant - April 07 at 01:19 PM

CB

Nancy, my thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time. Jeff and I loved Mrs. Bunnie-what a Southern Belle she was Blessings, Carol

Carol Elmore Bryant - April 07 at 01:23 PM



“ *She was such a lovely lady! She always had a smile and a kind word.*



Moye Harrison - April 07 at 12:45 PM

ML

“ MARVIN & BRIGETTE LAWSON lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bunny Clanton Thomas



MARVIN & BRIGETTE LAWSON - April 07 at 11:54 AM

PE

“ Patricia C Elliott lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bunny Clanton Thomas



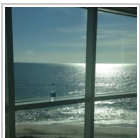
Patricia C Elliott - April 07 at 11:36 AM

BF

“ Birt Fraser lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bunny Clanton Thomas



Birt Fraser - April 07 at 11:06 AM



“ Bill Stokes sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Bunny Clanton Thomas



Bill Stokes - April 07 at 10:51 AM

TP

“ I met Ms. Thomas in 2013 when I became her housekeeper. I became so attached to her soon after. She had a special way of making her bed and I have found myself making my bed just as I had for her sometimes. She taught me how to keep a rug looking as if no one has ever stepped on it. I have many memories I could share, and I will definitely cherish them all. To the family, please accept my deepest sympathy.
Terhesa Prince



Terhesa Prince - April 07 at 10:36 AM

LS

“ Larry And Brenda Stewartz lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bunny Clanton Thomas



Larry and Brenda Stewartz - April 07 at 08:25 AM

PS

“ Sending love and prayers.



Pam Sansbury - April 07 at 08:03 AM

TW

“ *Travis And Marilyn Walters lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bunny Clanton Thomas*



Travis and Marilyn Walters - April 07 at 01:18 AM

RJ

“ *Ralph James*



Ralph James - April 06 at 10:44 PM

DS

“ *Such a sweet and Kind lady, prayers for the family*



Danny and Phoebe Stokes - April 06 at 10:38 PM

KM

“ *Karen Mozingo lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bunny Clanton Thomas*



Karen Mozingo - April 06 at 09:46 PM

DB

“ Dick Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bunny Clanton Thomas



Dick Brown - April 06 at 09:24 PM

JL

“ Janice Johnson Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bunny Clanton Thomas



Janice Johnson Lewis - April 06 at 08:54 PM

AR

“ Angie Kelley Raines lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bunny Clanton Thomas



Angie Kelley Raines - April 06 at 08:34 PM

SB

“ Suzanne Skinner Beasley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bunny Clanton Thomas



Suzanne Skinner Beasley - April 06 at 07:13 PM

JE

“ *Jonnie Thomas Newsome Estermyer lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bunny Clanton Thomas*



jonnie thomas newsome estermyer - April 06 at 07:01 PM

PJ

“ *Pat And Robert James lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bunny Clanton Thomas*



Pat and Robert James - April 06 at 06:03 PM

EH

“ *Such a beautiful lady both inside and out. Sending thoughts and prayers to all her family*



Elaine Hubbard - April 06 at 05:20 PM

RD

“ *Rick And Cheri Dunlap lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bunny Clanton Thomas*



Rick and Cheri Dunlap - April 06 at 05:15 PM

VB

“ Violet Bragdon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bunny Clanton Thomas



Violet Bragdon - April 06 at 04:24 PM

ST

“ Susan O Thrasher lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bunny Clanton Thomas



Susan O Thrasher - April 06 at 02:58 PM

ST

Sending love and prayers for Bunny's family. She was a lovely lady.

Susan O Thrasher - April 06 at 03:01 PM

BM

Condolences to the family. MAY GOD COMFORT YOU ALL.

Bubba morrison - April 06 at 03:39 PM