

Julia Mae "Ann" Thames was born in a small town called Milledgeville, Georgia. She was the oldest of seven siblings: the late Robert Smith, Jr., the late Willie James Smith, Lurena Love, Dorothy Smith, Debra Jackson, and David Smith.

She was born March 13, 1941 in Milledgeville, Georgia where she attended Georgia's elementary school system. Later on, Julia came to Boston, Massachusetts and completed her high school education.

She brought her two precious daughters, Patricia L. Smith and Barbara Lowe, with her to Boston.

As an adult, she met and fell in love with a southern gentleman, the late Levi Thames, Sr., who was from Raleigh, North Carolina. Their union produced two boys: Levi Thames, Jr. and Warren Thames. Julia and Levi worked and took great pride in providing for their family.

In her early years, Julia worked at the Necco Candy Factory in Cambridge, MA. Her later years were at the employment of the Annodyne Corporation in Quincy, MA as a Personal Care Attendant for the elderly. She took great pride in helping others.

Julia always enjoyed being with the family. Julia was very caring, loving and nurturing, and made everyone feel special in her own way! She loved us all unconditionally. She was funny, unfiltered, sassy, witty and sharp. She was also known for her Southern cuisine: fried chicken, collard greens, mac and cheese, in particular.

In her early years, Julia was an avid card and poker player. She was great at it! Raynham Dog Track was a favorite of hers.

Julia M. Thames was the Matriarch and Queen of the family. Her unique sense of humor followed her even up to her last days. She would always be quick to respond with her unfiltered thoughts that made us laugh!

Her favorite music included gospel music and other great hits from Al Green, Marvin Gaye, Tyrone Davis, and the Staple Singers among many others.

Some of Julia's favorite sayings included:

I beg your pardon.

I'm going to see a man about a horse.

You got any money for me?

Thank you very, very much!

House of Beauty, this is Cutie speaking. How may I help you?

Julia was very humble and enjoyed giving to others. She will never be forgotten! We have been blessed to have her as our mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, et cetera. Her body and spirit may have departed this life due to her battle with Dementia/Alzheimer's Disease, however, the memories of her will always be a part of us all!

She was the glue that kept us all together thus far. She will be dearly missed by her nieces, nephews, family, friends and a host of others. In her honor, we shall commit to continuing her legacy!

A Celebration of the Life of
Julia Mae Thames
"Ann"

Sunrise
March 13, 1941

Sunset
July 30, 2023



Monday – August 14, 2023

SERVICE INFORMATION

WAKE: 10:00 AM

SERVICE: 11:00 AM

Riley-Antoine Funeral Home
171 Humboldt Avenue
Dorchester, MA 02121-1781

Officiating Minister - Bishop William Dickerson II

Order Of Service



Musical Prelude

Invocation

Opening Hymn **“Going Up Yonder”** **Sharon Molden**

Scripture Readings **Christina Love**

Musical Selection **“Precious Lord”** **Sharon Molden**

Remarks/Reflections

(Family and Others)

Please limit your expressions to 2 minutes. Thank you.

Poem **Tywanda Coston**

Acknowledgements **Barbara Lowe**

Reading of the Obituary **Jean Nate' Lowe**

Musical Selection **“Take Me To The King”** **Sharon Molden**

Eulogy **Bishop William Dickerson II**

Benediction

Postlude



A Cherished Mother and Grandmother

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*A cherished mother and grandmother
You are and were ... and will forever be
You loved us throughout a lifetime
And we'll love you throughout eternity.*

*As children, you were our Mom and our strength
The force upon which we relied
You helped us grow through life's laughter and tears
And you always stood by our side.*

*You were so strong and worked so hard
To take good care of us
Hours spent....such time we can't comprehend!
Proved your faithful devotion to us.*

*And when we brought our own children home
Your commitment only grew
You helped them, played with them, and loved them
As only a Grandmother can do.*

*And our children... they came to adore you!
For you spoiled them with love and affection
You treasured each one in such a special ways
There are too many examples to mention.*

*And though they were denied more days and years
With a Grandmother as wonderful as you
You filled their hearts with sweet memories
That will remain a whole lifetime through*

Dearest Mother and Grandmother, we love you!

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The family of Mrs. Julia Mae Thames would like to express sincere thanks to our many friends and family for your countless expressions of love, concern, thoughtfulness and encouragement to Julia and to our family. Our gratitude extends to all who paid a visit, sent a card, flowers, made a call, prayed a prayer or shared a kind word during the period of Julia's illness. We shall keep you in our hearts and prayers. Thank you.

INTERMENT

*Fairview Cemetery
45 Fairview Avenue - Boston (Hyde Park), MA 02131*

REPAST

*You are invited to join family and friends at the
Rogerson Community's Spencer House, 2053R Columbus Avenue in Roxbury, MA 02119
for a period of food and fellowship following the Service of Interment.*



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