



## Mrs Arrie Mercedes Thomas

April 18, 1933 - September 10, 2020

Let not your heart be troubled. You believe in God, believe also in Me. In my Father's house there are many mansions, if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there you may be also. (John 14:1-3)

Arrie M. Thomas (Pee Wee) was born on April 18, 1933, in Oxon Hill MD. She was affectionately known as Granny to everyone in her neighborhood and church. She was one of 12 children to include her twin (Helen M. Hill) born to Charles and James Anna (Mama Jim) Quarles who preceded her in death. At a young age, she moved to the District of Columbia and was educated in the Catholic School System. She was united into holy matrimony in April of 1959 to John Harley. They became the proud parents of one daughter Antoinette Mc Neely. He later preceded her in death. In early 1983 she married her beloved James Thomas, Sr. (Bae, as she called him) and after 16 years of marriage he also preceded her in death.

Arrie worked various jobs in the Washington Metropolitan Area to include: The University of Maryland, Gallaudet University and The Architect of the Capital from which she retired after 14 years of dedicated service. She would often talk about her time in the Capital and her relationship with the Congressman and Senators in which she had talked with on a regular basis.

Arrie loved to cook and was well known for her rolls made from scratch. No one ever went home empty-handed after having dinner at her home.

Arrie loved the Lord with her whole heart and attended College Park Church of Christ under the leadership of Brother Michael McFadden. She attended church and bible study faithfully until she was unable to do so comfortably. She would often say "I'm Blessed by the Best and nothing less." She would tell everyone about God's goodness by stating "God is Good all the time and all the time God is Good". She loved it when someone would read the bible to her and pray with her.

Granny was very well known in the Trinidad neighborhood where she lived for so many years. She would sit on the front porch as she spoke and waved to everyone whether she knew them or not.

All day and every day when anyone walked by her home, they would stop and take the time to ask how she was doing and to talk with her a bit.

Arrie was preceded in death by her two brothers and seven of her sisters to include her, twin Helen. She leaves to cherish her memories, three daughters Antoinette McNeely, Vivian Shepherd and Sylvia Harley; one son James Thomas, Jr; two sisters Nellie and Virginia; grandchildren Karen (Eric), Tyler, Demarco and Dominique; Great grandchildren, Gerard (Brittney), Tylen and Deshawn; and a loving host of relatives and friends remembering that Love, Loves. Services will be held Saturday September 19,2020 at Pope Funeral Homes 5538 Marlboro Pike Forestville MD 20747

Viewing 9:00 am Service 10:30 am Interment Private

# Cemetery Details

## HARMONY MEMORIAL PARK

7101 Sheriff Rd  
LANDOVER, MD 20785

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

SEP 19. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Pope Funeral Home Forestville Chapel  
5538 MARLBORO PIKE  
FORESTVILLE, MD 20747

## Funeral Service

SEP 19. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Pope Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of Mrs Arrie Mercedes Thomas*



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**Pope Funeral Homes** - September 19, 2020 at 10:25 AM



“ *Mrs Arrie Mercedes Thomas*

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January 28, 2023 at 02:13 PM



“ *Mrs Arrie Mercedes Thomas*

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January 28, 2023 at 10:26 AM



“ *Sorry For Your Loss  
Jesus Christ Loves Me  
We Love You*



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**Thomas Widgeon** - September 18, 2020 at 05:54 PM

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“ I was saddened to hear about the loss of Granny. On behalf of me and my daughter we would like to extend our deepest sympathy to the family. Granny was such a sweetheart. I met her while she was sitting on the porch and I was at the bus stop. She treated me like one of the family. She was funny and had such a sweet voice which matched her personality. She always made me smile. She got to know my daughter too and we will both miss her presence in the neighborhood.



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**Lawanda and Bunny** - September 18, 2020 at 12:51 PM