



## Mrs. Kathleen Gentry Thomas

November 29, 1943 - December 15, 2023

Kathleen Thomas

Philadelphia, MS

Kathleen Gentry Thomas, also known as Mama, Kat and Maw, on December 15, 2023, at Neshoba County Nursing Home in Philadelphia, Mississippi, at the age of 80, passed into eternity. Kathleen was born on November 29, 1943, in Philadelphia and raised in Neshoba County.

Kathleen's parents were James OD Gentry and Virilla Ganey Gentry, both of Philadelphia. She graduated from Neshoba Central High School (Longino) in 1961. She then married the love of her life, Garvis Thomas, also in 1961, and they resided in Madden, MS for the remainder of their lives.

Kathleen was baptized and attended Madden Baptist Church until 2003 when she was Confirmed into the Roman Catholic Church. Saint Theresa's was her parish church.

Kathleen raised 4 children in a Christian household while standing side-by-side with Garvis farming cotton, soybeans and growing chickens. In 1972, Garvis was elected Leake County Justice Court Judge, but it was Kathleen behind all the paperwork, keeping up with court documents and filings 😊 She was gifted with brilliant organizational skills.

In the 1980s and 90s, Kathleen managed her 4 children's' very successful local band, Leather & Lace. She handled marketing, bookings, contracts and accounting for the group, and ran the sound board for several years.

Somehow, she also found time to accompany other family and friends to

regular doctor's visits, attend ballgames and other functions with extended family.

Kathleen and her family opened their first pawn shop in 1987 in Carthage Mississippi and then moved to Meridian in 1988. In 2001 Kathleen and Garvis moved their pawn shop to Forest Mississippi. Again, she was behind all the organizational aspects when it came to accounting and record keeping. In 2005, they started Thomas Rental Properties which she managed from collections and accounting aspects.

Kathleen was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, son - James Mitchell (Mike) Thomas and daughter-in-law - Kris Moore Thomas, and her brother, James Arden Gentry.

She is survived by her daughter - Lynn Thaggard (Toby); her son - Dewayne Thomas (Julie); her son, Bryan Keith Thomas (Mary Ellen), her sister - Christine Gentry Wilcher, her sister - Betty Gentry Todd, 9 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation is 5:00 pm until 8:00 pm on Monday, December 18, 2023 at Wilcox Funeral Home. Services are 2:00 pm Tuesday, December 19, 2023 at St. Theresa's Catholic Church with Father Bob Goodyear officiating. Interment is in Madden Cemetery with Wilcox Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. Pallbearers are: Mitchell Thomas, Matthew Thomas, Dylan Thomas, Jacob Thomas, Weston Thomas, and Lucas Thomas.

Honorary pallbearers are: Jimmy Gentry, Jason Gentry, Kevin Wilcher, Gavin Clark, Jeremy Todd, Jamie Todd, Steve Lofton, Andrew Jenkins, Robert Ray, and Kirk Blocker.

# Cemetery Details

## Madden Cemetery

Madden, MS

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 18. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Wilcox Funeral Home  
106 S Jordan Street  
Carthage, MS 39051  
(601) 267-8081  
wilcoxfh@netdoor.com  
<https://www.wilcoxfuneralhome.com/>

## Funeral Service

DEC 19. 2:00 PM (CT)

St. Theresa's Catholic Church  
10110 BIA Road 2213  
Choctaw, MS 39350

## Burial

DEC 19 (CT)

Madden Cemetery  
Madden, MS



# Tribute Wall

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“ Kathleen was my best friend in high school. We spent many nights and days together.. We stayed in touch for years and sometimes met at the fair. Life got busy and we did not see each other for the last few years. Sending prayers to her family. She was so proud of her family,

Pat - December 19, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Kathleen Gentry Thomas.



December 18, 2023 at 11:43 AM

LF

“ Love your Morgan & Morgan Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Kathleen Gentry Thomas.



Love your Morgan & Morgan Family - December 18, 2023 at 10:57 AM

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“ Love your Morgan & Morgan Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Kathleen Gentry Thomas.

Love your Morgan & Morgan Family - December 18, 2023 at 10:57 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Kathleen Gentry Thomas.*



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December 18, 2023 at 08:14 AM



“ *Chris Wilcher lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kathleen Gentry Thomas*



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**Chris Wilcher** - December 17, 2023 at 11:10 PM



“ *Condolence to the family! May God be with you at this sad time!*



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**Mary Sharp** - December 17, 2023 at 06:30 PM