



## Jackie "Jack" Thomas

April 9, 1940 - June 29, 2024

Jackie "Jack" Thomas, 84, of Oakmonte Villages in Lake Mary Florida, went to be with the Lord on June 29, 2024, at 6:40 PM. He was born in Eastanollee Georgia to Tinsley S. and Sallie Mae (Stowe) Thomas on April 9, 1940.

Jack is survived by his loving wife of 64 years Sherrill (Smedlund) Thomas; son David (Jackie) Thomas, son-in-law Kurt Grotler; grandchildren Josh, Jeremy (Jenna) and Sarah Grotler, Jared and Amy Thomas; great-grandchildren Collins, Naomi, Ben, Jack and Samarah; brother Buddy Thomas; brother-in-law Bill Smedlund, sister-in-law Joy (Bob) Whitney; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He is preceded in death by his parents; daughter Karen Grotler; siblings Mozelle (Coy) Moore, Melvin (Sarah) Thomas, Max (Peggy) Thomas; sister-in-law Mary Nell Thomas.

Jack loved to sing and was well known for his beautiful tenor voice. He began serving the Lord in music ministry during his High School years and continued faithfully until he retired from full time music ministry in 2002 after serving as Minister of Music at Central Baptist Church in Sanford, Florida for more than 23 years. Jack truly loved leading people to worship the Lord through music. He and Sherrill made a great ministry team and were used by the Lord at churches in Nevada, Alabama, Georgia and Florida. After retirement, they

sold their house, bought an RV and travelled across the US for 3 years before settling into their dream home in the mountains of northeast Georgia. After living near their daughter, Karen, in Greer, South Carolina for a few years, Jack and Sherrill moved back to Sanford in December of 2023.

Jack was humble, gentle, loyal to a fault, and truly loved people. He had an easy smile, and was quick to laugh. When you saw the twinkle in eye and, knew he was up to something. He dearly loved his family, and was one of their strongest prayer warriors. Jack was also very patriotic, and extremely proud to have served his country in the Air Force back in the early 1960s.

Jack will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

Celebration of Life will be held at Westview Baptist Church, 4100 H E Thomas Jr. Pkwy., Sanford, FL, on Saturday, July 6, 2024. There will be a time of visitation at 10:00 AM, with a service at 11:00 AM. The service will be live-streamed on Jack's daughter-in-law's (Jackie Thomas) Facebook page. There will be a graveside service at Liberty Hill Baptist Church Cemetery in Toccoa, GA, on Saturday, July 27, 2024, at 11:00 AM.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUL 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

Westview Baptist Church  
4100 H.E. Thomas Jr. Parkway  
Sanford, FL 32771

## Visitation

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## Graveside Service

JUL 27. 11:00 AM.

Liberty Hill Baptist Church Cemetery  
Toccoa , GA

# Tribute Wall

JH

“ Hello Sherrill and family. I heard today about Jack's death. I have so many wonderful and unforgettable memories of your and Jack's music ministry at Dawson Street in Thomasville. Every once in a while I look at pictures when we were on choir tours. These are days I will always remember and cherish being able to serve with you. I am still playing the piano at DSBC and count it a privilege to do so. I am praying for you all.

*Much love - June Keadle Haire*

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**June Keadle Haire** - July 06, 2024 at 07:01 PM

DC

“ Diane Cady lit a candle in memory of Jackie "Jack" Thomas



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**Diane Cady** - July 05, 2024 at 09:29 PM

MD

“ Melinda D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jackie "Jack" Thomas.

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**Melinda D.** - July 05, 2024 at 09:23 PM

SC

“ I so enjoyed being in Bro. Jack's choir at Central. He and Sherrill shared their gifts and ministry with us and we were in awe "what they could pull out of us and make it sound wonderful". We were a family group and I miss those days with both of you.

Sue Christensen - July 05, 2024 at 08:17 PM

CZ

“ Sherrill and family, I am so sorry to see this. I have such fond memories of playing the piano and serving with Jack. So thankful for my time with you both. I hope he's standing by David in the tenor section of the heavenly choir. Praying for you. Cathy Zevac

cathy zevac - July 05, 2024 at 07:23 PM

RH

“ Rick and Pat Hensley purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jackie "Jack" Thomas.



Rick and Pat Hensley - July 05, 2024 at 07:22 PM

RA

“ My heart breaks to hear about Uncle Jackie. Many prayers for Aunt Sherill, David, Jackie and all of the grands. He will be missed, but I know he is rejoicing with the Lord, Karen, and the rest of our beloved loved ones who have gone on to a much better place. Rest in peace Uncle Jackie and give all our loved ones a big hug from me. 🤗🤗🤗

Rhonda Thomas Anderson - July 05, 2024 at 07:05 PM

CT

“ I followed Jack and Sherrill at Dawson Street in Thomasville. He had left a legacy there and made my tenure so wonderful and successful. Then we were together at Bethlehem in Clarksville. Love to all the family. Jack will be missed.

*Clay Turner*

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**clay Turner** - July 05, 2024 at 06:52 PM

JL

“ Dear Dave and family. What a precious memory it was to see Mr. Jack's smiling face and hear him sing praises to God. Dave in you he raised a precious example of godly men, husbands and Dads. In the blink of God's eye we will be reunited again. Love and prayers for you and your family. Jean and Jerry Lord.

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**Jean Lord** - July 05, 2024 at 06:41 PM

RW

“ Brother Jackie and I grew up in Liberty Hill Baptist Church, singing in the Adult Choir. In school we both sang in a quartet under the direction of Mrs. Mary Hayes. Other times we were in the R.A'S, camping, going different places. Later, we sang at Bethlehem Baptist Church in the combined choirs. Holding onto those awesome memories. Blessings on the family. I plan to be at the graveside to see family. Ray Whiten

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**Ray Whiten** - July 05, 2024 at 05:19 PM

DB

“*Bro. Jack was such a wonderful man!  
He loved The Lord and served many years at Central Baptist Church in Sanford, FL.  
He and his wife Sherrill headed up “Living Pictures” which was an amazing theatrical presentation at Central during the Easter Season. What a Wonderful presentation depicting the Life, Death & Resurrection of Jesus!  
“Living Pictures” required a lot of work above & beyond his normal duties as music Minister.  
But he & his wife were so great at it & did such an Awesome Job! To God Be The Glory!!!!  
Now Jack resides in Heaven because Jesus is his personal Lord and Savior.  
Well Done, Good & Faithful Servant! Well Done.*

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**Donny & Hope Beverly** - July 05, 2024 at 05:19 PM