

Joy Lee Thomas (1933-2010)



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Joy Lee (Hall) Thomas passed away at home peacefully April 18, 2010, with her loving family beside her side. She was born to Cecil and Lenora Hall on July 4, 1933, in Pahokee, Fla.

She married James E. Thomas while in her senior year at Barstow High School. Together they have four surviving children, Douglas Thomas (Susan) of Dunsmuir, Calif., Rachelle Wojtkiewicz (Joe) of Yermo, Calif., James Cecil Thomas (Dori) of Salt Lake City, Utah, Stanley Everette Thomas of Barstow, who resides with Dad (Diane of Sacramento) (Rosebud of Apple Valley). Other surviving family Joy leaves are a sister, Donna Guyette of Texas; brother, David Neal of Barstow; half-brothers, Ron (Margie) and Tom of Carson, Nev., Tommy and Jeffery of West Palm Beach, Fla.; seven grandchildren, Melissa of Sacramento, Jason (Holly) and Amy (Steve) of Barstow, Shane (Misty) of Henderson, and Janice (Myles), Jennifer (David), Jamie (Jason) of Sacramento, Calif.; 15 great-grandchildren, Reese of Sacramento, Calif., Alyssa, Kyle and Ashleigh of Sacramento, Calif., Emily and Brianna of Sacramento, Calif., Austin, Alex, Asher of Sacramento, Calif., Amanda of Redding, Calif., Samantha and Stevie of Yermo, Calif., Rachelle of Alaska, Leah and Zoey of Henderson, Nev. Joy also leaves behind many relatives and friends that have been a deep part of her life.

Joy loved her family and often expressed her feelings of having the best family in the world. She and James (Tommy) would have celebrated 60 years together in a few short months. Having updated portraits of the children and grandchildren meant so much to her as you can see the many pictures that surrounded her in the home. Her pride, joy, and love was also devoted into her beloved pet, Chewie, who remained by her side till the end. Joy fought a hard battle with cancer, but remained hopeful and optimistic throughout her life that she made the most of each remaining day she had left in spite of the pain she had to endure.

Visitation will be at 1 p.m. on Friday, April 23, 2010 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 2571 Barstow Road followed by a funeral service at 2 p.m. Bishop Max Taylor will be officiating and Sharon Schooler will celebrate Joy's life with music. There will be a reception to celebrate Joy's life following the services in the fellowship hall at the church in which family and friends are invited.

Joy Lee Thomas will be laid to rest at Riverside Memorial Cemetery; date and time to be announced later.

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