



## Ruth Mae Thomas

November 9, 1938 - August 27, 2014

Ruth Thomas (1938-2014)

WATERLOO- Ruth Thomas, 75 of Waterloo, Iowa died Wednesday, August 27, 2014 at the Baylor Medical center in Dallas, Texas.

She was born November 9, 1938, the daughter of Lester and Henrietta (Sproles) Sallis in Goodman, Mississippi.

Ruth worked as a surgical nurse on the heart team at Allen Hospital in Waterloo.

Survived by: three daughters: Patrice, Janet and Kimberly Jefferson, all of Dallas, TX; and a son, Gordon Jefferson of Waterloo; four grandchildren; three great grandchildren; and her sister, Mable Bradfield of Waterloo.

Preceded in death by: her parents; her husband Earlie Thomas Jr; a sister, Ruby Harrington; and a grandson.

Funeral Services: 11 a.m. Saturday at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church with interment in Garden of Memories Cemetery, both in Waterloo. Visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, also at the church (805 Adams St, Waterloo).

Memorials may be directed to the family.



# Cemetery Details

## Garden of Memories

3669 Logan Ave  
Waterloo, IA 50703

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 5. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Mt. Carmel Baptist Church  
805 Adams St.  
Waterloo, IA 50703

## Funeral Service

SEP 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

Mt. Carmel Baptist Church  
805 Adams St.  
Waterloo, IA 50703

## Burial

SEP 6. 12:00 PM (CT)

Garden of Memories  
3669 Logan Ave  
Waterloo, IA 50703



# Tribute Wall

TG

“ I just heard today about Ruth's passing. You all are in my thoughts and prayers. I worked in the ICU with the heart team. Ruth was a wonderful, wonderful person. I loved her sense of humor and her laugh. She will be missed.

*Teresa Gavin*

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**Teresa Gavin** - September 07, 2014 at 03:52 PM

JK

“ My condolences to Gordon and family.

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**Jim McKernan KWWL** - September 05, 2014 at 02:12 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Ruth Mae Thomas.



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September 04, 2014 at 09:06 PM

LP

“ I have wonderful memories of the time I spent with Ruth in the OR at Allen. I learned a lot from her and always will remember her laugh and sense of humor. May your memories bring you comfort.

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**LuAnne Pavel** - September 04, 2014 at 08:46 PM

EK

“ I have so many wonderful memories of Mother Ruth. She was my other mother. I will always cherish my memories of her. she was my Sundat School teacher for over thirty years. I will always love the times we spent together at church and traveling. We laugh a lot together. She encouraged me to be a bold Christian. Stand your ground when it came to your belief in The Living God. She and the family will be forever in my heart. Much love and God Bless you all.

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**Elaine King** - September 03, 2014 at 09:14 PM

 Tiffany  
Get Fit  
King

“ U were and will always be in my heart...I love u sooo much and u will truly be missed..I love u Mo.Ruth

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**Tiffany Get Fit King** - September 03, 2014 at 09:00 PM

GC

“ CONDOLENCE

*Psalm 27:4 “One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.”*

*To the family of Mother Ruth Thomas:*

*The Family of Gift of Life Church wants to assure you that you will be in our thoughts and prayers as you go through this difficult time. We know that God has promised to be with us through every storm and trial of life, and that somehow you will get through this.*

*May you find assurance in His word, strength in His presence and comfort in His love. We will be praying for you, and trusting that God will be your portion and help, as well as comfort your entire family.*

*Yours in Christ,*

*Pastor Brian E. Hill and the Gift of Life Church Family*

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**Gift of Life Church** - September 03, 2014 at 06:59 PM

JB

“ *GOD has called on your angel from earth to serve with HIM in Heaven. Sending Love and prayers in your time of need....If you need anything please don't hesitate to call. Josette Bates and Family*

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**Josette Bates** - September 03, 2014 at 03:56 PM

CA

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with all of you, at this time. Clare Anderson*

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**Clare Anderson** - September 02, 2014 at 08:38 PM

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“ *No heart breaks alone for God is always near. When a prayer is whispered God is always there to hear. When sorrow's overwhelming, He comforts tenderly. A single tear never falls that he does not hear.(Psalms 65:2)*

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**Peggy Gienau** - September 02, 2014 at 11:31 AM

CM

“ *Mother Ruth Thomas and Family. My beautiful Sunday school teacher. We can no longer see you with our eyes. Touch you with our hands. But we will feel you in our HEARTS FOREVER. MAY GOD CONTINUE TO KEEP YOU IN HIS LOVING ARMS. LOVE Rev Kever and Carmen Murphy*

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**Carmen Murphy.** - September 02, 2014 at 09:52 AM

MT

“ *I will cherish the time that I spent with her. The very 1st retreat was held in Davenport in the dead of winter. But we had an awesome time of bonding. She always knew how to encourage you to believe that you could do anything if you put your mind to it. Thank you for be my mentor and for allowing me to drive you and sis. Watson to Freeport. To her children thank you for sharing her with me. God bless each of you and I am praying for your strength. I loved you sis. Ruth but our Father loved you more. Maxine Tisdale*

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**maxine tisdale** - August 31, 2014 at 10:29 PM

PO

*What an amazing woman...I loved her deeply. She was my mentor for 25 years, my friend for many years....we laughed together, we cried together, and worked many many hours together. Bill and I are so sorry for your loss. May the memories you hold dear bring you much comfort in the coming days. Bill Pick and Patsy Ott-Pick*

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**Patsy Ott0Pick** - September 03, 2014 at 12:57 PM