



Ms. Joan Louise Thompkins

April 10, 1948 - June 26, 2019

****NOTE: Visitation & Funeral Service Times and Location listed below****

Ms. Joan Louise Thompkins went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday June 26, 2019. She was born April 10, 1948 in Kalamazoo, Michigan to Charles and Omeria Bostic. After graduating high school from Kalamazoo Loy Norrix, she went on to college to obtain her degree in Elementary Education from Michigan State University, and later received her Master's Degree in Education from Western Michigan University. She spent her entire career as a teacher in Kalamazoo Public Schools where she touched many lives.

Joan was an active member of Galilee Baptist Church. She spent many years as a Sunday School teacher, and also served as the Director of Sunday School. Joan enjoyed Sunday services hearing the word of God, and at home could always be found reading God's word.

Joan was known as a loving person who always put the needs of others before her own. She enjoyed spending time with her kids going to dinner. She spent countless hours with her grandchildren loving and spoiling them to pieces.

Joan is preceded in death by her parents: Charles and Omeria Bostic; her siblings: Kathryn Hobson, Charles Bostic Jr., Desirea Bostic, Derrick Bostic,

and Jacqueline Bostic.

She leaves to cherish her memory, 3 children, Daniel Thompkins (Stephanie), Shalom Thompkins, and Christian Manley (Larry Jr.); her siblings Diane Stovall (Billy), Paul Bostic (Gwen), Sheila Slater, and Karen Evans; and her grandchildren Corrie Parker, Alexandria Woodard, Jayda Thompkins, Miles Manley, Grace Manley, Mathius York, Amayah Thompkins, Isaiah Manley and Harlow Thompkins.

We love you Joan. You were a Mother, Grandmother, Sister, and friend. We know there was a party waiting at the gates for you and you danced your way through!

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

1015 Gull Rd
Kalamazoo, MI 49048-1733
(269) 337-8227

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 2. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

The Galilee Baptist Church
1216 North Westnedge Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI 49007

A Service in Loving Memory

JUL 2. 12:00 PM (ET)

The Galilee Baptist Church
1216 North Westnedge Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Joan Louise Thompkins



Harper Funeral Home - June 30, 2019 at 10:00 PM



“ Ms. Joan Louise Thompkins

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Ms. Joan Louise Thompkins

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ Crystal B lit a candle in memory of Joan Thompkins



Crystal B - January 28, 2023 at 05:24 AM

CB

“ *Carrie Baker lit a candle in memory of Ms. Joan Louise Thompkins*



Carrie Baker - July 20, 2019 at 07:57 PM

CE

“ *Chiquita Elmore-Barbee lit a candle in memory of Ms. Joan Louise Thompkins*



Chiquita Elmore-Barbee - July 09, 2019 at 07:47 PM

AB

“ *Angela Brown lit a candle in memory of Ms. Joan Louise Thompkins*



Angela Brown - July 09, 2019 at 07:31 PM

TE

“ *Tina Echols-Wade lit a candle in memory of Ms. Joan Louise Thompkins*



Tina Echols-Wade - July 07, 2019 at 11:12 PM

BP

“ *Barbara Phillips lit a candle in memory of Ms. Joan Louise Thompkins*



Barbara Phillips - July 07, 2019 at 01:19 PM

EW

“ *Eldora Williams lit a candle in memory of Ms. Joan Louise Thompkins*



Eldora Williams - July 03, 2019 at 03:47 PM

MW

“ *Michael & Barbara Watson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Joan Louise Thompkins*



Michael & Barbara Watson - July 03, 2019 at 10:11 AM

PG

“ *Pauline Gardner lit a candle in memory of Ms. Joan Louise Thompkins*



Pauline Gardner - July 03, 2019 at 07:48 AM

CB

“ *Crystal Bell lit a candle in memory of Ms. Joan Louise Thompkins*



Crystal Bell - July 02, 2019 at 11:16 PM

CB

“ *My condolences to the Thompson & Bostic family*❤️

Crystal Bell - July 02, 2019 at 10:31 PM

WS

“ *I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I used to sing in the Gospel Choir with Joan years ago at Galilee. May God Bless you all during this time.*

Dr. William Smith

William Smith - July 02, 2019 at 06:57 PM

PF

“ *Patterson Family lit a candle in memory of Ms. Joan Louise Thompkins*



Patterson Family - July 02, 2019 at 03:37 PM

GS

“ Gwendolyn Smith lit a candle in memory of Ms. Joan Louise Thompkins



Gwendolyn Smith - July 01, 2019 at 11:46 PM

SJ

“ Susan Johnson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Joan Louise Thompkins



Susan Johnson - July 01, 2019 at 08:59 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Ms. Joan Louise Thompkins.



July 01, 2019 at 08:52 PM

HW

“ Helen Word lit a candle in memory of Ms. Joan Louise Thompkins



Helen Word - July 01, 2019 at 07:58 PM

KJ

“ Karen Johnson-Foster lit a candle in memory of Ms. Joan Louise Thompkins



Karen Johnson-Foster - July 01, 2019 at 06:38 PM

TF

“ The Walker Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Joan Louise Thompkins



The Walker Family - July 01, 2019 at 05:26 PM



“ 4 files added to the album Life Tributes



Harper Funeral Home - July 01, 2019 at 01:10 PM

DH

“ *Condolences and blessings to the family. A woman of God who shared her love with all. You will be greatly missed.*
Duane Hobson

Duane Hobson - July 01, 2019 at 07:08 AM

SJ

“ *Susan Johnson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Joan Louise Thompkins*



Susan Johnson - June 30, 2019 at 10:47 PM

GG

“ *Guenetta Gordon lit a candle in memory of Ms. Joan Louise Thompkins*



Guenetta Gordon - June 30, 2019 at 09:17 PM

HB

“ *Hal & Janet Buchanan lit a candle in memory of Ms. Joan Louise Thompkins*



Hal & Janet Buchanan - June 30, 2019 at 07:17 PM

TF

“ *The Daniel Family lit a candle in memory of Ms. Joan Louise Thompkins*



The Daniel Family - June 30, 2019 at 07:15 PM

EW

“ *Eldora Williams lit a candle in memory of Ms. Joan Louise Thompkins*



Eldora Williams - June 30, 2019 at 05:54 PM

KJ

“ *Karen Johnson-Foster lit a candle in memory of Ms. Joan Louise Thompkins*



Karen Johnson-Foster - June 30, 2019 at 12:08 PM

SJ

“ *Susan Johnson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Joan Louise Thompkins*



Susan Johnson - June 30, 2019 at 10:56 AM

NH

“ *Nikia Walker Hall lit a candle in memory of Ms. Joan Louise Thompkins*



Nikia Walker Hall - June 29, 2019 at 11:15 PM

AR

“ *Audrey Rancifer-Mcgrew lit a candle in memory of Ms. Joan Louise Thompkins*



Audrey Rancifer-Mcgrew - June 29, 2019 at 08:48 PM

SW

“ *Selena Walker lit a candle in memory of Ms. Joan Louise Thompkins*



Selena Walker - June 29, 2019 at 01:23 PM

HW

“ *Helen Word lit a candle in memory of Ms. Joan Louise Thompkins*



Helen Word - June 29, 2019 at 11:41 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ms. Joan Louise Thompkins.* ”



June 29, 2019 at 08:33 AM



“ *Paul & Margaret Best lit a candle in memory of Ms. Joan Louise Thompkins* ”



Paul & Margaret Best - June 29, 2019 at 12:22 AM



“ *Susan Johnson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Joan Louise Thompkins* ”



Susan Johnson - June 28, 2019 at 08:43 PM



“ *Tayana McMillon lit a candle in memory of Ms. Joan Louise Thompkins* ”



Tayana McMillon - June 28, 2019 at 01:49 PM

KG

“ Karen Gray sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Joan Louise Thompkins



Karen Gray - June 28, 2019 at 07:31 AM

RW

“ RJ & Anita Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Joan Louise Thompkins



RJ & Anita Wilkerson - June 27, 2019 at 03:45 PM

AJ

“ Angela Justice purchased the Simply Elegant Sp athiphyllum for the family of Ms. Joan Louise Thompkins.



Angela Justice - June 27, 2019 at 03:36 PM