



Mary M. Thompson

June 22, 1922 - April 7, 2025

On June 22, 1922, in Okmulgee, Oklahoma, a beautiful soul entered the world—Mary Magdalene Nash—born to Aras and Emma Nash. As a young girl, Mary moved with her family to Mounds, Oklahoma, where she attended Prairie #1 School with her siblings. Even in childhood, her gentle spirit and radiant smile left a lasting impression on those around her.

Mary gave her life to Christ at a young age, baptized by Rev. T.B. Brown at New Bethel Baptist Church. When she was 10 years old, the family relocated to Beggs, Oklahoma, where she continued her education at Wheatley School and built the foundation of a life rich in love, service, and faith.

In her youth, Mary met and fell in love with a kind and handsome young man named Nathaniel “Mike” Thompson. Their love blossomed, and on April 20, 1939, they were united in marriage by Rev. H.A. Haynes. Their union was blessed with ten beautiful children and a legacy that would span five generations. Mary was a devoted member of Handy’s Chapel Methodist Church in Beggs. She served faithfully for many years, taking on roles as a class leader and an active member of the Pastor’s Aid Committee. Her commitment to the church remained steadfast until its doors closed.

A dedicated and beloved figure in her community, Mary retired from the Beggs Public School System after more than 25 years as Head Cook at Beggs

Middle School. She cherished the children she served, often remembering their smiles and stories. Mary had a gift for making everyone feel seen, welcomed, and loved—whether they were a neighbor or a stranger passing by. One of her favorite pastimes was sitting on her front porch, waving joyfully at cars as they traveled down Highway 16, smiling at each one even though she did not know them.

Mary was the life of every gathering. Her humor was contagious, and her energy brought joy to every room. She especially cherished her birthdays—celebrating each one with joy and anticipation, particularly when her grandsons performed her favorite, “My Girl” by The Temptations. Mary loved playing dominoes and took pride in defeating her opponents, challenging every visitor to a game.

Mary lived a long and blessed life, overflowing with love, laughter, and unwavering faith. She was the proud matriarch of a growing and thriving family. She lived to witness and embrace five generations, creating a legacy of 10 children, 32 grandchildren, 76 great-grandchildren, and 71 great-great-grandchildren—an astonishing total of 189 descendants.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Nathaniel “Mike” Thompson Sr.; her parents, Aras and Emma Nash; her seven siblings—Lorene Brown, Mamie Galloway-Whitherspoon, Rosetta Richard, Helen Tyson, Joseph “Joe” Nash, Aras “Jubie” Nash Jr., and Riley Nash; three of her children—Nathaniel “Floyd” Thompson Jr., Maxine Henderson, and Sandra Laster; three grandchildren—Nathaniel “Bo” Colbert, Marcus Barnett, and Antonia Jones; and two great-granddaughters—Kanisha Jackson and Tamia Barnett.

She leaves to cherish her memory: five daughters—Lois Nash (Hewlett), Helen “Joan” Colbert, Rosa Perry (Chester), Sharon “Kaye” Barnett (Larry), and Renee Benson; two sons—Ernie Thompson (Charla) and Gary

Thompson; a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews, cousins; and countless beloved friends and extended family.

Mary's legacy lives on in every life she touched. She was the heart of her family and a light in her community. Her laughter, wisdom, and love will be remembered for generations to come.

Friends may visit the funeral home on Friday, April 18, 2025 from 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Funeral services will be held 11:00 A.M. Saturday, April 19, 2025 at the Mount Olive Baptist Church in Sapulpa. Interment will follow in the New Post Oak Cemetery in Beggs.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home of Beggs, Oklahoma. Memories, condolences, photos and videos may be shared with the family on Mary's Tribute Page of our website. www.mcclendon-winters.com

Cemetery Details

New Post Oak Cemetery

Previous Events

Viewing

APR **18**. 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM (CT)

McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - Beggs
205 West Main
PO Box 750 (for mail)
Beggs, OK 74421
(918) 267-4444
info@mcclendon-winters.com
<https://www.mcclendon-winters.com>

Funeral Service

APR **19**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Mount Olive Baptist Church
130 N. Gray Street
Sapulpa, OK 74066

Tribute Wall

MR

“ *Meika Robinson-frank lit a candle in memory of Mary M. Thompson*



meika robinson-frank - May 14, 2025 at 01:08 PM

AC

“ *Ms. Mary was a friend of my mother Grace Adams. Ms. Mary was always gracious and nice to everyone. What a blessing to be on this earth for over 100 years. Blessings to the family members and my deepest sympathy.*

Arline Adams Carter - April 20, 2025 at 08:29 PM

KP

“ *Karla Poe lit a candle in memory of Mary M. Thompson*



Karla Poe - April 18, 2025 at 03:23 PM

AL

“ *Angela Liggins sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary M. Thompson*



Angela Liggins - April 17, 2025 at 02:33 AM

AL

Praying for the entire family..May God give you peace & comfort

Angela Liggins - April 17, 2025 at 02:42 AM

TS

“ *My heart goes out to all of you during this time of sorrow. Though she was my former mother-in-law, she remained a dear part of my life, and I will always cherish the bond we shared. Her kindness, strength, and warmth touched many lives, including mine. May you find peace in the love she gave and the memories you hold close.*

*With heartfelt sympathy,
Troy 'Jimmy' Petit, Sr.*

Troy 'Jimmy' Petit, Sr. - April 13, 2025 at 10:53 PM

JC

“ *Jeffrey L Culbert lit a candle in memory of Mary M. Thompson*



Jeffrey L Culbert - April 11, 2025 at 06:26 AM

JR

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Jason Ross - April 10, 2025 at 10:42 PM

JR

“ 2 files added to the album Grandma



Jason Ross - April 10, 2025 at 10:40 PM

DM

“ David Miller lit a candle in memory of Mary M. Thompson



David miller - April 10, 2025 at 08:22 PM

BC

“ TO THE FAMILY OF MARY THOMPSON, MY THOUGHTS & PRAYERS GO TO YOU AT THIS TIME, OF THE LOSS OF YOUR LOVED ONE. I WORKED WITH MARY AT THE SCHOOL, & VISITED WITH HER WHEN I WOULD GO TO BEGGS. I LOVED MARY & SHE LOVED ME SHE WAS ALWAYS SO HAPPY WHEN I WOULD GO BY & SEE HER, SHE WAS A WONDERFUL PERSON & YOU WERE SO BLESSED TO HAVE IN YOUR LIVES FOR SO LONG. GOD BLESS EACH ONE OF YOU REST IN PEACE MARY. TILL WE MEET AGAIN. SUE CULBERT



BEVERLY SUE CULBERT - April 10, 2025 at 07:10 PM