



## Marilyn "Jean" Thomas

March 10, 1942 - September 21, 2020

Marilyn "Jean" Thomas passed away in Scottsboro, Alabama on Monday, September 21, 2020 at the age of 78.

Jean was born March 10, 1942 in Griffith, Indiana. She and her parents moved to Florida when Jean was 13 years old. Jean attended the University of Florida and graduated with a degree in education. While on a trip to Honolulu- a gift from her mother upon graduation- Jean caught the eye of a young naval officer stationed there, Bob Thomas. After a courtship in Hawaii, Jean and Bob were married in Wisconsin in 1966. They remained devoted to each other for the entirety of their 54 years of marriage.

Jean taught elementary school in Kentucky and Tennessee for several years before she and Bob moved to Scottsboro, Alabama to raise their family, at which time she took a hiatus from the classroom. She was an excellent mother and taught life's lessons with the wisdom of a true teacher. Her daughters are her legacy, and she was incredibly proud of them and the strong women they have become.

After raising her children, Jean returned to the profession she loved so much, teaching second grade at Brownwood Elementary School. She poured herself into her students and filled them up with confidence, love and the desire to learn. She treated her students as her own children. She loved them dearly and they returned her love in kind all throughout her life. She continued teaching for over two decades, then retired to spend more time with Bob. They enjoyed travelling with friends and visiting their daughters and

grandchildren whenever they could.

Jean was a lifelong follower of Jesus Christ. She started and ended every day with prayer and devotion, often sharing insights with friends and relatives. In retirement she stayed active helping those in need. Jean was a soft-hearted person who sought to reveal God's love to everyone she encountered.

Jean is survived by her husband, Bob Thomas; daughter Melissa Thomas of Westcliffe, CO; daughter Jennifer Thomas Neuhoff (Alan) of Dallas, TX, and their children Tilley, Elizabeth, James and Keil; daughter Julie Thomas Vincent (Chris) of Easley, SC, and their children Acie and Millie; and several nieces and nephews. Jean's grandchildren were the light of her life, and they will miss her very much.

Visitation will be held from 4pm to 7pm Thursday at Scottsboro Funeral Home, and again from 1pm to 2pm at First Baptist Church of Scottsboro on Friday. A celebration of Jean's life will be held at First Baptist Church at 2pm Friday, September 25.

Memorials can be made to the Boys and Girls Club of Jackson County, the Jackson County Council on Aging (Meals on Wheels), or First Baptist Church. Arrangements Entrusted to Scottsboro Funeral Home

# Cemetery Details

## Cedar Hill Cemetery

210 South Cedar Hill Drive  
Scottsboro, AL 35768  
(256) 609-8166

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **24.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Scottsboro Funeral Home  
1502 County Park Road  
Scottsboro, AL 35769  
(256) 574-3965  
scottsborrowfuneralhome@gmail.com  
<https://www.scottsborrowfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

SEP **25.** 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Scottsboro  
215 S. Andrews St.  
Scottsboro, AL 35768

# Tribute Wall



“ *Marilyn "Jean" Thomas*

October 05, 2023 at 01:26 AM



“ *Bob so sorry with your loss, Bill and Lynn Jones*

**bill jones** - September 25, 2020 at 05:37 PM



“ *Mrs. Thomas was my third grade teacher. I was very shy and cried most days because I didn't want to go to school. She was so loving and sweet to me! She loved on me and made school fun for me. Eventually I stopped crying every day and enjoyed school. She was one of my favorite teachers! I actually grew up to become a teacher! I'm so very sad that she passed, but I'm glad she knows Jesus and we will be able to see her again! Praying for all of you!*

**Angela Langston** - September 24, 2020 at 09:44 PM



*Jean was a wonderful mother, teacher, and friend. She and her family are precious to us. Ours hearts go out to all of you. She was special to so many, and she was so proud of all of you!*

*Love you all!*

*John and Betty Esslinger*

**John Esslinger** - September 26, 2020 at 09:40 AM



“ 194 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



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**Scottsboro Funeral Home and Pinehaven Memorial Gardens** - September 24, 2020 at 03:33 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Marilyn "Jean" Thomas.



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September 24, 2020 at 02:34 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Marilyn "Jean" Thomas.



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September 24, 2020 at 09:16 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marilyn "Jean" Thomas.*



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September 23, 2020 at 05:55 PM



“ *Beautiful Whisper was purchased for the family of Marilyn "Jean" Thomas.*



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September 23, 2020 at 05:06 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marilyn "Jean" Thomas.*



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September 23, 2020 at 04:21 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Marilyn "Jean" Thomas.*



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September 23, 2020 at 04:15 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss. We always laughed with her at the yoga sessions.

Jean will be missed by so many people ! 😞

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**Manu Nagrani** - September 23, 2020 at 01:42 PM

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*BOB AND CHILDREN, SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. WE HAD MANY WONDERFUL TIME TOGETHER, WHEN WE LIVED IN SCOTTSBORO. OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU. DON AND SARAH PENDLETON*

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**sarah pendleton** - September 23, 2020 at 07:37 PM