



## Dr. Pheroba Ann Thomas

February 10, 1930 - April 5, 2021

Dr. Pheroba Ann Thomas passed away peacefully on Monday, April 5, 2021 in Fort Payne AL at the age of 91.

Dr. Thomas was born on February 10, 1930 in Albertville AL. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree from Howard College (now Samford University) in 1951. She earned her MSM (Master of Sacred Music) from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, in 1958 with a major in Church Music Administration. Her minor was performance organ.

In 1975 she graduated from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary with an Ed.D (Doctor of Education): Major in Music Education, minor in Early Childhood Education; Performance area voice and conducting. Her dissertation "A Manual for Music with Preschool Children".

Dr. Thomas served as Director, Fort Payne- Dekalb County Child Development Center, Fort Payne AL September 1976 through August 1991. She further served as Education Director, Childhood Resource Network, Fort Payne AL from September 1991 – February 2009.

She served as director, Preschool Education Center, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, August 1972 through July 1976. She served as

supplementary faculty at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Dr. Thomas served as an associate minister of music at the First Baptist Church of Huntsville AL from 1961 to 1972. She had many childhood music workshops during this time in Kentucky, North Carolina, Tennessee, Alabama, New Mexico, Florida, Georgia and Virginia.

She was curriculum writer for Church Music Department of Southern Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville, TN. She wrote miscellaneous articles for various periodicals, 1966 through 1979.

Dr. Thomas is preceded in death by her parents R.B. Thomas and Flora Casey Thomas of Fort Payne AL; two brothers, Robert B Thomas Jr of Florida and John Casey Thomas of Cedartown, Georgia; and nephew, Kipp Thomas of Atlanta, GA.

She is survived by her brothers Dr. Barry C Thomas (Mary E Thomas) of Lubbock, Texas and Miles L. Thomas (Elaine Thomas) of Ringgold GA; as well as several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 7th at First Baptist Church of Fort Payne with Dr. Pat McFadden officiating. Burial will follow in Glenwood Cemetery. The family will receive friends Tuesday evening from 6 until 8 p.m. at Wilson Funeral Home in Fort Payne.

# Cemetery Details

## Glenwood Cemetery

1002 Grand Avenue SW  
Fort Payne, AL 35967

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 6. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Wilson Funeral Home  
3801 Gault Ave. N  
Fort Payne, AL 35967

## Funeral Service

APR 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church - Fort Payne  
106 Grand Avenue NW  
Fort Payne, AL 35967

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Pheroba Ann Thomas*

January 12, 2023 at 10:45 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. Pheroba Ann Thomas.*



April 06, 2021 at 12:07 PM



“ *My children went to the Child Development Center and many times we talked to Dr. Thomas. She always was so kind and knowledgeable. A wonderful woman.*

**Uta Cortimilia** - April 06, 2021 at 10:58 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Dr. Pheroba Ann Thomas.*



April 06, 2021 at 08:45 AM

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“ My heart broke seeing this today. Dr. T meant so much to me. I had the pleasure of working with her and I treasure each day, conversation and words of wisdom she would pass along. My mom also worked with her when I was a young child. She taught my mom how to play the xylophone and even let her bring one home on occasion to play with me and my sister. Dr. T loved children and was such a wonderful source of fun ways to educate kids and incorporate her love of music. I thank God for allowing this amazing woman add to my life. She was a wonderful co-worker and a beloved friend. The world is a better place because she existed. Sending my deepest condolences to her family. To know her was to love her. Angela Baldwin-Bates

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**Angela Baldwin-Bates** - April 06, 2021 at 12:07 AM

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“ My children went to the Child Development Center, and many times we talked to Dr. Thomas. She was always so kind and knowledgeable. A very wonderful woman. Heaven just gained an angel.

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**Uta Cortimilia** - April 05, 2021 at 10:12 PM

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“ My children went to the Child Development Center in Fort Payne. Many times my children and I talked to Dr. Thomas. She was so kind and knowledgeable. A wonderful lady. Heaven gained an angel.

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**Uta Cortimilia** - April 05, 2021 at 08:57 PM

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“ Miles I never knew your sister well but I have often thought about the years we worked together. I am so sorry I lost her. My sister, Charlotte passed a few months past. Your heart seems to lack a piece when you lose a sister. Would love to chat sometime. Just 40 years of catching up to do

Chris Nichols  
225-268-0906

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**christine Nichols** - April 05, 2021 at 05:27 PM

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“ Cheryl Little lit a candle in memory of Dr. Pheroba Ann Thomas



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**Cheryl Little** - April 05, 2021 at 04:27 PM