



## Mary Pearl Thomas

August 20, 1919 - January 28, 2015

Mary Pearl Thomas, 95, of Murphysboro, passed away at her residence at 2:55 p.m. Wednesday, January 28, 2015.

Mary was born on August 7, 1919, in Murphysboro, to William Cummins and Ora (Burriss) Cummins.

She was a homemaker and she babysat for numerous kids throughout her life. She babysat for almost all of her grandkids and great grandkids. She always wanted to feed them, bath them, and they loved her sweet tea. Her door was always open for everyone.

Mary married John A. Thomas on May 18, 1936, in Murphysboro, and he preceded her in death on April 8, 1988.

Survivors include three children John E. Thomas and his wife Harriett, Linda Harnetiaux and her husband Larry, and Anita Harris and her husband Craig;

Doris Ogden, her daughter in law, and one deceased son Walter "Pug" Thomas.

Mary is survived by nine grandkids, LaDonna Crow, Mary Kay Campbell, Kathy Pierson, Randy Thomas, Kevin Rendleman, Keith Rendleman, Angie

Harris, Jimmy Harris, and John Harris;

She is also survived by thirteen great grandchildren Crystal Crow, Stephanie Crow, Jason Pelzer, Jessica Pelzer Gallegos, Tonya Diehl, Cortney Ivie, Kody Rendleman, Kaci Rendleman, Clay Rendleman, Britney Spradling, Kelsey Driskell, Kyler Harris, and Elayna Harris;

She has eight great great grandkids and two on the way.

and one sister Eunice Hunziker of Murphysboro.

She was preceded in death by one son Walter "Pug" Thomas, one son in law William "Bill" Rendleman, three brothers Joe, Jess, and Herbert Cummins, and Anna Piltz, and Carrie Meininger, and her parents.

Mom enjoyed Elm Street Baptist Church on the radio on Sunday mornings and loved Brother Charlie and Sharon.

Throughout her last years she adopted Jamie Droge her special girl that helped our family a lot with mom and towards the end, God send another angel to help us Ashley Inman.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, January 31, 2015, at Elm Street Baptist Church with Rev. Charles Allen officiating and burial at Pleasant Grove Memorial Park. Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home, and from 12 noon to 2 p.m. Saturday at the church. Memorials may be made to Elm Street Baptist Church or Hospice of Southern Illinois, Inc. For more information, please visit [www.pettettfuneralhome.com](http://www.pettettfuneralhome.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Pearl Thomas*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *so sorry that we couldn't make it. You are in our thoughts and prayers. God bless you all in your time of loss.*

**Bill, Stephanie, and Abner Gladson** - January 30, 2015 at 10:22 PM



“ *Please know that all your family is being remembered and covered with prayer. May you sense God's presence through this difficult time.*

*Love,  
Linda and Jim*

**Linda and Jim Easton** - January 30, 2015 at 02:31 AM



“ *Know that we are thinking of you at this difficult time and hope that you can remember all of the wonderful times you enjoyed with your mother. Because you were so helpful to her in her later years, I am sure you will feel good about that. My deepest sympathy to you and your family.*

**Elizabeth Purcell** - January 29, 2015 at 11:34 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of your loss. Our mothers mean so much, no matter what their age. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

**Harry & Arlene Wright** - January 29, 2015 at 06:08 PM