



## Kathy Diane 'Dee' Thomason

January 22, 1947 - September 25, 2023

Kathy Diane “Dee” Thomason, 76, of Forrest City, passed from this life on Monday, September 25, 2023, at NEA Baptist Hospital in Jonesboro after a very abrupt and sudden illness.

Born in Caldwell, Arkansas, Dee lived in the Forrest City area her entire life. She married R.D. Thomason in 1963 and they had three children, Diana, Derek, and Brent.

From a very early age, Dee began working in the banking industry and made her lifelong career serving in the Forrest City area working for Planters Bank and Trust, Union Planters, Regions, Forrest City Bank and Armor Bank, where she retired in 2018 after nearly 55 years in banking.

Upon retirement, Dee became actively involved in organizations such as the “Happy Dayers” through First Baptist Church where she was a member when she died. She and her sister, Frances also spent a great deal of time burning up the roads visiting flea markets, estate sales, and the like, cultivating a hobby that gave her great joy until the very end.

Dee was preceded in death by her husband, R.D. Thomason, her parents, James and Mable DeVazier, and her brothers, James and Bill DeVazier.

Dee is survived by her children, her daughter, Diana (Paul) Kirkdoffer of Bee Branch, sons Derek (Cindy) Thomason of Forrest City and Brent Thomason of Forrest City. She is also survived by 7 grandchildren, Kayla, Marshall, Alex, Collyn, Rylee, Grayson, and Payton, and three great-grandchildren, Jaylei, Jayden, and Collyn, Jr.

Including survivors are her siblings, her sister, Frances Anderson of Wynne, her brother, David DeVazier of Clarksville, and a host of nieces, nephews and extended family whom she loved dearly.

For lasting memorials, the family asks that consideration be given to First Baptist Church, 507 N. Rosser, Forrest City, Arkansas, 72335, or the charity of the donor's choice.

Services for Mrs. Thomason will be held at Stevens Funeral Home Chapel, 2:00 P.M., Thursday. Visitation will be Thursday, 1:00 P.M., until the time of the service. Stevens Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. You may log on to [stevensfuneralhome.net](http://stevensfuneralhome.net) for the online registry.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **28.** 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Stevens Funeral Home  
220 North Washington  
Forrest City, AR 72335  
(870) 633-5400  
info@stevensfuneralhome.net  
<https://www.stevensfuneralhome.net/>

## Memorial Service

SEP **28.** 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

EL

“ *To Diana, Derek and my dear Brent:  
While I never had the pleasure of meeting Mama Dee in person,  
she was part of my experience starting the day I first met Brent and  
Tara in 1996.*

*I pray that Mama Dee flew straight into peaceful rest, and that you  
find peace knowing that she will be missed.*

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**Ellen Lartz** - September 28, 2023 at 08:51 PM

PH

“ *With Deepest Sympathy to the family at this  
most difficult time  
Patricia Higgs*



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**Patricia Higgs** - September 27, 2023 at 04:54 PM

HP

“ *Dee. Was a very special and treasured friend  
for many years. Dee could always make  
things better just from her being there. She  
never met a strange! Dee was just such a  
"full.of life" person. She was loved so  
much.and will be missed by so many people! FLY HIGH  
SWEET.ANGEL. Remembering all the fun we had over the years  
and we even.had.Mrs. Mable dancing with us many night.*



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**Helen Ponder-McWilliams** - September 27, 2023 at 02:25 PM

GS

“ *Such a sweet sweet soul... Gene & Cissy Smith*

Gene & Cissy Smith - September 27, 2023 at 12:43 AM

ST

“ *Shirley Thorn sent a virtual gift in memory of Kathy Diane Thomason*



Shirley W. Thorn - September 27, 2023 at 12:19 AM

EJ

“ *Eric J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathy Diane 'Dee' Thomason.*

Eric J. - September 26, 2023 at 11:11 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kathy Diane 'Dee' Thomason.*



September 26, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Kathy Diane 'Dee' Thomason.



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September 26, 2023 at 03:48 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray* was purchased for the family of Kathy Diane 'Dee' Thomason.



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September 26, 2023 at 02:55 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Kathy Diane 'Dee' Thomason.

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“ *Serene Retreat* was purchased for the family of Kathy Diane 'Dee' Thomason.



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September 26, 2023 at 02:50 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Kathy Diane 'Dee' Thomason.*



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September 26, 2023 at 11:53 AM



“ *There are way too many memories to share. Instead, we'll hold them close to our hearts. We love you and miss you already, Mammaw! Until we see you again.*

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**Tara Thomason** - September 26, 2023 at 11:52 AM