



Ms. Carol Thomas

September 29, 1965 - June 18, 2025

A mom, sister, mentor, survivor, and an absolute inspiration to everyone around her, Belinda Carol Thomas died on Wednesday, June 18, 2025, at home surrounded by family and friends. She was diagnosed with breast cancer in January 2013, and spent 12 years inspiring her doctors, friends, and fellow-cancer-fighters with each new survival milestone reached. She was 59.

Her visitation will be held at Grant Memorial Chapel on Sunday, June 22, from 1pm to 4pm followed immediately by a service.

Carol's last years in life were dominated by her treatment for triple-negative breast cancer, but her capacity for love and selfless acts of service was never diminished. She never lost her spark, gusto, and drive to keep going and keep trying -- beating all the odds, percentages, and chances.

She worked for King Kohl Food Services for over 35 years, and at least 30 of those years were spent as a General Manager for the company and its KFC franchise. Even years after retirement, she would speak fondly of her time in service to the 'Colonel'.

Carol grew up in Grant attending KDS DAR School and later Snead State for her college experience. She relocated to the Claysville area after marriage, but kept her connection with the Grant area strong. She would often visit her

siblings, nieces, and nephews -- selflessly acting as the glue holding us all together.

While her children were in school, all her free time was spent at a sporting event or dance competition -- also selflessly acting as the glue holding her kids' lives together. After they were adults, Carol spent her time volunteering in the community as a representative for KKFS, as a mom, or in the name of cancer awareness.

She was preceded in death by her parents Larry Aubrey Bearden and Linda Washburn Bearden.

She is survived by her sister, Cindy Lanette Barnes; brother, Larry Aubrey Bearden Jr.; son, Zackary Glenn Thomz; daughter, Linda Nicole Thomas; nieces Sarah Kay Bearden-Phillips, Brenna Caroline Barnes, and Chelsea Paseur Camacho; nephews Aubrey Keith Bearden and Blake Cole Barnes, and grandnieces/grandnephews Cross, Jhett, Sailor, Noah, Sikes, and Bo.

In lieu of any cut flower arrangements, the family requests only potted plant arrangements or live plants be sent. It was very special to Carol to keep a plant from her father's service alive and thriving in her home for the entire 28 years since he passed, and we would like to honor and continue this tradition.

Carol also requested this be a celebration of her life, so the family would like to welcome all bright colors and patterns as attire for the visitation and service.

Arrangements Entrusted to Grant Memorial Chapel

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **22**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Grant Memorial Chapel
4930 Main Street
P.O. Box 484
Grant, AL 35747
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grantmemorial@nehp.net
<https://www.grantmemorialchapel.com>

Funeral Service

JUN **22**. 4:00 PM (CT)

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