



Janice Thomas

October 21, 1946 - March 19, 2026

Janice Elizabeth Thomas (Nelson) was born in Verbena, Alabama, where she was raised on a 57-acre farm. In 1967, she married the love of her life, Charles Thomas. They made their home in Wichita, Kansas, where they raised their two children. She moved to Memphis, Tennessee in 1993, where she began working at technical school alongside her husband and daughter.

Janice had a special gift for caring for others, especially children. She was a devoted caregiver who spent many years babysitting and nurturing countless young lives, becoming like a second mother to many. Her gentle spirit and patient heart made everyone feel safe, welcomed, and loved. Above all, she cherished being a devoted wife, loving mother, proud grandmother and great-grandmother.

In her spare time, Janice enjoyed creating crafts, which she proudly sold at local bazaars throughout the 1980s. In her later years, Janice found great joy in tending her beautiful gardens and sharing them with others. Known for her generous nature, she delighted in sending family and friends home with food, handmade crafts, or flowers from her yard. She will be remembered most for her kindness, selflessness, and the quiet ways she cared for those around her.

She is survived by her children, Allan Thomas of Wichita, Kansas, and Teresa

Henderson (Robert) of Arlington, Tennessee; her grandchildren, Jordan Henley (Cody) of Bartlett, Tennessee, and SGT Matthew Henderson (Meighan) of Fairbanks, Alaska; and her beloved great-grandchildren, Bishop, Knox, Zoey, and Kolton. Her sisters, Peggy Thompson (Billy) of Prattville, AL and Patti Bowman (Greg) of Tulsa, OK. She was preceded in death by her parents, Raymond and Nina Nelson; her brothers, Wendell, Christie, and Bruce Nelson; and her sister, Nelda Boswell.

A service to celebrate Janice's life will be held on Thursday, April 2nd at 2:00pm at: Harvest Church 3645 Forest Hill Irene Germantown, TN 38138

Tribute Wall

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“ Terica Sojourner planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Janice Thomas.

Terica Sojourner - March 31 at 05:22 PM

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“ Terica Sojourner purchased the Angel's Embrace Bouquet for the family of Janice Thomas.



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