



Gloria Jewel Ellis Thomas

August 14, 1948 - December 23, 2020

Gloria Jewel Ellis Thomas, 72 years old was born in Wynne, Arkansas on August 14, 1948 and grew up in Jolly Ellis Community. On December 23, 2020, Gloria transitioned to her heavenly life.

Gloria loved unconditionally and was known as daughter, sister, aunt, niece, mom, GiGi, GoGo and dear friend to many.

Her smile was huge, and laugh was contagious to all who had the honor of meeting her. Once you met her, she was always a part of you.

Gloria started playing the piano at Ellis Chapel Church when she was nine. Apart from the few years when she lived in Stuttgart, Germany and Colorado Springs, Colorado, she continued to play the piano and organ at Ellis Chapel and Wynne Presbyterian Church until 2016. She was beyond talented and blessed many playing for all kinds of occasions.

She also was a very active member of the Wynne Little Theatre Group and performed with her friends in many productions at the Wynne Progressive Club.

Gloria started working for Shaver, Shaver and Smith, Attorney at Law in 1974, where she advanced her career and became a Certified Paralegal Assistant.

Gloria was more than a legal assistant to Jim Shaver, Tom B. Smith and J. Harmon Smith, she was family. Gloria dedicated herself to the firm for over forty years. Throughout the years she was very active in Memphis Association of Legal Secretaries, Tennessee Association of Legal Secretaries and National Association of Legal Secretaries. Gloria developed very special

friendships that only grew stronger throughout the years.

Gloria retired due to her health. Being the strong woman she was, she overcame numerous hurdles and would not let anything stop her from using her skills. This past year she began working for a lifelong dear friend, Bobby Caldwell, at East Arkansas Broadcasters (KWYN). She loved being a part of the close family environment they have.

Gloria's life revolved around family and friends. She enjoyed being present and involved with every activity possible that her daughter, grandchildren and great-grandchildren were a part of.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Berger Rivers Ellis and Laurel Jewel Brown Ellis, her brother Ira Berger Ellis, her sister-in-law, Barbara Ann Davis Ellis, her infant son and her Unknown Hero that gave her the Gift Of Life.

She is survived by her aunt Nina Spencer of Wynne; brother, Riley Paul Ellis of Wynne; sister-in-law, Diana Ball Ellis of Wynne; daughter Stephanie Stevens (Michael) of Marion; grandsons, Tucker Thompson (Rachel) of Crawfordsville, Tyler Thompson (Chelsea) of Earle, Brandon Stevens (Allison) of Ward and granddaughter Adrienne Lung (Chad) of Paragould; great granddaughters, Halli Lung, Hayden Lung and Henleigh Lung and great grandsons, Ellis Thompson and Holden Thompson; her nieces Donna Imboden (Pete) of Wynne, Robin Ellis of Astoria NY, Lori Taggart (Alan) of Augusta, Merikay Campbell (Watty) of Houston, her nephews Phil Ellis (Donna) of Vilonia, Chris Ellis (Lisa) of Conway, Paul Ellis (Dallas) of Wynne and Tony Ellis (Amanda) of Marion, and numerous family and friends that she loved dearly.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, December 27, 2020 from 5 to 7 pm at Kernodle Funeral Home. Family graveside will be held Monday, December 28, 2020 at 11am at Ellis Chapel Cemetery, followed by a Community Celebration of Life Praise Service at Wynne Presbyterian Church at noon.

Memorials can be made to Ellis Chapel Cemetery, 608 Hwy 193, Wynne
Arkansas, Give Organs Give Life, 3615 Laural Ridge, Springdale, AR 72764
or
Mid-South Transplant Foundation, Inc., 8001 Centerview Parkway, Ste 302
Cordova, TN 38018.

Cemetery Details

Ellis Chapel Cemetery

Ar-193 & Ar-284
Wynne, AR

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 27. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Kernodle Funeral Home
315-325 E. Union Avenue
Wynne, AR 72396
(870) 238-2323
kernodlefuneralhome@gmail.com
<https://www.kernodlefh.com/>

Graveside service

DEC 28. 11:00 AM (CT)

Ellis Chapel Cemetery
Ar-193 & Ar-284
Wynne, AR

Celebration of Life

DEC 28. 12:00 PM (CT)

Presbyterian Church of Wynne

Tribute Wall

BB

“ Over the years, I have grown to appreciate how wonderful, consistent, and deep Gloria was in her service to her family, the church, her friends and the community. She was a rock, and I am sad that we have lost her, but so grateful for all that she added to our family.

Byron Brown - December 30, 2020 at 12:04 AM

SO

“ So sorry for everybody's loss thinking of you alls family

Stephen Owens - December 29, 2020 at 12:47 PM

BL

“ She was such a nice lady. I enjoyed to her hair and hearing about all of family that she loved. I heard so much about Stepanie (who I had also done hair for such a pretty, strong caring nurse) Tucker, Tyler her Mom (who if I remember correctly lived a long full life) her brother (that passed) she LOVED her family. I thought she a most energetic woman often coming to see me after work (in Wynn I believe) and going to the Orpheum Theater after that. I am so very sorry for your loss. I was blessed to have known her.



Bridget Lipsey - December 27, 2020 at 12:12 PM

MB

“ *Marice Boardman sent a virtual gift in memory of Gloria Jewel Ellis Thomas*



Marice Boardman - December 27, 2020 at 12:10 PM

RS

“ *When Susan & I moved to Wynne in 2000 to work with brother-in-law Mike King one of the first people we met was Gloria. During the 15 yrs. we were in Wynne, Gloria was a constant friend. Her smile, her infectious personality & never meeting a stranger was Gloria. I am delighted that she had such a large family because w/ that family keeping her life in memory & her life will live on for many many years to come.*

Rick Skillen - December 27, 2020 at 11:09 AM

MR

“ *From the first time I met Gloria, we were friends. Her loving and caring ways, her positive attitude, and her love of life always made a positive and lasting impression on everyone she met. You could not help but love her, and she was devoted to those she loved. She will be missed by so many. We all were blessed by being in her life.*
Mary Ella Riley

Mary Ella Riley - December 27, 2020 at 10:43 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gloria Jewel Ellis Thomas.



December 27, 2020 at 09:37 AM



“ Eldridge Brawner lit a candle in memory of Gloria Jewel Ellis Thomas



Eldridge Brawner - December 27, 2020 at 08:37 AM



“ My heart breaks with the thought of Gloria not still here to continue to share that smile & the great love she shared with our family. She was a great friend & a strong Christian! Bill loved her dearly & I know he greeted her along with her family that were waiting for her to arrive. I love her greatly! Love & prayers to you, Stephanie & the rest of family.

Mary Powell - December 26, 2020 at 10:35 PM



“ Gloria was a very special lady. I was fortunate enough to have met her through the Tennessee Legal Secretaries association. She will be greatly missed. Prayers to the family in the days ahead!!!!

Cathy R. Barton

Cathy R. Barton - December 26, 2020 at 05:38 PM