



## Dorothy Jean Thomason

February 10, 1928 - January 24, 2022

Dorothy Jean Robison Thomason was born February 10, 1928 in Houston, Texas and died January 24, 2022 in Huntsville, Texas. She was the daughter of Dorthula Moseley Ezell and Omar Robison and the stepdaughter of Edwin James Ezell. Her ancestors were business, political and civic leaders in Arkansas and Louisiana, including Arkansas Governor Harvey Parnell.

Dorothy Jean (Dot) graduated from Lamar High School in Houston, Texas and attended Sam Houston State University (SHSU) majoring in Business Administration and Music. She studied voice and sang in the SHSU Acapella Choir, First United Methodist Church Choir and First Presbyterian Church Choir. She also sang in The Day Dreamers, a six member all female group that performed numerous places and on the Texas Quality Radio Network, where they sang "Remembering You" composed by their friend David Adickes. While at SHSU she was also a member of the Philomathean Literary Society known as "Philos", that subsequently became the Delta Zeta Chapter of the Zeta Tau Alpha.

While attending SHSU, Dot met Rawle Buckner (Buck) Thomason, who had just returned from World War II where he served as a Marine Aviator and First Lieutenant for the U.S. Marine Corps. They married on June 8, 1946 and lived with Buck's family for several years. During those years she learned the gift of hospitality from her gracious mother-in-law, Marguerite Eastham Thomason. It

was through encouragement from Marguerite, Edwin James Ezell and her husband Buck, that Dot and her mother opened Ezell's Youth Shop in downtown Huntsville, Texas. She enjoyed working with her mother as a buyer of inventory and bookkeeper and they operated the store for almost 20 years. Dot also continued her interest in business by consulting with Buck and family members on numerous real estate projects, including Forest Hills and Pinecrest subdivisions. She maintained Thomason Cattle Co for years after Buck's death.

Dot was very active in her community throughout her life. She was President of Huntsville Parent Teacher Association and oversaw the first Halloween Carnival and first Silver Tea fund raisers for the organization. She was a Charter Member and past officer of the Huntsville Study Club and a member of the Huntsville Newcomers Club. Dot was a chairman of the local Zeta Tau Alpha Alumni Association, an officer for the Mary Martin Elmore Scott Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, served on the City of Huntsville Arts Commission and was a volunteer for the Wynn Home in Huntsville. She was also a member of United Daughters of the Confederacy, Daughters of the American Colonists and Colonial Dames XVII Century. She was a Deacon and Elder at First Presbyterian Church in Huntsville where she previously taught

Sunday School and served as President of the Women of the Church. She was an avid student of the Bible and served as a leader and member of Bible Study Fellowship, participated in many Joy of Living Bible Studies as well as numerous Beth Moore Bible Studies. She also was a member of the Raven Investment Club and member of the Outlook Club where she presented over 30 book reviews.

Dot had a keen appreciation for art and traveled extensively with Buck and family members to visit museums all over the world. Her love of travel continued throughout her life and she made numerous trips with her friends.

One of Dot's most enduring accomplishments was entertaining family, friends and citizens of Huntsville in her home. She loved sharing her kitchen and sending food to many friends in their time of need or illness. This was made possible by her loving companion, Lenora Shaw, who worked for over 50 years side by side with Dot and was by her side until the very end.

She was preceded in death by her parents Dorthula Moseley Ezell, Omar Robison, her step- father Edwin James Ezell and her loving husband, Rawle Buckner (Buck) Thomason. She is survived by her four children, R.B. Thomason, Jr. and wife Sidney, Jeanie Thomason Smith and husband Marshall, Edwin Eastham Thomason and wife Sandy, and Dell Parnell Thomason; her eight grandchildren William David Toney II (Jennifer), Edwin Dean Thomason (Rosi), James Thomason Toney, Stacy Thomason Carroll (Adam), Laura Thomason Scott (Hank), Charles Hendon Thomason, Buckner Thomas Toney (Bambi), R. B. Thomason III (Alexis), thirteen great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild. Serving as pallbearers are Jeffrey Bradley, Larry Winkleman, Don Burton, Kelvin Steely, Mance Michael Park and Judge Danny Pierce. Honorary pallbearers are Doyle Stuckey, Bill Mac Moore, Dr. Charles Monday, Dr. Marsh Miller, Ralph Lawson, William Durham, Dr. T. C. Cole, Jr., Jim McAdams, Judge William McAdams, and George Hobbs.

Special thanks to the ladies from Divine Life Change, LLC in Huntsville for their tender loving care of Dot during her final weeks and to Lenora Shaw for her continued love and support to the entire family.

A celebration of Dot's life will be held at First Presbyterian Church in Huntsville, Texas on Friday, January 28, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. Should friends or family desire, donations can be made to the First Presbyterian Church

Dorothy R. Thomason Music Scholarship Fund, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society or the charity of your choice. Memorial condolences may be made to the family at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Mayes Addition of Oakwood

800 Martin Luther King BLVD  
Huntsville, TX 77320

# Previous Events

## CELBERATION OF LIFE

JAN **28**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church - Huntsville  
1801 19th St.  
Huntsville, TX 77340

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dorothy Jean Thomason*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *To Jeanie and the Thomason family and friends - My deepest condolences. Even though I haven't kept in touch, just want you to know that I have many fond memories. I am sure you are thankful that she was blessed with such a wonderful long life. Now in God's care, may she rest in complete peace!*



**Sue Vermillion** - February 02, 2022 at 03:42 PM



“ *My condolences to Jeanie and the family.*

*Shalah Lasley  
Martin Brower*

**Shalah Lasley** - January 29, 2022 at 03:11 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dorothy Jean Thomason.*



January 27, 2022 at 04:08 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Dorothy Jean Thomason.



January 27, 2022 at 04:06 PM



“ *Carroll and Jane Pickett* purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Dorothy Jean Thomason.



**Carroll and Jane Pickett** - January 27, 2022 at 01:50 PM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia* was purchased for the family of Dorothy Jean Thomason.



January 27, 2022 at 12:59 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray* was purchased for the family of Dorothy Jean Thomason.



January 27, 2022 at 11:41 AM

MC

“ I always loved Ms. Dorothy Jean. Her spunky, yet kind personality always made me happy to be around her as a little girl. She will be organizing other angels in the Big Blue to get things done. Rest peacefully, friend.

Marjean Creager - January 27, 2022 at 10:42 AM

MW

“ I am sorry for your loss. I used to love to shop at the Ezell's youth shop. As well as I remember it was called Ezell's Chocolate Castle. She & her family have done so much to make Huntsville a better place.



Mellicent Sikes Wiley - January 27, 2022 at 10:25 AM

PF

I'm sorry for this family's loss, also. I knew when my mother took us to Ms. Ezell's or Smith's Dry Goods as a child , we were going to get a special dress for an occasion. Very exciting experience for a little girl.

Penny Ellisor Fowler - January 27, 2022 at 10:58 AM

YF

“ Your BRASS Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Dorothy Jean Thomason.



Your BRASS Family - January 27, 2022 at 10:21 AM

NH

“ Nancy Hopper lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Jean Thomason



Nancy Hopper - January 27, 2022 at 09:14 AM

CT

“ Computershare teammates of Buckner Toney purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Dorothy Jean Thomason.



Computershare teammates of Buckner Toney - January 26, 2022 at 09:46 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dorothy Jean Thomason.



January 26, 2022 at 05:27 PM



“ Divine Light was purchased for the family of Dorothy Jean Thomason.



January 26, 2022 at 03:20 PM

AA

“ Please accept our sincere condolences on the loss of your loved one.

*Ben and Amanda Alley*

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**Amanda Alley** - January 26, 2022 at 02:38 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Dorothy Jean Thomason.*



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January 26, 2022 at 02:36 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Dorothy Jean Thomason.*



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January 26, 2022 at 02:33 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dorothy Jean Thomason.*



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January 26, 2022 at 01:16 PM

DJ

“ Sending strength and prayers during this difficult time. You will be missed by many. God bless. Donna Junker

Donna Junker - January 26, 2022 at 12:45 PM

KW

“ Prayers and thoughts to the family. She was a very sweet and friendly lady .  
May she rest in eternal peace.  
Ken and Theresa Westbay

Ken Westbay - January 26, 2022 at 12:41 PM

MH

“ M. Hyvl sent a virtual gift in memory of Dorothy Jean Thomason



M. Hyvl - January 26, 2022 at 12:36 PM

MC

“ A VERY special lady with a VERY special family.  
So sorry for your lost.

Mark Chalker - January 26, 2022 at 11:27 AM

LH

We are so sad to hear the news that Dot passed away. Hugs and Prayers for all her family. She was a wonderful friend to my Mother who passed away this past summer, so I know they are having a great time visiting in heaven.  
Lynda and Tom Henry

Lynda Henry - January 26, 2022 at 08:18 PM

MC

*Heaven just received a special angel. A true matriarch and an example of an excellent human being. Condolences to the family.*

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**Melissa J Crumley** - January 27, 2022 at 11:50 AM

JW

*I enjoyed my time with your mother through UDC meetings. She was a lovely lady and will be missed. Hugs and prayers to the family with your loss. Julie Woods*

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**Julis Woods** - January 27, 2022 at 05:37 PM

JM

*Jeanie and family - I am sorry to hear of your mom's passing. She sounds like she was an amazing woman who lived a full life. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Jill McClenny*

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**Jill McClenny** - January 28, 2022 at 11:49 AM