



# **Mrs. Melissa Thomas**

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**M**elissa Ann Harned Thomas, born July 21, 1954, passed away on June 29, 2016. Born in Madison, TN, to Donald and Evelyn Harned, she lived the past 35 years in the Inglewood community. A graduate of Madison High School and Carson-Newman College, she was an outstanding kindergarten teacher for 37 years at Joelton Elementary where she was named Teacher of the Year in 1985, 1989, and 1990. She was an active member of Inglewood Baptist Church and served as church pianist for many years at various churches in the Nashville area.

Melissa was a loving wife of 36 years to her husband, Richard and a devoted mother to her daughter, LeAnn.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Evelyn Melissa Harned; daughter, Laura Melissa Thomas; and sister-in-law, Debbie Dickerson Harned.

Survived by her husband Richard Lee Thomas; daughter LeAnn [Jay] Blankman; Father, Donald Louis Harned; Brothers, Dale [Kathie] Harned and Kelly [Jane] Harned, as well as many nieces and nephews that she loved so much and who adored her. Her sweet spirit and kind heart will be greatly missed by family, friends, fellow teachers, and former students.

Active Pallbearers: Ricky Brown, Jason Delk, Aaron Harned, Alan Harned, Ryan Harris, Dave Matthews, James Thomas, and Stuart Thomas.

Honorary Pallbearers: the Deacons of Inglewood Baptist Church and Members of the Steve King Sunday School Class.

A celebration of life service will be held 2pm Sunday, July 3, 2016 at Inglewood Baptist Church. Visitation will be Saturday, July 2 from 3-8pm at Spring Hill Funeral Home and again one hour prior to the service at the church.



## Tribute Wall

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**Joyce Bush** lit a candle in honor of Melissa.

The family is very much in my thoughts and prayers for the comfort and peace that surpasses all understanding that only God can give. I'm going to miss so much seeing Melissa's sweet, smiling face at Inglewood Baptist Church.

July 4 at 4:46 PM



**Martha Anglin** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

My Daughter loved her greatly. Rest in peace. You will forever be missed

July 4 at 6:37 AM



**Janene Corbin** posted:

I remember Melissa and the entire Harned family at Gallatin Road Bpatist church. Such a fine Christian family. I am so sorry for your loss.

July 3 at 2:48 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Thomas family.

July 2 at 7:42 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Thomas family.

July 2 at 7:36 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Blooming Garden Basket to the Thomas family.

July 2 at 6:32 AM





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MF

**Mama E And Family** sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Thomas family.

July 2 at 6:14 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Thomas family.

July 1 at 9:38 AM



NP

**Nary Ann Partain** posted:

I taught with Melissa for many years at Joelton Elementary. I admired her ability to manage a classroom with love and control. Her students were always well-behaved and on task, and yet I never heard her raise her voice or shout at them as some teachers tend to do. Her hair was always in place (even when it became a wig), and she always had a positive attitude - and a Coke for breakfast or a break. Yet she was always slim and neat. After I retired, I heard about her determination to teach even while taking treatment for cancer. I remember how sad we all were when her first child died and how excited we were when LeAnne was born. She was a great teacher, wife, mother, and friend. Mary Ann Jackson Partain

July 1 at 5:42 AM

MK

**Marty & Donna (Motley) Kropp** sent a Basket of Memories to the Thomas family.

July 1 at 3:28 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Crystal Cross Bouquet to the Thomas family.

June 30 at 3:32 PM





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AP

**Alan Powell** posted:

Melissa was a true LADY. I remember her in her classroom---effortless control, gentle words, and total competence doing what she loved doing----teaching Kindergarten children. I know she will be missed dearly by her family. I was blessed knowing her. Alan Powell, Joelton Elementary

June 30 at 3:17 PM

ST

**Stuart Thomas** sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Thomas family.



June 30 at 1:18 PM

BP

**Beth Pugh** posted:

LeAnn and Family, You are in our thoughts and prayers. May God's love and grace get you this difficult time. May the memories of love shared bring you peace. Ms. Melissa was a very special friend. We will miss her greatly. Love, Mark, Beth, Jessica, and David Pugh

June 30 at 1:18 PM



## Media

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## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Melissa by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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