

*Doris Louise Thomas Pope* was born December 25, 1933, to the parentage of the late Mr. Boise Thomas and the late Mrs. Victoria Greer Thomas. She received her education in the public schools of Sumter County. At an early age, she gave her life to Christ and joined the St. Paul A.M.E. Church of Smithville, Georgia. She served on the Usher's Board and was the Church Secretary. She was also the Church Mother. She loved the Lord, and she worked faithfully in the church until her health failed.

She always had a kind word for you and would always talk about the Lord to anyone and anywhere. Several years ago, she started a ministry of calling family and friends to help brighten their day by singing the "Happy Birthday" song. Some people she didn't even know. She was so excited to have the honor to sing.

Doris worked many years at Phillips Industries in Americus and later began working for the Koinonia Child Development Center. For over 19 years, she cared for and loved the children she took care of every day.

Doris was united in Holy Matrimony with Mr. Leonard Pope, Sr. in 1949. Doris became a widow in 1957.

In addition to her parents, Doris is preceded in death by three children: Donald Pope, Calvin Pope, and Margaret Pope Douglas and three grandchildren: Christopher Michael Pope, Shelia Freeman, and Cheryl Pope.

She leaves to cherish her memories: two sons, Mr. Leonard Pope, Jr. and Mr. Harold Pope, Sr. and friend, Ms. Sandy Twenty, all of Americus, GA; two daughters, Mrs. Linda (James) Larkins of Albany, GA and devoted daughter, Ms. Nadine Pope of Americus, GA; one sister, Ms. Mae Francis Baker, Jacksonville FL; she is also survived by seventeen grandchildren and eighteen great children, eleven great-great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends, along with all her neighbors and friends at Koinonia Farm.