

*Celebrating the Life of*  
**Mother Doris Louise**  
**THOMAS POPE**

ORDER OF SERVICE

**Musical Prelude | Praise & Worship**  
Mr. Leonard Tyson

**Processional** led by Bishop Melvin McCluster  
and Pulpit Guests

*Last Glance and Final Sealing*

**Selection** Ms. Shannon Leary and Mr. Leonard Tyson

**Prayer** Rev. E. X. King  
Big Bethel Freewill Baptist Church | Cuthbert, GA

**Scripture**  
Old Testament Rev. George F. Monts, Jr.  
Whole Truth International Ministries, Inc.  
New Testament Elder Bennie Clark  
Breath Of Life

**Selection** Ms. Shannon Leary and Mr. Leonard Tyson

**Reflections ~ two minutes**  
Open to Friends

**Family Tribute ~ Granddaughters**  
Ms. Ajayla Deriso and Ms. Valerie McGhee

**Selection** Ms. Shannon Leary and Mr. Leonard Tyson

**Eulogy** Bishop Melvin McCluster  
Friendship Missionary Baptist Church

**Acknowledgements and  
Presentation of the  
Family Bible** Barnum Staff

**RECESSIONAL**

*Please turn all cell phones and electronic devices off  
or to silent mode during the service. Thank you.*

**REPAST | Fellowship Hall of FMBC**

**A LIFE WORTH LIVING**

*The day you departed all of our lives were changed.  
The love that you shared will always remain.  
God was so kind when he blessed us with you,  
He knew we needed an Angel on earth to help guide us through.  
You did as He asked to share His unconditional love,  
But now the time has come for you to return to your home above.  
Your life has left a legacy that many will always know.  
Your smile, your strength, your kindness, that virtuous woman glow.  
Your light shined so bright from near and afar,  
But God has summoned His angel it's time to depart.  
"Your work on Earth is done my child, you did your best."  
"I am pleased my servant, now close your eyes and rest."  
Family don't you weep, for she ran a good race.  
We will miss you dearly, but go and take your place.  
Heaven is rejoicing and with harmony, the angels will sing:  
"Come on in, Mrs. Doris, you have earned your wings."*

**Mother Doris Louise**  
**THOMAS POPE**

December 25, 1933 May 18, 2023

**Earthly Place of Rest**

St. Paul A.M. E. Church Cemetery  
Logan Store Road, Americus, Georgia 31709

Pallbearers

**Grandsons & Nephews**

Flower Attendants

**C. B. Dowdell American Legion Auxiliary Post #558**  
**Friends of the Family**

**Our Gratitude**

Because you cared, you came to share beautiful flowers  
and words of prayers. Because you cared enough to do,  
words of comfort on cards came. too. Because you cared,  
we're grateful indeed. You've been a comfort and a friend in need.  
Because you cared, we're able to bear the grief and sorrow in time  
of despair. Because you cared, we're praying, too,  
for God's richest blessings for each of you.

**THE FAMILY**

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS ENTRUSTED TO:

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Americus Police Department Sumter County Sheriff's Office

**The Heavenly Times**

Thursday, May 25, 2023 | 2:30 p.m.

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF**

December 25, 1933 - May 18, 2023

**89** Years

A LIFE WELL LIVED

**MOTHER**  
*Doris Louise*  
**THOMAS POPE**

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*Home Going Service*

Thursday, May 25, 2023  
2:30 p.m.

**Friendship Missionary  
Baptist Church**  
411 Cotton Avenue  
Americus, Georgia 31709

**Officiant | Bishop Melvin McCluster**

*The Life Story of*  
**Mother Doris Louise**  
**THOMAS POPE**  
OBITUARY

**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.



**WELCOME**  
*Home*

When I am gone, release me.  
Let me go. I have so many thing to see and do.  
You mustn't tie yourself to me with too many tears,  
but be thankful we had so many good years.

I gave you my love, and you can only guess  
how much you've given me in happiness.  
I thank you for the love that you have shown,  
but not it is time I traveled on alone.

So grieve for me a while, if grieve you must.  
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.  
It is only for a while that we must part,  
so treasure the memories within your heart.

I won't be far away, for life goes on,  
and if you nee me, call and I will come.

Though you can't see or touch me,  
I will be near, and if you listen with your heart,  
you'll hear all my love around you soft and clear.

And then, when you come this way alone,  
I'll greet you with a smile and a "Welcome Home."

*forever in our hearts*

**MOTHER** *Doris Louise*  
**THOMAS POPE** 1933-2023