



## Josephine Thomas-Pinkard

May 7, 1953 - October 19, 2021

Mrs. Josephine (Jo-Jo) Thomas-Pinkard, the oldest of 7 children, was born to James Thomas and Mearknee (Perkins) Thomas in Birmingham, Alabama on May 7, 1953.

She gave her life to Christ at an early age and joined Macedonia Baptist Church in Gastonburg, Alabama. She has always said that those years were wonderful, because she got her FOUNDATION OF FAITH and grew up with her grandparents, Albert and Relia Perkins; her aunts, Johnnie Mae, Sarah, and Marion, her uncles, Albert, Robert, Brady and Joe Lee and her brother-cousin, Dr. Jobie Crear. She later joined First Baptist Jeffersontown, Green Castle Baptist and Burnett Avenue Baptist where she is/was now.

She graduated Woodlawn High School in Birmingham, Alabama, and was in the 1st class of Blacks to graduate after integration. She earned her BS degree in Nursing from Tuskegee Institute and her Master's from The University of Louisville. Jo-Jo practiced ICU, CCU and Med-Surg. Nursing in almost every hospital in Louisville including the VA for 17 years. She was also a Nursing Professor at Kentucky State University and managed Care Accounts with Almost Family and several other enterprises in Chicago, Illinois and Kentucky. She retired from Humana as a Clinical Consultant after over 10 years there. Since then she spent most of her time with family, growing and

caring for her flowers, Rosemary and any person she came across who needed help. Jo was the CONSUMATE GIVER. She also re-activated her AKA membership and became Connections Committee Chair focused on being an AKA Liaison with state and local Voting Registration and candidate awareness.

Sadly, on Monday, October 19, she passed away, totally unexpectedly, at Baptist East Hospital. Death was truly that thief in the night the Bible speaks to, but her Soul is safe, because she was truly anchored with the Lord as an obedient child of God and lover of Jesus Christ.

Her Legacy is of HARD WORK IN FAITH, OBEDIENCE, CHARITY/LOVE and she leaves that for her husband, Mikeal Pinkard; and 3 children, Mikeal T. (Louisville), Ashley (Columbus, Ohio) and Bryen (Covington, KY); her mother, Mearknee Thomas; aunts, Johnnie Mae Johnson (Isaiah) and Sara Johnson; sisters, Mearknee Thomas-Austin, and Regina Thomas; brothers, Cedric Thomas, Aaron Thomas, Terry F. Thomas Sr. (Joannie ), Eric Thomas (Chezvona), Dr. Jobie Crear and a host of brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews.

John 14:23...Jesus replied..., "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him." This scripture gives us full assurance that Jo-Jo is with our Lord God, because this is how she lived....Loving and Obeying our Lord.

Visitation: 9am-11am Saturday, October 30, 2021 at Burnett Ave. Baptist Church, 6800 So. Hurstbourne Pkwy., with funeral service to follow at 11am.  
Burial: 11am Monday, November 1, 2021 at Resthaven Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers send donations to "The Home of the Innocents" in Louisville. To donate online to Home of the Innocents, her favorite charity, go to <https://w>

[www.homeoftheinnocents.org/donate-now/](http://www.homeoftheinnocents.org/donate-now/) put in your amount and check the gift box that says “this gift is in honor or memory of someone” and fill out the information.

\*\*Burnett Ave. Baptist Church requires masks be worn the full time inside the church.

# Cemetery Details

## Resthaven Cemetery

4400 Bardstown Rd  
Louisville, KY 40218

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **30**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Burnett Avenue Baptist Church  
6800 South Hurstbourne Parkway  
Louisville, KY 40291

## Service

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# Tribute Wall

VB

“ *Vivian & Vance Blade lit a candle in memory of Josephine Thomas-Pinkard*



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**Vivian & Vance Blade** - October 29, 2021 at 11:51 PM

VP

“ *Even before she married Mike, Jo-Jo became an integral part of the Pinkard family. Although loving and kind in personality, she could be counted on to be fully honest with people she came in contact with. Jo, by her life, fully followed the second greatest commandment to 'love your neighbor as yourself.' This was so well demonstrated throughout her life. Prayers go out to Mike, Mikeal, Ashley and Bryen. She will be missed by all of of us.*

*Van Pinkard and family.*

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**Van C. Pinkard** - October 29, 2021 at 10:40 AM

JJ

*To the Pinkard Family: We send our sincere condolences and prayers. Jo Jo was a beautiful person who was warm, friendly & caring. We know she will be greatly missed. Jo Ann & Jon James*

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**Jo Ann James** - November 05, 2021 at 09:39 AM

YJ

“ Yvetta Johnson lit a candle in memory of Josephine Thomas-Pinkard



Yvetta Johnson - October 29, 2021 at 08:47 AM

AK

Jo Jo was such a beautiful and sweet person whom we loved along with her husband, Mikeal. We are truly heartbroken of her untimely transition! She will be sorely missed!! Prayers to Mikeal, Ashley and her sons.

Arthur & Francine Kniffley - October 30, 2021 at 11:39 AM

YJ

“ We send our condolences to the Pinkard family. May God give you immeasurable peace and an abundance of comfort.

Yvetta Johnson - October 29, 2021 at 08:47 AM

GO

“ My heart is broken thinking about my dear friend Jojo. But God loves her more. She is a beautiful flower added to God flower garden. Prayers and condelences to her family.



Gail OBannon - October 28, 2021 at 04:54 PM

VJ

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Valinda Lewis Johnson - October 27, 2021 at 10:40 PM

DR

“ Deloris Richardson lit a candle in memory of Josephine Thomas-Pinkard



Deloris Richardson - October 27, 2021 at 04:39 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Josephine Thomas-Pinkard.



October 27, 2021 at 12:55 PM

CT

“ My heart is heavy. Jo Jo was always so nice!! Such a beautiful person with a beautiful soul!!! RIP my friend!! 🙏🙏🙏

Candace Thomas - October 27, 2021 at 11:16 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Josephine Thomas-Pinkard.*



October 27, 2021 at 08:15 AM



“ *We send our condolences to the Pinkard family. May God continue to bless and comfort you. Jo Ann & Jon James*

**Jo Ann James** - October 26, 2021 at 10:00 PM



“ *I am devastated! Her last word to me was "awesome". We were laughing and being silly via text messaging days after my October 9th birthday. She had asked me to pray for members of her family, and my husband and I added the names she gave us to our prayer list. Oh, what a wonderful woman and sorority sister was Josephine Thomas Pinkard! I am lost for words and very sad. But, I know that she is with God. She is safe and loved by heaven as well as on earth. TO THE FAMILY: All of us in Gamma Kappa Chapter of AKA, Tuskegee University, who knew JoJo are praying for your comfort and peace. You are not alone in your grief and sorrow. Yet, Jesus is the Hope of Glory. We should all be looking forward to His return to gather us to our heavenly home with her and those we miss and love. Valinda Lewis Johnson*



**Valinda Lewis Johnson** - October 26, 2021 at 08:48 PM

GF

“ Gregory & Rhunell Wilson and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Josephine Thomas-Pinkard.



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**Gregory & Rhunell Wilson and Family** - October 26, 2021 at 09:56 AM

PH

“ Mike, and your beloved three children - please accept our heartfelt condolences.

*Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal..!! Our deepest thoughts and prayers are with you during this time.*

*Bill and Phyllis Hughes.*

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**Phyllis Hughes** - October 25, 2021 at 07:35 PM

JP

“ Sending prayers and condolences to the family of Mrs. Josephine Thomas - Pinkard! May the God of Peace comfort you during your time of bereavement! 🙏❤️



*With love and deepest sympathy,  
Josephine Pelt*

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**Josephine Pelt** - October 25, 2021 at 05:20 PM

CI

“ My condolences and prayers to family. She was such a sweet person. Always smiling and helpful.

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**C Simpson (Humana Inc)** - October 25, 2021 at 03:22 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Josephine Thomas-Pinkard.*



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October 25, 2021 at 12:14 PM



“ *Eric and Chezvona Thomas and family purchased the Rose Garden Heart for the family of Josephine Thomas-Pinkard.*



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**Eric and Chezvona Thomas and family** - October 25, 2021 at 10:40 AM