



Ruth Woodard Thomas

January 13, 1932 - August 13, 2017

Ruth took her special place in heaven with our Lord on Sunday August 13, 2017.

She is the beloved mother of Hershel "Allen" Thomas and Gregory Ed Thomas, (wife Pamela). Grandmother of Kristi Millwood, (husband Michael), Gregory "Heath" Thomas, (wife Loretta), Allen "Ryan" Thomas and Stephanie "Shea" Thomas. Great Grandmother of Mikaela and Zachary Millwood and Isaiah Thomas. Ruth is reunited in heaven with her loving husband of 48 years, Hershel Render Thomas, her parents Charlie and MaryEllen Woodard, 9 brothers and sisters and many wonderful friends. She was born and raised in Hanceville, Alabama and has lived in Gardendale for the past 59 years. She was a faithful member of Kimberly Church of God and dearly loved her Pastor Brother Stan Cook, his wife Michelle and the church members that continued to visit and pray throughout her long illness. Ruth Thomas lived her life to love and serve the Lord. She was a true blessing and inspiration to all who had the privilege to know her. Even with the deterioration of her body and mind, she never wavered in her strong faith and remained a faithful witness of Christ to all those around her. The Lord has called home one of the all time "Greats" and she will surely be missed on this earth. The family would like to thank all of the Amazing Women that took such extraordinary and loving care of "Miss Ruth" over the past several years: Pat Smothers, Hazel Perkins, Tressa Miles, Martha Wango and Cate Andrews. She loved and appreciated each and every one of you. A special thanks to Comfort Care Hospice and our outstanding

nurse Janay, for providing exceptional care to our mom as well as our entire family. The funeral service will be Wednesday, August 16, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. in the chapel of The New Gardendale Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Hopewell Cemetery in Hanceville, AL.