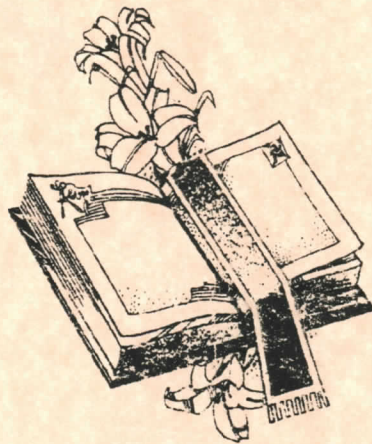


*Homegoing Celebration*  
*for*  
*Mrs. Thelma Earlean Thomas Glover*  
*Childress*

June 19, 1919 – December 9, 1999



Sunday, December 12, 1999  
2:00 p.m.

Concord Missionary Baptist Church  
Batesville, Mississippi

Rev. Solomon B. Miller  
Pastor

Rev. John H. Snow, III  
Officiating

## Obituary

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*Thelma Earlean Thomas Glover Childress was born on June 19, 1919 to the union of George and Ever Lee Thomas. At an early age she accepted Jesus Christ as her savior. She was a dutiful member of the Concord Missionary Baptist Church throughout her life until her health failed. She grew to be a leader in various capacities in the church. She was a member of the Willing Workers Club, Superintendent of the BTU, and a member of the Mission Society. Her crown and glory, however, was as a Mother of the church. She was a great warrior in God's army. She continuously sought new souls to bring into the fold. Moreover, she did not simply bring people into the fold, she worked tirelessly to bring out the "God qualities" of everyone she touched. She worked not only in the church; she was also a soldier and messenger in other organizations--where she was recognized for the beauty, the love, and the light of her soul. Additionally, she was recognized as a natural teacher. These qualities carried her valiantly to many places throughout the world. At an early age she attended the public schools of Panola County. She was privileged to study at Rust College where she earned her high school diploma and later, her Bachelor's degree in Education. She advanced her studies at the University of Nebraska and the University of Mississippi (Ole Miss).*

*She married Jessie William Glover in 1938, and after his death she married the late Earnest Childress. She was the mother of eleven (11) children, two of whom preceded her in death, Jessie Edwin Glover and an infant child. Motherhood fit her like breathing. She was mother, not only to her offspring, but to the entire community--thereby becoming known as "Mue" to all.*

*She was a lifelong member, recruiter, and avid worker for the 4-H Club.*





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*During the perilous Civil Rights Movement, Mue dared to be in the forefront. She was an early member of the NAACP, SCLC, CORE, SNCC, International Women for Peace and Freedom, and others. Within these organizations, her love and light always catapulted her to be recognized as God's Missionary. She carried her message of love and light in the quest of freedom for her people to The White House, Russia, and various cities throughout the United States.*

*As an example of her determination to expose the children of the community to the larger world, each year Mue consistently took her own carload of delegates to the Sardis District Association. Her house was the community center. Her money was for tithing and sharing wherever needed. Her life was a gift to the world.*

*Mue always spoke of how as a child she wished for a large family. She was blessed to see just that. She leaves four generations of her seed: Nine children-- Eddie Barbara Lester Morris and Veltas Glover Smith of Batesville, Mississippi; Linda Faye Glover (Cordell) Cherry, LaQuida Glover, and Bertha Glover of Chicago, Illinois; Everlee Butts (Rudolph) Moore of Augusta, Georgia; Glyn David (Mary) Glover and Barry Vincent (Jacqueline) Glover of Batesville, Mississippi, and Velton Glover of Ellisville, Mississippi. She leaves 33 grandchildren, 45 great grandchildren, two great-great grandchildren; a loving foster sister, Bennette Buckley Griffin; seven sisters-in-law; two special family friends, Werdna Pearson and Sadie Lee Kirkwood; a host of nieces and nephews; a few cousins; and a world of people who are also blessed to have known her.*

