



Lillian E. Thomas

September 22, 1934 - May 13, 2026

Lillian Etta (Gower) Thomas, 91 of Bokchito, OK was born on September 22, 1934, in Bokchito, OK to William Wilson Gower and Zona (Rose) Gower. Lillian passed away peacefully in Denison, TX with family by her side on May 13, 2026.

Nicknamed Snookey by her family and friends, Lillian married Jessie Lee Thomas in Sherman, TX on December 19, 1953. Lillian worked at Southwestern Bell and Shepp's Dairy both in Dallas, TX and worked at M.C. Easter's, Shady Grove Store & Station, owned Lil's Hobby Shop, was a Bokchito Tag Agent, and was a bookkeeper for the many rental properties that she and Jessie owned while she lived in Bokchito. She was a graduate of Bokchito High School, and a member of the Albany Baptist Church and Eastern Star. She gave her life to the Lord on December 24, 2006, and she was baptized with her son Danny on June 10, 2007.

Lillian enjoyed reading in her younger days, traveling, cooking, watching Jeopardy, Wheel of Fortune, and the Dallas Cowboys playing football. She loved working on family history, crafting, labeling everything she owned, and printing out pictures from Facebook of every single person whom she knew and loved. Everyone knew her favorite drink was Pepsi and she credited her long life to it. In her later years, she looked forward to going to the casino and getting to play on her favorite machine, The Lucky Duck.

Lillian is preceded in death by her parents, her spouse Jessie Lee Thomas, her son David Thomas, grandson Trent Thomas, sisters Evelyn Potts and Ora Lee (Dolly) Gaither.

Lillian is survived by her son Danny Thomas, granddaughter Leslie Spencer and husband Cody, great granddaughter Rachel Spencer, great grandson Sam Spencer, daughter-in-law Connie O'Brien and husband George, all of Bokchito, a brother-in-law, several sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 PM Saturday, May 16, 2026, at Albany Baptist Church. Pastor Clark Harp will officiate. Interment will follow in Bokchito Cemetery with Ed Rose, George O'Brien, Cody Spencer, Sam Spencer, Ricky Hall, and Donald Haddix serving as pallbearers. The family will receive friends at the Funeral Home on Friday evening from 6-8 PM.

Arrangements are under the direction of Brown's Durant Funeral and Cremation Service.

<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/57932ZZFY5ZKGQHW>

Cemetery Details

Bokchito Cemetery

Bokchito, OK

Previous Events

Family and Friends Visitation

MAY **15**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Brown's Funeral Service - Durant
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Funeral Service

MAY **16**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Albany Baptist Church
Albany, OK

Tribute Wall



“ *Brown's Durant Funeral Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Lillian E. Thomas*



Brown's Durant Funeral Service - May 15 at 11:22 AM

DT

So, So Beautiful. I will always love and miss you, my beautiful Mother!

Danny Thomas - May 16 at 11:38 AM

JM

“ *I only knew Ms Lillian from her visits to the casino, it always made me smile when she came to my window to cash her tickets. She was such a sweet little lady, my Thursdays won't be the same. Sending my thoughts and prayers for Danny and the family during this difficult time. Rest in peace Ms Lillian,*

Judy McMains - May 21 at 09:52 PM

DT

God Bless You and Yours, Mrs. Judy.

Danny Thomas - May 24 at 11:30 AM



“ 59 files added to the album *Gallery of Pictures*



Brown's Durant Funeral Service - May 15 at 11:34 AM



“ Rose family purchased the *Arrive in Style* for the family of *Lillian E. Thomas*.



Rose family - May 15 at 11:28 AM



“ Rose family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of *Lillian E. Thomas*.

Rose family - May 15 at 11:28 AM



“ *Georgia Saul Turner* lit a candle in memory of *Lillian E. Thomas*



Georgia Saul Turner - May 14 at 09:02 PM

BP

“ Betty And Darrell Patton lit a candle in memory of Lillian E. Thomas



Betty and Darrell Patton - May 14 at 07:57 PM

BS

“ Brenda Smith lit a candle in memory of Lillian E. Thomas



Brenda Smith - May 14 at 03:43 PM

CF

“ Chris/Kim Impson and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Lillian E. Thomas.



Chris/Kim Impson and Family - May 14 at 02:46 PM

HJ

“ Hiley Johnson and A.J. Johnson purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Lillian E. Thomas.



Hiley Johnson and A.J. Johnson - May 14 at 10:52 AM