



## Elsie Elizabeth Cornett Thomas

March 18, 1928 - May 5, 2021

Elsie Elizabeth Cornett Thomas, age 93, of London, Kentucky passed away on Wednesday, May 5, 2021.

She leaves behind two daughters, Jeanne Smith & husband Coleman, Judy Phelps & husband Johnny, all of London, KY; two sisters-in-law, Jewell Dunaway, Betty Lou Byrley & husband Randy; four grandchildren, Cara Camille Smith McWhorter, Charles Thomas Chadwick Smith & wife Victoria, Johnna Brett Phelps Cessna & husband Conrad, Jaclyn Elizabeth Phelps Heath & husband Cody; six great grandchildren, Lucas Aron McWhorter, Jayci Elizabeth & Jasper Kate Cessna, Elsie Jane, Emelia Drew & Alice Elizabeth Heath, plus a host of other family and friends to mourn her passing. She also had many wonderful caregivers who became special friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Eugene “Gene” Thomas; her parents, Steve and Sudie Creech Cornett; ten siblings, William Cornett, Samuel Cornett, Lucy Smith, Nell Huston, Bessie Bowling, Joe Cornett, Tom Cornett, Betty Dotson, Hiram “Jig” Cornett, Icea Dezarn.

Elsie was a retired teacher and a member of Corinth Baptist Church in London, Kentucky where she was a Sunday school teacher for several years and an active member of the Women’s Missionary Union. She had many interests including antiques, traveling, and golfing. She also enjoyed canning

and freezing food in the summer to share with her family. Elsie was very hospitable and loved to entertain at her home. She always cooked Sunday dinner for her family, and enjoyed hosting church and family get-togethers. Another favorite was hosting a Tuesday lunch and pool party for her nieces.

Funeral services for Elsie Elizabeth Cornett Thomas will be held on Friday, May 7, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. in the chapel of House-Rawlings Funeral Home with Roger Williams and Dr. Andrew Dyer officiating. Burial will follow at the A. R. Dyche Memorial Park in London, Kentucky. The family will receive friends on Friday, May 7, 2021 beginning at 11:00 a.m. until the funeral hour also at the funeral home. The family has entrusted House-Rawlings Funeral Home with the arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

House-Rawlings Funeral Home  
510 East 4th Street  
London, KY 40741  
(606) 864-2158  
info@houserawlings.com  
<https://houserawlings.com>

## Funeral Service

MAY 7. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ House-Rawlings Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Elsie Elizabeth Cornett Thomas



House-Rawlings Funeral Home - May 06, 2021 at 11:15 PM

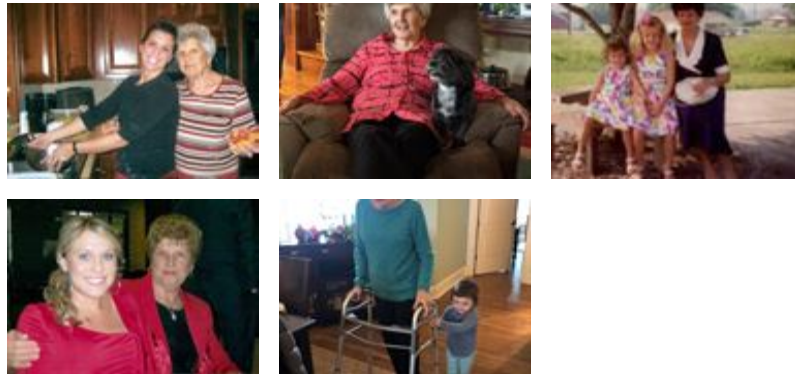
DR

Absolutely a beautiful touching video of Elsie & Gene with the family May you both rest in peace.

Debbie Robinson - February 03, 2022 at 01:51 AM



“ 5 files added to the album Life Tributes



House-Rawlings Funeral Home - May 11, 2021 at 02:42 PM

RM

“ Our sincere condolences and prayers for your family. Roger & Linda Murphy



roger murphy - May 07, 2021 at 02:17 PM

AŠ

“ Please accept our deepest condolences from Lithuanian family 🙏  
Great woman that will stay in our hearts forever 🙏

Aurimas Šilys - May 07, 2021 at 02:06 PM

MY

“ Martina Gilbert Yantis lit a candle in memory of Elsie Elizabeth Cornett Thomas



Martina Gilbert Yantis - May 07, 2021 at 10:21 AM

SB

“ So sorry to hear about Elsie. Always had a smile and kind word.

steven brown - May 07, 2021 at 08:36 AM

PH

“ PJ And Larry Hughes lit a candle in memory of Elsie Elizabeth Cornett Thomas



PJ and Larry Hughes - May 07, 2021 at 01:55 AM



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House-Rawlings Funeral Home - May 06, 2021 at 11:11 PM



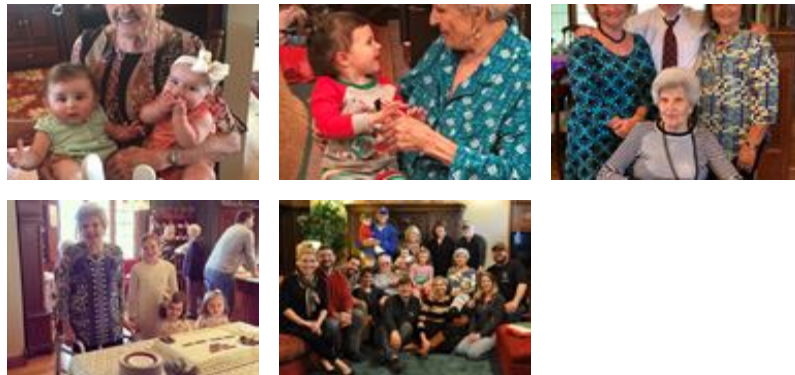
“ Linda Hill lit a candle in memory of *Elsie Elizabeth Cornett Thomas*



Linda Hill - May 06, 2021 at 06:39 PM



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House-Rawlings Funeral Home - May 06, 2021 at 05:50 PM

RR

“ RUTH ROBINSON lit a candle in memory of  
Elsie Elizabeth Cornett Thomas



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**RUTH ROBINSON** - May 06, 2021 at 01:04 PM

RR

“ Mrs. Thomas taught @ Colony Elementary with me & my husband, John. She always came to school with a warm smile, soft voice & beautiful clothes. Often I heard her 6th grade girls remark about how beautiful she was & how they hoped to be like her as an adult. She was always ready with a kind word & helpful ways. It was our pleasure to work with Mrs. Thomas. Ruth Robinson

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**RUTH ROBINSON** - May 06, 2021 at 01:03 PM

LY

“ What a lady!! Elsie was always so put together and classy. I always enjoyed talking to her so much whenever we would run into one another or at the occasional Cornett Family Reunion. She was so kind and showed such interest in other people's lives. My daughter, Rachel and her grandson Chad were such good friends in school. She never failed to inquire about Rachel. I feel very blessed that Elsie was a part of my family. I pray for God's peace and comfort for all her family. My love to all of you.

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**Lillie Cornett Yaden** - May 06, 2021 at 11:01 AM

RM

“ *Elsie Thomas was my 5th grade teacher at Swiss Colony School. I will always remember her beautiful smile & warmness. She was a super teacher, The last time I saw her was at a dance recital that my great granddaughters were performing at South London High School & she was in attendance. She still remembered me & she still looked so young & pretty. One of my favorite memories of her in class was when she would read stories to us in the afternoon if we couldn't go outside to play, because of rain or snow. The stories were of the Bobbsey Twins, she made the story so interesting & I loved listening to her.*

*May God hold all of you close & comfort all of you. She will be missed by many.*

*Rose Ann (Lewis) McKinney*

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**Rose Mckinney** - May 06, 2021 at 10:00 AM

BH

“ *Billy H. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Elsie Elizabeth Cornett Thomas.*



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**Billy H.** - May 05, 2021 at 06:32 PM

TB

“ *Terry Binder lit a candle in memory of Elsie Elizabeth Cornett Thomas*



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**Terry Binder** - May 05, 2021 at 06:01 PM

VI

“ *Victoria lit a candle in memory of Elsie Elizabeth Cornett Thomas*



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**Victoria** - May 05, 2021 at 04:52 PM

VI

“ *My dearest elsie (momma) so thankful I got the pleasure of working with you fly high!!!! Will greatly miss you !!!! Our friendship has a special place in my heart ill never forget you!!! Love you forever Victoria Parkinson* 💕

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**Victoria** - May 05, 2021 at 04:51 PM