

## **JAN RICE THOMAS OBT.**

**SILVER POINT** -- Funeral services for Jan Rice Thomas, 52, will be held Friday, Sept. 26, at 1 p.m. at Collegese Church of Christ.



Burial will be in Palmer Cemetery in Silver Point.

Family will receive friends Thursday, Sept. 25, from 4-9 p.m. and Friday, Sept. 26, from 10 a.m. until time of services at the church.

Mrs. Thomas died Sunday, Sept. 21, 2008, from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident in Murfreesboro.

She was born June 11, 1956, to Yune Earl and Ruby Carolyn Smith Rice of Chestnut Mound.

Mrs. Thomas was a member of Collegese Church of Christ and owner of T. Thomas and Associates. She was a loving mother, wife, grandmother and sister who loved life to the fullest. She adored her children and grandchildren. Even though her daily schedule was always full, she always found the time to tend to the needs of her husband, children and grandchildren. She even found the time to lend a helping hand to her church and community.

In addition to her parents, her family includes her husband, Tommy Thomas of Silver Point (married July 24, 1999); a son and daughter-in-law, Joey Lynn and Sharon Herren; a daughter and son-in-law, Crystal Dawn and Jeremy Walker; six stepchildren, Tom, Gillian, James, Laurie, Megan and Morgan Thomas; a sister and brother-in-law, Gale and Wilber (Wib) Maxwell; and eight grandchildren, Kylie and Kadie Jo Herren, Harly and Holden Walker and Breanna, Joshua, Jordan and Dustin Thomas.

Mrs. Thomas was preceded in death by her paternal great-grandparents, Dewey and Ola Harness Rice; her maternal great-grandparents, Alfred and Effie Petty Smith; her mother- and father-in-law, Toy and Zura Thomas; and a brother-in-law, Jimmy Thomas.

Pallbearers will be family and friends.

Memorial donations may be made to Collegese Church of Christ's "Kids Side Ministries," 252 E. 9th Street, Cookeville, TN 38501, or to Mustard Seed Ranch, P.O. Box 3814, Cookeville, TN 38502-3814.

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## **SILVER POINT WOMAN KILLED IN CYCLE CRASH**

[Mary Jo Denton](#)

Herald-Citizen Staff

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PUTNAM COUNTY -- A Silver Point woman was killed and her husband seriously injured in a motorcycle accident in Murfreesboro yesterday, according to reports from the Tennessee Highway Patrol.

Tommy W. Thomas, 62, and his wife, Jan Rice Thomas, 52, had gone for a Sunday ride on their motorcycle to enjoy the beautiful weather, friends said.

Just outside the Murfreesboro city limits, their Harley-Davidson cycle was hit by a car that pulled out in front of the cycle, according to the reports.

Jan Thomas was fatally injured, and Tommy Thomas suffered broken bones and other injuries. The driver of the car, Landon Thomas Mangrum, 20, of Rutherford County, was also injured in the crash.

Today, Tommy Thomas is being treated in Vanderbilt Hospital's trauma center, and several of his many friends from Cookeville have been there since he was admitted.

"He has broken vertebrae and broken ribs, but he is now stable," said his friend, Noel Cherry.

Taryn Bolton, another friend, said, "My husband, who is a doctor, was allowed to go in and see him last night, and he was talking. He said Jan was not just his wife, she was his best friend."

Tommy Thomas owns T .Thomas & Associates, a very successful construction/development firm here, and has designed and built many of the larger homes in this area, Cherry said.

"He designs beautiful houses, and he's known for that talent of design," Cherry said.

His wife, Jan, helped him in his business, and both were active in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Cherry said.

The couple are members of Collegese Church of Christ, where many of their friends are also members.

"We have a group of couples in our church who go out for motorcycle rides together," Taryn Bolton said. "But yesterday, Tommy and Jan just went out on their own for a Sunday ride."

She said they were always a very happy couple.

"She was a wonderful person," Noel Cherry said.

Funeral arrangements for Mrs. Thomas were incomplete as of this morning.

\*See Descendants of Samuel Maxwell at: <http://www.ajlambert.com>