



Shirleen Ruth Thomas

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Shirleen Ruth Thomas, age 95 of Lewes, DE passed away on Wednesday, February 7, 2024, at The Moorings at Lewes. She was born on September 15, 1928, in Altoona, PA, daughter of the late Charles and Alice (Ammerman) Mathieu.

Mrs. Thomas was a child of God, and her strong faith was a cornerstone of her life. She was the first female deacon at St. Andrews United Presbyterian Church in Newark, DE and a Sunday School teacher for over 30 years. More than anything, Mrs. Thomas loved her family fiercely and home is where her heart was, always prioritizing family time. She will most be remembered as a loving and devoted mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Her memory will continue to bring comfort to those who were fortunate enough to know and love her.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Thomas was predeceased by her husband, Richard L. Thomas, who passed away on October 24, 2001; and 5 siblings. She is survived by her sons: Rick Thomas (Robin) of Newark, DE; Randy Thomas (Jody) of Lewes, DE; Craig (Karen) Thomas of Lewes, DE; her daughter, Raelyn Thompson (Steve) of Lewes, DE; her 11 grandchildren; her 7 great grandchildren; her brother, James Mathieu of Los Angeles, CA; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services will be held on Thursday, February 15, 2024, at 3:00 PM at Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium Atkins-Lodge Chapel, 16961 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE, where friends and family may call beginning at 2:00 PM. Burial will take place on Thursday, March 14, 2024, at 1:00 PM, at Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 2465 Chesapeake City Road, Bear, DE.

All unable to attend the services on Thursday, February 15, 2024, are invited to join the service via livestreaming by visiting: <https://webcasts.lifetributes.com/1306459>

Please sign the virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE DELIVER ALL ARRANGEMENTS BY 3:00 PM ON WENESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2024, TO OUR LEWES LOCATION.



Events

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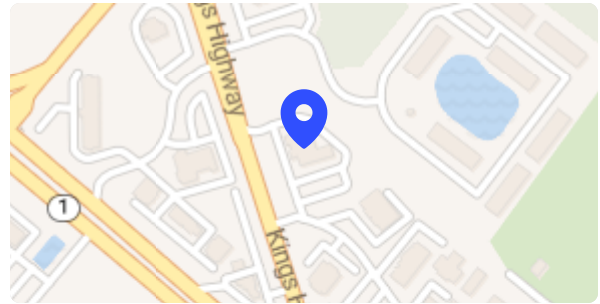
Viewing

Thursday, February 15, 2024

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET

Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium-Atkins-Lodge Chapel

16961 Kings Highway, Lewes DE 19958



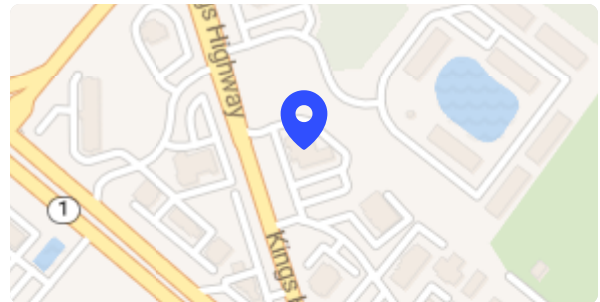
Funeral Service

Thursday, February 15, 2024

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM ET

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16961 Kings Highway, Lewes DE 19958



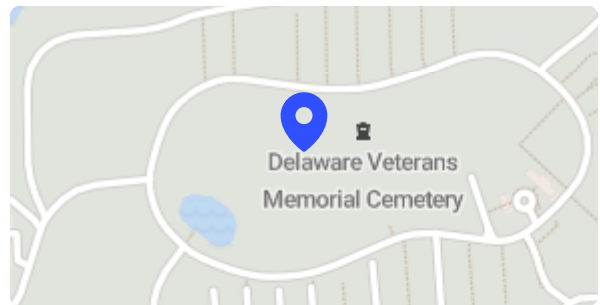
Burial

Thursday, March 14, 2024

1:00 PM - 1:30 PM ET

Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery-Bear

2465 CHESAPEAKE CITY ROAD, BEAR DE





Tribute Wall

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Denise Pederson posted:

Both Aunt Shirleen and Uncle Dick were such special people. The memories of our families gathering together in PA and DE are times that were enjoyable for everyone. We all had fun camping at Shawnee State Park and sharing times at our homes. The Thomas family made my parents and me feel so welcomed. I loved Aunt Shirleen so much. ❤️🌻 Sincerely, Denise Pederson

February 15 at 1:13 PM



Barbara Mathieu posted:

Don't find the guest book, but we attended the service. Jim and Barbara Mathieu

February 15 at 11:38 AM



Douglas Long October 10 at 1:25 PM

Please accept my deepest condolences, Jim. I just found Shirleen's obituary after finding her Ancestry's DNA match with me. douglaslong.ancestry@gmail.com



Jim Murphy posted:

My first neighbor I consciously knew on Caravel Drive in Bear De. We moved in 1985, and could not have been welcomed more. I was 5 years old, my brother 3 at the time. Dare i say we were the ones responsible for breaking some of Mrs Thomas swimming pool fence lining, as we simply didnt know better. I still hear the sound of that chain link fence in my mind sometimes. Haha. Great neighbors and friends, and Im proud to say our family still has ties to the Thomas family, with most of us in Sussex County. God Bless Mrs. Thomas -Jim Murphy, III

February 15 at 10:33 AM



Alan Tonetti posted:

Great lady with a great family. Great times together. Peace.

February 14 at 9:06 AM



The Pearlson Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Shirleen.



February 14 at 5:14 AM



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The Pearlson Family sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Thomas family.



February 14 at 5:14 AM



Sandy Petrucci lit a candle in honor of Shirleen.

Rick, Randy, Craig, Raelyn & Families So sorry to hear of your Moms passing. Thinking of all during this difficult time. Always enjoyed talking with mom at Craig & Karen's gatherings. Love to all..🙏❤️😊 Sandy Petrucci



February 11 at 12:46 PM



Ann Thomas posted:

I was so sorry to read of Shirleen's passing in today's paper. She was a faithful volunteer in my kindergarten classroom in Newark and the children loved having her visits every week. I also knew Shirleen at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. May God's love comfort you and bring you peace. I plan to watch the service online. Ann Thomas

February 11 at 10:43 AM

AT Ann Thomas February 15 at 3:25 PM
I watched online



Ann T. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Shirleen.



February 11 at 10:23 AM



Rick Hugg & Max sent a Sweet Tenderness to the Thomas family.



February 11 at 5:25 AM



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Denise & Tom Pederson planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Shirleen.



February 10 at 8:35 AM



Denise & Tom Pederson sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Thomas family.



February 10 at 8:35 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Shirleen by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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