



Joellen C. Thomas

January 21, 1936 - December 26, 2009

Joellen C. Thomas, age 73, of Thornburg, Arkansas, died December 26, 2009. She was born January 21, 1936, in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, to the late William J. and Isla Baggarly Commer. Also predeceasing are three brothers, Tommy Commer (Sheila), Rev. Dr. Wm. J. Commer (Frankey) and I.M. (PeeWee) Commer (June), as well as Earl Cauley, father of her children and late husband R.S. (Bob) Thomas.

Surviving are children, E. Gene Cauley (Luana) of Alma, David Cauley (Sharon) of Little Rock, and Stephanie Winchester (Steve) of Sherwood; grandchildren, Kelsey and Ethan Winchester of Sherwood, Scott Cauley of Wichita, Kansas; step-children, Clay Thomas (Debra) of Little Rock, Linda Thomas of North Hollywood, California; and step-granddaughter, Shelby Thomas of Little Rock; cousins, Don Hale of Ashdown, and James A. Williams of Pine Bluff, and a number of nephews and nieces.

Joellen retired as Medical Records Administrator for CARTI St. Vincent. She volunteered at Milam Library, Perryville, and was pianist for Thornburg Baptist Church.

Special thanks are extended to Pat and Robert Thomas, Diedra and Bob Corder, Gary and Kathy Rankin and Dottie England who exemplified Christian care during her illness. Thanks to Milam Library Staff, monthly book club members and the Lunch Bunch, a group of 1954 Pine Bluff High graduates. Joellen was blessed by the encouragement and prayers of her friends at Community Bible Study. Special thanks to D. R. Harris, M.D., to Mariann

Harrington, M.D. her Oncologist.

A celebration of Joellen's life will be 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 30, at Thornburg Baptist Church with Rev. Harold Mitchell, her lifelong friend, in charge of the service.

Joellen preferred her flowers while she was living, so in lieu of flowers memorials are requested to Thornburg Baptist Church, Arkansas Children's Hospital or St. Jude Children's Research Center in Memphis, Tennessee. Arrangements are by Harris Funeral Home of Morrilton.

Tribute Wall



“ *Joellen C. Thomas*

January 30, 2023 at 02:08 AM



“ *We are saddened by the news of Jo Ellen's death. She certainly fought a courageous battle against her disease and was very brave. We will see you Wednesday to express our condolences in person, but wanted you to know we are thinking of you all and hoping God will give you his peace.*

*Jim and Julia Ann Williams
Pine Bluff, AR*

June 29, 2018 at 11:14 PM



“ *To the family of JoEllen Thomas: On every occasion I met this lovely lady, she always had a smile and welcome straight from the heart. I enjoyed visiting with her at the library on the many times she volunteered. She was a good neighbor to my mom, Eula Hussey, before my mom moved to Perryville and my mom spoke highly of her. She will be missed for sure. Only time can fill the void with memories and love.*

December 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *I was sorry to hear that Jo Ellen had passed away. I'll always remember her as a fantastic cook and a very kind person; always with a smile for those around her. Thinking of all of you at this time.*

December 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ We miss our dear friend. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

December 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ I, like so many others, am so very sad for all the family. I knew her for many, many years, of course. I learned what a tremendously spiritual woman she was a number of years ago. So I hope all of you can take comfort in knowing that there's a new angel in heaven where she planned to be someday all along. Please know you are in our hearts and prayers, especially mine.

December 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ A very sweet woman will be missed. Her family is in our hearts and prayers.

December 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Stephanie and family,
Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you. JoEllen was part of our family here at the Milam Library and we always looked forward to seeing her walk through the door. She always had a smile and a kind word for everyone. She was so proud of her family especially those beautiful grandchildren. Her presence will always be felt here at the library and she will be in our hearts forever.
It is our prayer that God wrap his loving arms around you at the time and comfort you as none other can do.
Please know that we love you and are praying for you.
In Christian Love
Denise Northcutt
and the Milam Library Staff*

December 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Class of 1954*

December 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our sympathy*

December 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM