



Elizabeth "Betty" Ann Thomas

August 14, 1929 - September 28, 2020

Elizabeth "Betty" Ann Thomas, 91, of Mentor-on-the-Lake, passed away Monday, September 28, 2020 at University Hospital, Cleveland. She was born August 14, 1929 in Kinsman, Ohio to the late John and Eldora Hawkins.

Betty, and her late husband of 50 years Edward "Bud" Thomas, were 60 year members of Mentor Plains United Methodist church and she served as the church secretary for 25 years until her retirement. She was also recognized as a lifetime member of the United Methodist Women's organization and her many contributions to the same. Prior to working for the church Betty worked for JJ Newberry Department store in Mentor as a store detective to deter shoplifters. Betty graduated from New Lyme Deming High School, class of 1947, where she was voted prom queen her senior year. She also regularly attended the school's class reunion. She had to forego the reunion to be held in the summer of 2020 due to the Covid restrictions and the cancellation of the reunion.

Betty was an avid reader but also loved to spend time with her family and many friends traveling throughout her area of Ohio to various celebrations, festivals, gospel and other spiritual concerts and to see anything else of interest that came to town. She and her sister, Sylvia, were active in discovering their family history and tracing their genealogy. She remained active in her mind and spirit throughout her life.

Survivors include her children, Edward (Pamela) Thomas Jr., Deborah (Tom) King and Jayne (Gordon) Swain; grandchildren, Christine (Mark) Sanders, Katherine (Michael) Jackson, Clifford (Merrie) King, William Kindt and Thomas (Gretchen) Kindt; 10 great grandchildren; siblings, Sylvia Gochneaur of Alabama and Larry Hawkins of Florida; very good friends, Dave Dael and Ruth Kunsman and many nieces and nephews and other loving family members.

Preceding Betty in death are her husband, Edward Jacob Thomas Sr.; daughter, Lynda Ellen Thomas and siblings, John, Charles and Richard Hawkins and Gloria Eggleston.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, a private family memorial service will be held at Mentor Plains United Methodist Church. The family welcomes all friends and family to attend an open house in Betty's memory, at her residence, 5994 Thunderbird Dr. Mentor-on-the-Lake, Ohio, 44060 on October 3, 2020 starting at 3:00 p.m. Per the family, masks would be appreciated.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Mentor Plains United Methodist Church 7271 Lakeshore Blvd., Mentor, Ohio, 44060.

Arrangements entrusted to the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, Mentor, OH 44060. Offer condolences at www.brunners.com.

Previous Events

Open House

OCT 3. 3:00 PM (ET)

Residence

5994 Thunderbird Dr.

Mentor on the Lake, OH 44060

Tribute Wall

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“ My sincere condolences to Betty's family. I knew and loved Betty over the years as to working with her in the church office. Your Mom was a wonderful person and it is sad that she is gone but is with her family resting in Heaven.

Marge Brown, Phoenix, AZ

Marjorie Brown - October 02, 2020 at 12:35 PM

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“ I met Betty at the Mentor Plains United Methodist Church over 25 years ago. She introduced me to Jayne, and we became very good friends. Jayne, Bill and Thomas went to Virginia Beach with me and my two boys (Nathan and Jon). We had such a good time! Betty was always so kind to me and to everyone she knew. I will miss her!! Sending loving thoughts and prayers to the family <3

Susan Soden - October 01, 2020 at 04:27 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Betty" Ann Thomas.



October 01, 2020 at 09:22 AM