



# Mary Ann ("Susie") Thomas

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### Mary Ann Thomas

St. Michaels, Mary Ann Thomas of St. Michaels, MD passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on Sunday November 24, 2013. Known to her many friends and family as Susie, she was 84 years old. Originally from Ambridge, PA she held a BA in education from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. In 1951 she married Robert E. Thomas of Knox, PA. While raising their family of four children she was also employed as a part time teacher for the Sacred Heart and Avonworth School districts. She was also certified through Duquesne University as a C.C.D. teacher for Sacred Heart Parish in Emsworth, PA. At Sacred Heart Church she was active in the Ladies Auxiliary and as a parent volunteer for the Sacred Heart School. Throughout her life, Mrs. Thomas was an activist for hunger. With the help of her husband and a dear cousin she operated a food bank from her home. She accepted referrals from local agencies and willingly filled shopping bags full of food for any family in need. Throughout her life she worked tirelessly to feed the hungry.

Mrs. Thomas is survived by a brother Girard Timney and his wife Sandy of Houston Texas, her four children: Joni Doolin and her husband Wally of St. Michaels, MD. Robert Thomas and his wife Rose of Denton, MD, William Thomas and his wife, Diane of St. Michaels MD, and Nancy Thomas of Dallas, TX. She is also survived by seven grandchildren: Angelia, Shannon, Melissa, Ryan, Michael, Katelyn, and Zoe. In addition she is survived by many nieces, nephews, and great grand children. She was preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, Robert E. Thomas. Friends will be received at the Ostrowski Funeral home on Talbot Street in St. Michaels on Wednesday, November 27 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. A Catholic Liturgy for the burial of the dead will be offered at 7:30 pm, conducted by The Reverend Mark Kelleher. The family will hold a graveside service at 10:00 am on Saturday, November 30, 2013 at St. James Cemetery in Sewickley, PA. Memorial donations may be made to the St. Michaels Food Pantry in care of Christ Church, PO Box 'S', St. Michaels MD. 21663.



## Tribute Wall

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DS

**Dennis Stoutenburgh** posted:

SHADES OF ELEGANCE was sent by Dennis and Mike. Dear Joni, Wally and the entire Thomas family, We wish to express our sincerest condolences. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. God Bless You! Sincerely, Dennis, Mike and the entire SS1 team.

November 26 at 8:00 PM

KN

**Kathy Norman** posted:

Prayers for all your family. It is so hard. Right before my mom went to heaven, I read, "You can't lose somebody when you know where they are." I hope this brings you the peace it has me. All our love, Kathy Norman and Jesse and Kacey Brittingham

November 26 at 8:00 PM

KM

**Katie, Matt & Amelia Maloney** posted:

Thoughts are with you all from your Massachusetts family as you celebrate the wonderful life of "Grandma Thomas" as she is known to the Maloneys. We will greatly miss her (and our baseball conversations with her, as she would put us to shame with her knowledge any day!). Lots of love to you all.

November 26 at 8:00 PM

JK

**Jenny Speck Keppler** posted:

I am sorry to hear of the loss of Aunt Susie. She was always very kind to me and my family. She taught my son expressions that I am now passing on to other children (after while crocodile, etc.). I am sorry that this is the way the holiday season has to start for the entire family. Aunt Susie will be truly missed.

November 26 at 8:00 PM

KA

**Katie Axiotis** posted:

I have known Susie since I was eight years old. She was always sweet to me and insisted I call her "Susie" not Mrs. Thomas. She will be missed by all who loved her. My sincerest condolences to Bob, Rose, Michael and Katelyn. Wishing we could be there with you at the services. With love, George and Katie

November 26 at 8:00 PM



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RM

**Roz Mallet** posted:

Joni, Bob, Billy and Nancy (and Wally, Rose and Diane)â€¦I am sorry I won't be able to be with you this week in body, but I am definitely with you all in spirit. I am so proud to be a part of the Thomas family, and will forever cherish being one of Bob and Suz's "extra" kids. i am glad they are back together, but sad for all of us that she moved on from being with us.Love you all,Roz

November 25 at 8:00 PM

JK

**Jennie-Lynn Knox** posted:

Joni and family - my sincere sympathy to all of you on the passing of your Mom. Many happy memories at your home on Center Avenue growing up. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

November 25 at 8:00 PM

KO

**Kacy Oden** posted:

I am at a loss for adequate words to express my sadness for all of you. I had the blessed opportunity of meeting your mother and I know heaven just received one of the most special angels. You are all a reflection of your mother in the way you treat people with respect and empathy. Not to mention the way each of you makes each person feel loved. We are so very sorry for your loss. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Much love, always - Kacy and Marshall Oden

November 25 at 8:00 PM

SF

**Sherry Sutton And Family** posted:

Dear William, Diane and Zoe,I was so sorry to hear about your Mother and Grandmother. I hope that your happy memories stay with you always. God bless you all.

November 25 at 8:00 PM

CR

**Catherine Rust** posted:

Dear William and family,I am very sorry for your loss. Cathy Rust

November 25 at 8:00 PM



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LD

**Laurie & Beth Driggs** posted:

All our love from our hearts to yours..

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DB

**Don And Merideth Buxton** posted:

Dear William, We are so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. Please know that you all are in our thoughts and prayers. We so enjoyed getting to know your mom. She will be missed! Love, Don and Merideth

November 25 at 8:00 PM

LW

**Louise Woods** posted:

To Mary Ann's family. I know some of you, but not each of you. Mary Ann is truly a wonderful person; my visits with her were very special, sharing memories and experiences. My thoughts and prayers are with each of you as you transition from having Mary Ann around to your pleasant memories of her. Always, Louise

November 25 at 8:00 PM

CW

**Carolyn & Ray Wasdyke** posted:

Dear William and Family, We were saddened to learn of your mother's passing. May the love and support of God, family and friends grant you peace and console you during this time. Warmest regards, Carolyn & Ray Wasdyke

November 24 at 8:00 PM

BI

**Bill** posted:

I will miss Susie very very much. During a long period of time while I lived very far from St Michaels, I was able to help her with some things while I would visit. She and I had many sweet conversations and I really got to know and understand her. Her daughter, Joni, is one of my dearest friends, and I have grown to be a part of their family. We have known each other a long time. I was thrilled to be able to help and subsequently, get to know Joni's mother. She is a lovely, proud and thoughtful person. She will be missed by family and friends. I will forever treasure the painting she bequeathed to me several weeks ago. Susie....I love you. Please pass on a good word for me in your new hood.

November 24 at 8:00 PM



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