



Shirley Hall Thomas

November 24, 1932 - February 14, 2020

Shirley Van de Vere Hall Thomas, 87, of Bristol, VA, went home to be with her Savior and Lord on February 14, 2020, where she was reunited with her husband, William A. Thomas, her sweetheart of more than 70 years. She was predeceased by her son, Malcolm Wade Thomas. She is survived by her son, William Abram Thomas, Jr. (Diane) of Midlothian, VA; two daughters, Sherry Thomas Greene (Brad) of Roswell, GA; and Melanie Thomas Fitzgerald (Mike) of Murfreesboro, TN; ten adoring grandchildren, Valerie Thomas Myers (Aaron), Jenna Thomas Lear (Jeff), William Abram Thomas, III (Kristen); Drew Van de Vere Greene and Charles Brandon Greene (Brittany); Evan William Fitzgerald, Kyla Fitzgerald Cagle (Alex); Zachary Daniel Thomas, Kenley Faith Thomas, Tanner Wade Thomas; and eleven beloved great-grandchildren, Haley, Lauren and Troy Myers; Luke and Alexa Lear; Deacon, Harper and Decker Thomas; Raelynn Thomas; and Lola and Aurora Greene. "Nana" dearly loved and was so proud of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Shirley was born in Abingdon, VA, the fifth and baby daughter to Roy C. Hall and Laura E. Hall. She attended King William High School in Abingdon and her last year at Virginia High School. She met, fell in love with and married her husband, Bill, while still in high school. They started their life together in 1948 on the Thomas family farm and moved to Kingsport, TN in 1953 when Bill took a job at the Kingsport Press. Bill and Shirley and their four children moved to Bristol in 1963 where they raised their children and blessed them all with a college education.

Shirley was an active loyal member of Euclid Avenue Baptist Church for 57 years. Her faith and witness were strong all her days here on earth. The steadfast love of her family and her Lord was exhibited in every aspect of her life. Her infinite wisdom and sweet disposition always showed through her selfless service and dedication to her family. She gathered her family together at every opportunity to enjoy her wonderful cooking, love of life and knowledge of healthy living.

Her Celebration of Life Service will be conducted at 1:00 PM, Thursday, February 20,

2020 at Euclid Avenue Baptist Church with Pastor Allen Roberts officiating. Entombment will follow in Mountain View Cemetery Mausoleum. The family will receive friends at the church from 12:00 – 1:00 P.M., Thursday prior to the service. Pallbearers will be Brad Greene, Jay Dorton, Evan Fitzgerald, Will Thomas, Brandon Greene and Ricky Rector.

Akard Funeral Home, (423) 989-4800 is serving the Thomas family. Condolences and memories may be left for the family at akardfuneralhome.com. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Euclid Avenue Baptist church.

Comments



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Shirley Hall Thomas.



February 19, 2020 at 07:59 AM



“ Dear Melanie and Family, I am so sorry for your loss. You will be in my thoughts and prayers. Love, Diana Salyer

Diana Salyer - February 18, 2020 at 07:22 PM



“ Dear Billy, Melanie and Sherry,

I saddens my heart to hear of the passing of your mother. She was like family to me growing up and I will always remember her. I will always remember the summers on the carport helping with stringing beans, working in the garden, preparing stuff for canning and going to the "country" with the family. She will be sadly missed. My prayers are with you and the rest of your family.

Scott Schoenhardt

Scott Schoenhardt - February 18, 2020 at 06:26 PM



“ Thank you, Scott, for your memories. They brought a smile to my face. My mom was always big on getting our chores done before we could play and our friends were always willing to help. Hope you all are well.

Sherry - February 19, 2020 at 05:32 AM



“ Dear Billy, Melanie and Sherry. I used to live next door to you when I was married to Betty where you used to play with Scott and Lisa. Certainly sad to learn of your Mother's passing. Several years ago when I learned that your Dad was also not well I did go by and visited them both. Your Mother was asleep at the time. Take care.

Ron Schoenhardt

Ron Schoenhardt - February 18, 2020 at 12:01 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shirley Hall Thomas.



February 18, 2020 at 10:17 AM



“ Dear Bill and Diane,

Words are never enough during losses such as this. I send you all, the entire family, my heart-felt condolences and pray the peace which comes from knowing your Mom is in heaven with your Dad this very day will carry you through these hard times. If I can do anything for you, please know I'm available. God bless you all and know you're in my prayers. Jeff

Jeff LaRue - February 17, 2020 at 07:34 PM



“ Praying for peace for the Thomas family and much love to our friends, Bill and Diane. JD and AT

Anne Terrell Fenessy - February 17, 2020 at 09:07 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Shirley Hall Thomas.



February 16, 2020 at 06:38 PM



“ Dear Bill and Diane: I am so sad for you, to hear of Bill's mother's passing. I know that your strong faith will carry your family through a difficult time, and that you will imagine her in God's arms, reuniting with family and friends. Losing a mother though is especially hard. A friend told me when my own mother passed that it was like joining a club that no one ever wants to be a part of. Our deepest condolences and all our best. Dave and Terri

David Crenshaw Barrow - February 16, 2020 at 08:25 AM



“ Thank you so much, Dave and Terri! Bill was fortunate to have such a wonderful mom! We were all blessed by her!!

Diane Thomas - February 16, 2020 at 09:13 PM



“ Larry and I send our love and condolences to you and yours. Given the son she raised, we have no doubt she was a precious treasure from God. Linda & Larry Terry

Linda Terry - February 16, 2020 at 07:09 AM