



Rita Joyce Thomas

July 7, 1956 - March 2, 2011

Rita Joyce Thomas, age 54, of Springfield, passed away Wednesday, March 2, 2011 at NorthCrest Medical Center. Funeral services will be held Monday, March 7, 2011 at Noon in the chapel of the Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Springfield with Brother Jim Woodard officiating. Burial to follow in the Robertson County Memorial Gardens with Troy Dorris, Justin Dorris, Greg Stroud, Terry Merritt, Mikey Grogan and Bobby Craig serving as pallbearers. Visitation will be held at the funeral home on Sunday, March 6, 2011 from 4-8pm and again Monday morning from 10am until the time of service.

Ms. Thomas was born July 7, 1956 in Fort Campbell, KY to Donald (Patsy) Yoder and Barbara Gibbs Yoder. She worked as a Supervisor at Johnson Electric and was a member of the Hopewell Baptist Church. In addition to her parents, Ms. Thomas is survived by her son, Joshua Thomas of Springfield; daughter, Lindsay Thomas of Springfield; sisters, Gwen Grogan and Connie Stroud, both of Springfield; grandchildren, Gavin Hopkins, Ryan Thomas and Braylynn Thomas.

The family requests memorial contributions be made to the American Cancer Society in c/o Austin & Bell.

Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Springfield is in charge of these arrangements.
AUSTIN & BELL FUNERAL HOME- 509 WALNUT STREET, SPRINGFIELD,
TN (615) 384-1000

Tribute Wall

PR

“ *Rita Joyce Thomas*

Pam Kennedy Reid - March 07, 2011 at 03:47 PM

MT

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all this time. Love, Traci, Mary Lou, Jerry and Bobbie Sue*

Mary Lou & Traci Traylor - March 06, 2011 at 12:36 AM

SH

“ *So many memories of high school and the years after graduation. Rita was truly a good friend. Gwen and Connie I know you will miss her and her wonderful personality!!*

Sharon Shepard Harris - March 04, 2011 at 07:10 PM

AS

“ *Don & Patsy, I will keep you in my prayers. If you need anything please let us know. Jeff & Ann*

Ann Thompson & Jeff Sutton - March 04, 2011 at 08:36 AM

CG

“ *Sending my love and prayers to your family.*

Carmen Giacinti - March 03, 2011 at 05:49 PM

LA

“*Connie, Gwen, Don, Barb, Lindsay, Joshua, Gavin and all of the family~ my thoughts and my prayers are with each one of you in a very special way. I hope that all your wonderful memories and love of Rita help to get you through this difficult time. When you see that twinkling star shine up in the heavens, just know that you have your very own gaurdian angel watching over you!! Love you all!! Lorie Ann*

Lorie Ann - March 03, 2011 at 05:44 PM

LA

“*My dear sweet friend~ you will be missed more than you can ever know. I have had so many wonderful times with you!! Oh my, I can't even begin reminiscing, cause I will never quit!! There are too many wonderful moments! I was so blessed the day Connie and I became friends, because I also gained a whole family!! Rita, thank you for the memories! I will cherish them and you always. Love you forever... Lorie Ann*

Lorie Ann - March 03, 2011 at 05:29 PM

JC

“*my deepest sympathy I extend in your loss of Rita. She touched many lives, with such a quiet voice & small stature she walked through life tall & strong. I had the pleasure of knowing Rita when I worked at CEI, we worked tirelessly on Relay for Life at the time her sister had been diagnosed. My heart goes out to all of you - I will cherish my memories - I will keep you in my prayers. Janet*

janet cox - March 03, 2011 at 03:54 PM

BN

“ *I worked with Rita at CEI for many years and she was such a wonderful and hilarious person. She will be missed. She fought a long and hard battle. Your family are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Beverly Nicholson - March 03, 2011 at 03:14 PM