



Arlene Edmonds Thomas

October 2, 1942 - December 7, 2023

Arlene Edmonds Thomas, 81, of 158 Mansion Bridge Road, Altavista died Thursday, December 7, 2023 at her home. She was the wife of the late Lowell Lorenza "Chink" Thomas, Sr.

She was born October 2, 1942 in Buffalo, NY, daughter of the late Alvin Oetinger and Barbara Krawczyk Oetinger. She was a member of St. Victoria Catholic Church.

She loved children and taught reading and special education in Campbell County. She was the retired owner/operator of Arlene's Florist for over 20 years. Arlene was a Master Gardener who loved flowers, plants, and creating altar flowers and arrangements for her church and loved ones.

She is survived by three children, Michael "Maya" Thomas of Houston, TX, Christopher "Chris" Thomas (Missy) of Nacogdoches, TX and Cynthia "Cindy" Pickering (Art) of Estero, FL.

She was preceded in death by Lowell "Chip" Thomas, Jr.; and her brother, Alvin "Buddy" Staerr.

A funeral mass will be conducted at 11:00 a.m., Friday, December 15, 2023 at St. Victoria Catholic Church by Father Jim Gallagher with a reception to follow

in the church hall.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 until 7:30 p.m., Thursday at Finch & Finch Funeral and Cremation Service, Altavista. She will be interred in Green Hill Cemetery.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers, those wishing to make memorials consider the Friends of Campbell County Animal Control, 1400 Edley Place, Lynchburg, VA 24502.

Cemetery Details

Green Hill Cemetery

300 Westwood Drive
Altavista, VA 24517

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **14**. 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Finch and Finch, Altavista
809 Main St.
Altavista, VA 24517

Funeral Service

DEC **15**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Victoria Catholic Church
305 Victoria Drive
Hurt, VA 24563

Tribute Wall

MD

“ I am truly sorry to hear of Arlene's death. I will miss her.

MARY DZIABAS - December 11, 2023 at 06:32 PM

GT

“ I am so sorry to hear of Arlene's passing, she was a good friend to my Aunt Inez and Uncle Carl Paxson I became friends with her and Chink through them. Sending prayers for the family and especially Michael as he was the only child of hers I knew. Grace Townsend

Grace A Townsend - December 11, 2023 at 04:08 PM

BA

“ Sorry for the family's loss. Arlene was a very nice lady and she will be missed.



Boyd Arnold - December 11, 2023 at 02:13 PM

YE

“ Your friends at Champion Energy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Arlene Edmonds Thomas.

Your friends at Champion Energy - December 11, 2023 at 01:28 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Arlene Edmonds Thomas.*



December 11, 2023 at 01:28 PM



“ *Sincere sympathy to each family member in the loss of one so dear to each.
May your heart be comforted by memories of times well spent together. We
will miss a special friend who always smiled and shared her talents with
many others around her. Rest in Peace, Darlene & Billy Robertson*

Darlene M Robertson - December 11, 2023 at 10:59 AM



“ *Sending love and deepest sympathy to Arlene's family. Arlene was a very sweet, loving friend and I always enjoyed our visits together. I will miss her.*

jeannie Smith - December 10, 2023 at 05:28 PM



“ *I was fortunate to have Arlene as a teacher . In addition to educating me, she taught kindness and respect for other students. Heaven has received another angel.*

Todd Carter - December 10, 2023 at 12:20 PM

DK

“ Arlene was truly an angel here on earth. I will truly miss her compassionate heart, beautiful, smile, and her love for others. Prayers and comfort to the family. I know I will see her again. ❤️

Debbie Kopanko - December 10, 2023 at 11:34 AM

PM

“ We are so saddened to learn of Arlene's passing. She was a very special lady and a wonderful neighbor. Arlene had the warmest and sweet smile. May God give you comfort and peace as only He can do. Patti and Don Morton

Patti Morton - December 10, 2023 at 08:27 AM

ER

“ Prayers for the family sure gonna miss Arlene she was a sweet kind soul love Erma jean

erma Reynolds - December 09, 2023 at 11:41 PM

CH

“ Connie Hall lit a candle in memory of Arlene Thomas



Connie Payne Hall - December 09, 2023 at 05:46 PM

SC

“ So sorry to hear about Arlene's passing. I loved her dearly. Thoughts and prayers for her family.

Skip Catlin - December 09, 2023 at 05:12 PM

LR

“ To all those who feel the loss of this beautiful soul, may the Lord bless you. Our friend Arlene will be missed greatly.

Linda and Raymond rice - December 09, 2023 at 04:43 PM

LM

“ My prayers for those Arlene leaves behind. She was beautiful both inside and out. Her smile would always brighten any room she entered. Her remembrance of flowers were always a treasure and she loved arranging them. God bless you all. And remember she now sees the most beautiful flowers as she walks the streets of Heaven.

Lucy Marshall - December 09, 2023 at 03:00 PM

RP

Arlene was a gracious lady that was always smiling. Her talent as a florist was unbelievable. Please accept my sympathy....she will not only missed, but remembered.

Rebecca Pitsenbarger - December 11, 2023 at 05:21 PM

SF

“ Prayers for the family of this nice Lady Arlene Thomas



Shirley Forloines - December 09, 2023 at 02:21 PM