



Deana Jo Thomas

December 27, 1939 - May 26, 2021

Deana Jo Thomas won her fight, shed her earthly body and entered the gates of Heaven on Wednesday, May 26th 2021. Dee was born on December 27th 1939 in Rainelle, West Virginia. She was the daughter of Mildred and William Vance.

Deana met Charlie Thomas on a blind date to a dance, fell in love and wed on June 14th 1960. In 1973, the couple moved from Louisiana to Chatfield, Texas and established a home on many acres that was named "The Homestead."

Dee built her life around her three kids Timothy, Daniel and Holly. The title "Room Mom" was something that Dee was very proud to take on and she did an exceptional job at being Mom in all aspects of her children's lives.

"Miss Dee," as she was often called, was someone with a very creative mind.

She attended the Art Institute of Dallas where she refined a passion for art and painting. Dee worked for different design studios, one of which was Disney World, creating backdrops for various exhibits. She attended Arthur Murray Ballroom of Dance where she excelled in dance. She treasured her baby grand piano where she often played the most angelic music. She had an eye for creativity and made sure to never leave the small details out. At Christmas, it was never hard determining which gifts were from her because all of her gifts were so perfectly wrapped with a trinket and elaborate bow. Dee found her greatest joys in the eyes of her grandkids and great grandkids.

"Mim" as she was so lovingly called would devote weekends to sleepovers, tea at The Crescent Hotel and playing dress up with her shoes and wardrobe.

Dee was one of a deep faith, which gave her a solid foundation to living her life to the fullest. She took it upon herself to learn Hebrew, even having a weekly bible study with the local Messianic Jewish Group. In her home, you would find countless journals filled to the brim of scripture and notes. It is safe to say that Dee truly fought the good fight and she has won the ultimate race. Her smile could light up a room and her laugh was so contagious that it would turn any moment around. Her strength and faith in God was made evident in every aspect of her life. Her way of saying "Oh honey" would give one hope and just enough encouragement to keep going.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Mildred (Midge) and William(Bill) Vance, her daughter-in-law, Sharon Thomas, and son-in-law, Carroll Moran. She is survived by family members; Charlie Thomas, Timothy Thomas, Daniel Thomas, and Holly Moran. Her grandchildren include: Meagan Shafer and husband Andy, Sarah Ballew and husband Caleb, and Rebecca Rossi. Great grandchildren include: Laker age 7, Grace age 6, Ava age 4, Levi age 3, and Valentino age 4.

Visitation will be held Friday, May 28th 2021 from 6 to 7pm at Griffin Roughton Funeral Home of Corsicana. A celebration of her life will be held on Saturday May 29th 2021 at 10am at Northside Baptist Church of Corsicana with Pastor Daniel Harper officiating. Interment will be held at the Oakwood Cemetery of Corsicana under the direction of Griffin Roughton Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

900 North 19Th Street
Corsicana, TX 75110

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 28. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Corsicana
1530 N. 45th Street
Corsicana, TX 75110
(903) 874-4774
info@griffin-roughton.com

Funeral Service

MAY 29. 10:00 AM (CT)

Northside Baptist Church
2800 North Beaton
Corsicana, TX 75110

Tribute Wall



“ *Deana Jo Thomas*

October 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy to all of her family on the passing of my cousin Deana Jo . I have fond memories of our Texas visit with Uncle Bill, Aunt Midge, Deana, Charlie and family. My last visit with Deana was a school reunion in Rainelle but kept updated through my brother Fred of her condition. Again, my condolences.*

Billie K Sweeney

(Bill Vance's sister Capitola's daughter)

The Villages FL

Billie K Sweeney - June 07, 2021 at 09:14 PM



“ *I remember the remarkable Deana Jo Vance. We were classmate in the 1957 class at Rainelle High School. She was so talented, and always played the piano in our music class and concerts. I wish I had know she lived so close to me in Texas. Praying for her precious family. Clara Agnes Ferguson Burnett English*

Agnes Burnett English - June 06, 2021 at 02:35 PM



“ 52 files added to the album Life Tributes



Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home - May 28, 2021 at 04:03 PM



“ Dee was the sweetest lady and I was so lucky to have her in my life. 💕 Some of my fondest memories were when Holly and I would take the “Mamas” on trips. I know they are having some laughs and are at peace in Heaven now. Prayers for comfort to all of her family and many friends. Dee will be truly missed but I am so thankful for Jesus’s sacrifice that we will meet again! 🙏

Susan Baker Singleterry - May 28, 2021 at 03:31 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Deana Jo Thomas.



May 28, 2021 at 02:18 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Deana Jo Thomas.*



May 28, 2021 at 09:55 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Deana Jo Thomas.*



May 27, 2021 at 06:00 PM



“ *So many great memories growing up with you family. Your mom was my second mom. Loved her spirit and her sweetness. Praying for you all.*

Sonya Burnett - May 27, 2021 at 07:01 AM