



## Lauretta Thomas

August 7, 1920 - November 8, 2005

Lauretta Corrine Vergiels Thomas, age 85, passed away Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2005, at home in Corsicana. Lauretta was born Aug. 7, 1920, in Milwaukee, Wis., to Erwin and Martha Vergiels. Prior to retiring to Corsicana in 1995, Lauretta was an office manager, active in her community as a hospital volunteer, Girl Scout leader, and AARP president. She also traveled extensively. Retirement included time with her children, grandchildren, PALS Club, Senior Friends, and playing bingo. In 1939, Lauretta married Alfred Michael Thomas. They were married 57 years when he passed away in 1997. Survivors include her children, Carole and Dave Jenkins of Corsicana, Terry Thomas and Janice Coffee of Dallas, Diane Thomas of West Bend, Wis., and Bonnie and Don Ricchio of Racine, Wis.; children and great-grandchildren, Carrie and Dale Todd (Tara and Shane) of Corsicana, Jonell Jenkins-White (Lucas and Jacob) of Corsicana, Stacie and Melvin Roseborough of Waco, Jennifer and Wayne Granat (Thomas and Isabel) of Savannah, Ga., Ian Thomas of Waukesha, Wis., Aaron Gilhouse (Justine) of Milwaukee, Wis., Amber Schaus of Racine, Wis., Lauren and John Laughrin of Campbellsport, Wis., and Alyson Gilhouse (Ava) of Racine, Wis. The family extends their gratitude to Dr. Howard Katz and staff of Corsicana, Dr. Irwin Schussler of Fort Worth, and the staff, volunteers and chaplains of Hospice of Cedar Lake for their compassionate care and support. Thank you to the caring staff of Alterra Sterling House during Lauretta's time there and to in-home caregivers Alice Avalos, Jimmie Childers, Jewel White and Myra Glover. Special thanks to the

Rev. Danilo Ramos and Sylvia Bonin, Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Corsicana, for personally meeting Laretta's religious needs when she could no longer attend Mass. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or St. Vincent DePaul Society at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Corsicana. A memorial Mass will be held at 4:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Corsicana with the Rev. Danilo Ramos officiating. A memorial guest book is available at [www.griffin-rougton.com](http://www.griffin-rougton.com) and click on obituaries. Go to the name Laretta Thomas to sign the book and submit a memorial message. Arrangements by Griffin-Rougton Funeral Home. 8

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lauretta Thomas*

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“ *Mom and Lauretta were close friend for several years. They comforted one another. Our heart-felt prayers for each of you at this time. Carole, you and Dave deserve jewels in your crown. You were wonderful caretakers of your parents. Love Mae and Donna*

November 08, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ *GOD BLESS TO ALL THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS*

**Heidi Llewellyn** - November 08, 2005 at 12:00 AM