



Josephine Carmela Thomas

April 12, 1926 - October 5, 2022

Josephine Carmela Thomas was born in Latisana, Italy April 12, 1926 to the late Maria and Antonio Sbrugnera. She went home to be with her Lord October 5th 2022. She was preceded in death by her husband, Fred W. Thomas. They were married 57 years. Her sister, Clara Budin, preceded her in death in 2018. After completing her education degree, she met her future husband, Fred W. Thomas, an American Army soldier stationed in Capriva, Italy. They were later married in Gorizia, Italy on April 9, 1946. Upon his discharge, they settled in Newnan, Georgia. She was well known for her skills in needlework, cooking, artwork and gardening. She shared her gift in needlework with the community through Carmela's Needlework Shop. Her professional eye for design led to her creating many one of a kind works of art. Her love of cooking and Italian cuisine was enjoyed by family and friends. Having vast sewing experience allowed her to be a dressmaker who could copy a dress without needing a pattern.

She was one of the founding members of St. George Catholic Church. She was named St. George Woman of the year by the Archbishop of Atlanta at Christ the King Church. Her faith and her family were of upmost importance in her life. She was truly blessed with two beautiful daughters and to have seen the birth of her only grandson and her three great grandchildren.

She is survived by her children, Linda (Bob) Cooke and Rita (Rick) Melville,

grandson, Jonathan (Elizabeth) Melville, great grandchildren, Nora Katherine Melville, Wesley Frederick Melville and Quinn Carmela Melville.

Our entire family wishes to express our sincere thanks to all the staff in Assisted Living at Wesley Woods, for their love and care to Josephine. They have been family to her.

Visitation will be Thursday October 13, 2022, at McKoon Funeral Home from 5 PM to 7 PM, preceded by the Rosary in the chapel of McKoon Funeral Home from 4:30 to 5 PM. The funeral Mass will be at St. George Catholic Church, 771 Roscoe Road, Newnan, Georgia at 10:30 AM on Friday, October 14, 2022.

Friends and family are invited to a Celebration of Life meal immediately after the funeral mass in the St. George fellowship hall.

A private grave side service will be held at a later date. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.mckoon.com.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory 770-253-4580

Previous Events

Rosary

OCT 13. 4:30 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Visitation

OCT 13. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Mass

OCT 14. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

St. George Catholic Church
771 Roscoe Rd
Newnan, GA 30263

Tribute Wall



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Josephine Carmela Thomas*



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - November 16, 2022 at 11:10 AM

WD

“ *Josephine was such an inspiration to me and so many at St. George Catholic Church. She always had a smile on her face and loved sharing Jesus with everyone. She was a special lady and will be missed! Jonathan, I know how much you loved your grandmother. I am sorry for your loss.*

Love in Christ, Wayne and Debby Dye

Wayne and Debby Dye - October 13, 2022 at 10:31 AM

CB

“ My heart is broken 💔 at hearing the news of our beloved Josephine Thomas. She was a light and ray of sunshine when she was in your presence. I will cherish the many chats we had together and the special moments we shared together. My heart goes out to Linda and Rita her precious daughters that adored their mother in life and in rest. I love you ladies you have a special place in my heart forever. Even though I do not see you like in the past your thought of always. Your family are in my prayers as you move forward in life future. Love peace and hugs forever more.



*Cynthia W. Blossomgame
Atlanta, Ga*

Cynthia W. Blossomgame - October 12, 2022 at 05:22 PM

HP

“ Rita, my deepest sympathy to you and your family. Josephine was a lovely and talented lady who will be missed by all who knew her.

Harriett Palmer

Harriett Palmer - October 10, 2022 at 05:13 PM

GW

“ My sincere condolences.

Genie Wright - October 10, 2022 at 12:13 PM

RM

“ Josephine loved her great grand children so much. Family was everything to her.



Rick Melville - October 10, 2022 at 06:17 AM



Linda and Rita. I am so sorry for your loss.

Janice Pidgeon - October 13, 2022 at 07:41 AM

JW

“ Rita, I'm so sorry to hear about your mom's passing. Thinking of you all at this difficult time.

Jennifer Welch - October 10, 2022 at 12:51 AM

HA

“ Linda & Rita, Sorry to hear about Josephine, we miss her as a neighbor.

Jeannene & Larry Hayes

Hayes - October 09, 2022 at 05:29 PM

GW

“ She completed a needle point bell pull for me about 35 years ago. What a lovely person she was and so wonderful that she was able to live such a long and fruitful life. May she rest eternally in peace.



Geraldine Welch - October 09, 2022 at 05:27 PM

GH

“ Dear Cooke and Melville families, you know how we loved Josephine and every opportunity we had to spend with her created yet another indelible memory of joy and laughter, of awe and wonder at her many talents. These blessed memories will live on for generations to come and Heaven is a more beautiful place because she is there.



Gay Hightower - October 09, 2022 at 05:10 PM

SW

“ Dear Rita and family: Jacob and I are so sorry to hear about your mom’s passing. I never knew about her sewing skills and from reading this notice it seems like she lived quite a fruitful life. You were truly blessed to have such an incredible mom and so are her grandchildren. We want to extend our deepest sympathy to you and the rest of the family. You are all in our prayers.

Susan Osborne Weegar - October 09, 2022 at 11:50 AM