



## Donna Sue Thomas

January 17, 1940 - January 19, 2025

IN MEMORY OF:

Donna Sue Thomas

Serving Location:

CRAIN FUNERAL HOME – CAIRO  
4815 Sycamore Street, Cairo, Illinois

Donna Sue Thomas, age 85, passed away on Sunday, January 19, 2025 at Mercy Health Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center in Paducah, Kentucky. She was a beloved mother, grandmother, and friend who touched the lives of many with her kindness and unwavering faith.

Donna was born in Cairo on January 17, 1940 to Willis and Alice (Sumner) Rothchild and was the oldest of nine children. She attended St. Raphael grade school and Cairo High School. Donna was a telephone operator until she became a full time stay at home mother.

Along with her parents, Donna was preceded in death by her loving husband, Carl “Johnny” Thomas, and her cherished daughter, Kara Alison Hubbard, as well as her siblings Marcina, Darrell, Barron and Tom.

Donna is survived by her five devoted children: John Kevin Thomas (Angie), Kent Thomas (Stacey), Kyle Thomas (Brenda Dickerson), Karla Thomas Shaffer (Chuck), and Keith Thomas (Kiera); son-in-law, David Hubbard; and their families, who will continue to honor her legacy of love and compassion. She also leaves behind her beloved siblings, Buddy, Deanna, Russell and Robert, and many treasured nieces and nephews.

A dedicated member of her church, Donna found great joy in her faith and the fellowship of her church community. She was a regular attendee of church services and her faith was a cornerstone of her life, providing her with strength and comfort.

Donna was also deeply involved in the lives of her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She took immense pride in their accomplishments and never attended a family gathering, sporting event or activity without her camera...and red lipstick. Her family was her greatest joy, and she leaves behind a legacy of love, support, and wonderful memories.

Visitation will be at Crain Funeral Home in Cairo on Thursday evening from 4:00 PM until 7:00 PM. A memorial service to celebrate Donna's life will be held on Friday, January 24th at Mighty Rivers Regional Worship Center in Cairo at 11:30 AM with Rev. Dr. Larry Potts officiating with visitation from 10:30 AM until the time of service.

Interment will follow the memorial service at Mound City National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests with gratitude that memorial donations be made to the Mighty Rivers Upward Basketball program.

Donna will be dearly missed by all who knew her, but her spirit will live on in

the hearts of her family and friends. May she rest in peace.

Crain Funeral Home in Cairo is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Mound City National Cemetery

Mound City, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 23. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Crain Funeral Home - Cairo  
4815 Sycamore  
Cairo, IL 62914  
(618) 734-4291  
crain@crainsonline.com

## Visitation

JAN 24. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Mighty Rivers Worship Center  
1000 Poplar St  
Cairo, IL 62914  
(618) 734-0319

## Memorial Service

JAN 24. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Mighty Rivers Worship Center  
1000 Poplar St  
Cairo, IL 62914  
(618) 734-0319

## Interment

JAN 24. 12:15 PM - 12:45 PM (CT)

Mound City National Cemetery  
Mound City, IL

# Tribute Wall

DG

“ To the family, Ms Donna was a kind lady when I was a small child growing up in Cairo Illinois., I have many fond memories of her buying matching clothes for the twin boys and myself, so we would all look the same!! Many years have passed since those days, but I remember them so well. I know you will dearly miss your mother. My thoughts and prayers will be with you. Danny Gwaltney, Troy, Tn

Danny Gwaltney - January 24, 2025 at 09:23 PM

JP

“ Donna was the best neighbor one could ask for in life. She was the most positive person we have ever known! We always loved visits on the front porch with Donna, Carl and the Thomas gang. So much fun!  
Donna faced several tragedies with courage and deep faith. She never walked alone and never uttered a negative word about any one. She was the most positive, faithful person we have ever known. She always reminded us, “Jesus loves you!” If anyone was ready to meet her Lord it was Donna Sue. She will always be dear to us and close in our hearts!

Janell and Johnny Puckett - January 23, 2025 at 05:14 PM

JC

What a wonderful life for such a beautiful lady! 🙏🇺🇸

James Conroy - January 24, 2025 at 05:35 AM

JC

Bob Conroy 🙏🇺🇸📝🌹

James Conroy - January 24, 2025 at 05:43 AM

RF

“ Reed Family purchased the *Simply Elegant Spat hiphyllum* for the family of Donna Sue Thomas.



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**Reed Family** - January 23, 2025 at 01:50 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Donna Sue Thomas.



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January 23, 2025 at 11:28 AM

TT

“ The BILD Team purchased the *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet* for the family of Donna Sue Thomas.



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**The BILD Team** - January 23, 2025 at 08:47 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Donna Sue Thomas.



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January 22, 2025 at 11:06 PM

DJ

“ *Danielle, Delaney, Cooper & Jeff purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Donna Sue Thomas.*



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**Danielle, Delaney, Cooper & Jeff** - January 22, 2025 at 05:53 PM

JJ

“ *Joe, Amy and Carter Jenkins purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Donna Sue Thomas.*



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**Joe, Amy and Carter Jenkins** - January 22, 2025 at 12:09 PM

CE

“ *CSA Engineering purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Donna Sue Thomas.*



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**CSA Engineering** - January 22, 2025 at 11:56 AM

MC

“ I was deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Donna. It's not easy to find the right words at a time like this, but I hope it brings some comfort to know how much she meant to those around her.

*Donna was a beautiful soul, both inside and out. Her kindness, love, and warmth touched the lives of everyone she met. Her legacy as a devoted mother and grandmother is a testament to the wonderful person she was. She will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her.*

*Please accept my heartfelt condolences. My thoughts and prayers are with your family during this difficult time. May you find solace in the cherished memories you shared and the love that surrounds you.*

*With deepest sympathy,*

*Morrissa Clanahan*

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**Morrissa Clanahan** - January 22, 2025 at 10:54 AM

SS

“ We're so sorry for your loss. Your sweet mother opened my eyes to how to guide our children through positive words spoken in love that built them up. I'm forever grateful. ❤️

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**Stuart and Kathy Swoboda** - January 22, 2025 at 10:27 AM

AP

“ Sending my condolences and love to the Thomas family. Mrs Thomas was a beautiful person. So sorry for your loss

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**Angie Poole** - January 22, 2025 at 04:21 AM

XS

“ xoxo, SoILSisters purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Donna Sue Thomas.



xoxo, SoILSisters - January 21, 2025 at 09:43 PM

ET

“ My deepest sympathy to all the Thomas family on the death of their beloved mother. I have known Donna for many years and considered her a dear friend. She always had a smile and a kind word for everyone she met. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her. You all were blessed as she was with a beautiful family.

Elizabeth Turner - January 21, 2025 at 07:18 PM

KA

“ I'm so sorry to hear about Donna's passing. We know she is at the side of our Lord Jesus Christ as his angel. She is smiling on us and will continue to guide and watch over you and your family. Love, Kathy Becker Grove❤️

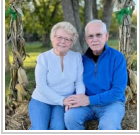
Kathy - January 21, 2025 at 03:57 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Donna Sue Thomas.



January 21, 2025 at 03:17 PM



“ *The memory that came to mind upon learning of Donna’s passing was how cheerful she was at Andrew and Jacy’s wedding reception. Lynn and I were seated next to her and she was bubbling over with laughter and funny stories. May the peace of God flood your lives as you recall all the joy she brought to each of you. Phillip & Lynn Parker*

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**Lynn Parker** - January 21, 2025 at 03:14 PM



“ *The Perrys purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Donna Sue Thomas.*



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**The Perrys** - January 21, 2025 at 03:06 PM