



LaWanda Rose Korando

April 12, 1924 - November 4, 2014

LaWanda Rose (Thomas) Korando, 90, of Murphysboro, passed away at 4:15 a.m. Tuesday, November 4, 2014, at the Manor Court of Carbondale.

She was born April 12, 1924 in East St. Louis, IL, to Cleve and Maggie (Will) Thomas. She grew up in Gorham and graduated from Gorham High School in 1942.

Mrs. Korando was a member of St. Andrew's Catholic Church in Murphysboro. She was employed at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale in the laundry, where she worked for 33 years. Throughout her life, she loved to read, garden, cook, and spend time with family. She took pride in hosting family holidays. For many years, she held a large, annual gathering for family and friends at her home during the Murphysboro Apple Festival. Her pumpkin bread will be missed.

She married Raymond Korando on November 28, 1946 and through that union three children survive:

Bruce Korando of Marion, Brenda (Gary) Mills, and William (Rebecca) Korando, all of Murphysboro;

eight granddaughters, Elizabeth (Steven) Stiegman of Belleville, Amanda

Korando of Carbondale, Casey (Jason) Satterfield of Belleville, Sarah Mills of St. Louis, MO, Courtney (Brian) Wilson of Campbell Hill, Maggie Korando, Annie Korando, and Audrie Korando all of Murphysboro;

six great-grandchildren, Trenton Wilson of Campbell Hill, Ryker and Victoria Stiegman of Belleville, Maliki Korando of Carbondale, Cecelia and Alexander Satterfield of Belleville;

one brother, Bill Thomas of Anna; one sister, Carolyn Lacy of Murphysboro;

and numerous nieces and nephews.

LaWanda is preceded in death by her parents Cleve and Maggie Thomas; and two brothers, Donald Thomas, and Norman "Peck" Thomas.

A Funeral Mass will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, November 7, 2014, at St. Andrew Catholic Church with Father Gary Gummersheimer officiating and burial at Crain Cemetery. Friends may call from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the St. Andrew Altar Society. For more information, please visit www.pettettfuneralhome.com .

Tribute Wall



“ *LaWanda Rose Korando*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Im so sorry for the loss of this wonderful lady...she was the sweetest lady I have met and feel really blessed that I got to be part of her life when she lived at Big Muddy River Assisting Living...I will say she was my favorite client I had to take care of....she will be missed by many lives she touched and her smile that I will never forget when I would enter in her apartment....r.l.p Wanda I will miss you*

Brandi Ticer - November 07, 2014 at 07:14 AM



“ *My mother MARY THOMAS sends her deepest sympathy for your family GOD BLESS AND FROM THE HARRIS family to*

Anita Harris - November 06, 2014 at 08:10 PM



“ *So sad to hear of the loss of our dear Aunt Lawanda. We have so many wonderful memories of family gatherings with her and her entire extended family from Easter celebrations to the annual Apple festivals to retirement, birthdays, new babies and weddings. She was like a Grandma to our children and so loved by us all. She will be missed but forever in our hearts. All our love, The Thomas family.*

Mike, Jennifer, Jessica & Jacob Thomas - November 06, 2014 at 09:45 AM

MV

“ So sorry for the loss of your mother. We all grew very close during time spent at Jackson County Rehab and my thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Mary Beth Varner - November 05, 2014 at 10:05 AM

CW

“ To Brenda & Family, I'm so sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. Our Moms had some good times together in the old laundry days; lots of laughs on the ride to & from work (I was there)! I know you all have great memories; hang on to them, & your loss will be more bearable. Just know that you are in my thoughts.

Carol Wehmeyer - November 05, 2014 at 09:22 AM

NN

“ Praying for the Lord to bless you with peace and comfort during this time of sadness.
I know Wanda and my Mom Velma are having a grand reunion right now!

Nancy (Watkins) Nichols - November 04, 2014 at 09:34 PM