



Dorothee (Dottie) Thomas, 85, passed away peacefully in her Elkton, VA home on September 11, 2023. Dottie was born on December 28, 1937 in Evansville, IN. After graduating from Bosse High School in 1956, she went on to marry her high school sweetheart James (Jim) Thomas. Her life's passion was taking care of her husband and their two children, Jett and Joi. A woman of faith, she was involved in various ministries at Christian Fellowship Church in Evansville, IN before moving to Elkton, VA to be near her daughter.

A kind, bright, and generous soul, Dottie's infectious laugh could make one consider a career in stand-up comedy. She loved yellow roses, vanilla-scented things, and spoiling her loved ones with meals and gifts. A collector of sweet trinkets and items with encouraging quotes or scripture, even the walls in Dottie's home effused warmth and friendship. Endlessly interested in her grandchildren's lives, she was amazed by their travels, accomplishments, and deft use of technology. She never missed an opportunity to tell her friends and family that she loved them.

Preceded in death by her husband in 2016, Dottie is survived by children Jett Thomas and Joi Gayre, and seven grandchildren: Jordan, Ali, Jessie, Elijah, Josiah, Payton, and Spencer.

To honor Dottie's survival of breast cancer in 1998, the family requests donations be made to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation in lieu of flowers.

Arrangements are by Johnson Funeral and Cremation Service in Grottoes, Virginia. Online condolences to the family may be shared at www.johnsonfs.com.

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Tributes

Remember these kind words and messages of support from those you know and love.

AMY K ADAMS

I am so sorry for your loss. I did not know Dottie well, but remember her and her beautiful loving smile from my days at CFC. She was always a kind and beautiful light for her Savior, Jesus Christ. I am confident your lovely mother is enjoying her new home with Him.

May the Lord continue to bless your family. You are in my prayers today.

JANE SCHROEDER



Dear Jett & Joi,

Please know I am holding you close to my heart in sympathy, prayers, and love at this time. So many laughs together; so many fond memories from back in the day!

Jane Schroeder

ALAN WOLFINGER

Always enjoyed fellowship with the Thomas family at CFC. Deepest condolences to Jol and Jet and the whole family! But if you're like me when my dad passed, your joy for what she's experiencing in heaven now (because of her trust in Jesus Christ to take her there, Eph. 2:8-9) is even greater than your sadness from missing her. By the way, Jesus can easily pass along to her anything you didn't get a chance to say or ask forgiveness for or forgive her for or anything like that, so feel free to reconcile and not live with any regrets at ALL, because she wouldn't want you to, and she herself has NONE whatsoever, and has nothing but love for you! She can still see your birthday celebrations and all important events in the lives of her children and grandchildren and family! She doesn't "live on in our hearts" like the world says as it tries to counterfeit true eternal life; she lives on in REALITY in the spirit realm! And all who are in Christ will most CERTAINLY see her again!

MELANIE WYLIE

Dotty was so fun to visit. I always looked forward to visiting her when I worked for Mt Olive. Dotty and I would visit for 3 hours some days. We laughed together many times and shared so many stories of her life. She would always tell me how she loved her family. Most often she spoke about her grandsons and how handsome they were, and their differences too. She spoke so highly of her daughter Joye and how she can still remember the day she brought her home. She even showed me old pictures. We talked about the birds flying into her large window, and her climbing a ladder to clean spider webs. She wanted to things on her own. I will always remember my special time with Dotty. She will always have a special place in my heart.

Melanie Wylie

BARBARA RONNE

It was sooo wonderful meeting Dorthilee when we came to visit her daughter and family! She was a spunky lady with joy and smiling face and so friendly! Our sincerest condolences to her precious family!
