



## Kathy Smith Thomas

February 18, 1954 - February 15, 2016

Kathy Smith Thomas was called to her Heavenly Home on Monday, February 15, 2016, after a decline in health since April 2011.

She was born on February 18, 1954 in Danville, VA to her late parents, W.H. Smith, Jr. and Page Nichols Smith. Kathy graduated from George Washington High School and later enrolled at Danville Community College where she met her husband, Butch. They were married on June 30, 1973 and he survives of the home.

She first worked for the J. W. Mayhew, DDS. After seven years, she was employed by the local cable system and retired after 32 years of employment from Comcast. She was a lifelong member of North Main Baptist Church.

Kathy is survived by two children, Kristen, of Roanoke, VA and Brett, of Blairs, VA. She also leaves behind two brothers Chip (Barbara) of Lillington, NC and Gary of Durham, NC; her Aunt Peggy; her brother-in-law, Randy Thomas (Tonda), Pamela Baggerly, Sheila T. Watkins(Dennis) of Lake Norman, as well as numerous cousins. She was so proud of her children and cherished every minute with them on the baseball field, soccer field or watching Kristen dance. Also surviving is a special member of our family, Heather Meyer. Her loving companions, Alf and Marley will miss their mama's lap and love.

The family would like to offer a sincere appreciation to family and friends, who have been so supportive during her and Butch's illness. You will all be blessed for your kindness.

In addition to being predeceased by her parents, maternal and paternal grandparents, she lost a nephew, Seldon R. Thomas.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, February 19, 2016 at 2:00 PM at North Main Baptist Church conducted by the Reverend Fred Unger. A private interment will follow in Mountain View Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the residence, 2860 Blairmont Drive.

Kathy requests for all donations or memorials to be sent to North Main Baptist Church. The church was such a blessing and offered the family so much help.

Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel is serving the Thomas family.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

FEB 19. 2:00 PM (ET)

North Main Baptist Church  
2818 North Main St  
Danville, VA 24540

# Tribute Wall

ZR

“ Zach Reed lit a candle in memory of Kathy Smith Thomas



Zach Reed - February 27, 2016 at 04:19 PM

MR

“ Marie Reed lit a candle in memory of Kathy Smith Thomas



Marie Reed - February 27, 2016 at 04:18 PM

MR

“ We were so sorry to hear of the death of Kathy. We had not heard that she was sick. Kathy was a wonderful person and greatly respected by all who knew her. She had a humble, caring heart. Our greatest memories of her is when our son, Zach, played Little League Baseball. Butch and Kathy were always so supportive and were the best coaches a league could have. Even though Butch was the head coach, Kathy stood right by his side to support the team. Their advice not only was for the team, but advice and words of wisdom that would carry on through the years. Kathy will be sadly missed by all who knew her, but her humble spirit will be a legacy to others.

Sincerely,  
The Reed Family  
Larry, Marie, and Zach

Marie Reed - February 27, 2016 at 04:15 PM

PH

“ *Butch, Brett and Kristen,  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you.  
Terry & Phyllis Harris*

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**Phyllis Harris** - February 18, 2016 at 06:41 PM

GS

“ It is with deep regret that I shall be unable to be in Danville for my sister's memorial service on February 19, 2016. Since having learned of Kathy's untimely death on February 15, I have been unable adequately to articulate my sorrow to the members of my immediate family, though I trust Butch, Kristen, and Mr. B. know that my grief has been -- and is -- nearly overwhelming. I bear the singular distinction of everyone remaining in my family of having known Kathy from the time of her birth in 1954. The condolences of so many people who knew her along the way have so beautifully expressed many of my own sentiments, and I am confident that she has been deeply flattered by the wonderful things so many have said about her. My own grief is assuaged by the sure knowledge that she is not dead, but that in fact she is yet very much alive and experiencing the ineffable joy many of us have never known. At the instant of her physical death, she went from having the consciousness of a gnat to attaining the consciousness of the entire universe, where at last everything is known and understood to her.

While it is difficult especially for her family during these initial days of being without her, I take great solace in the sure knowledge that although death is such a strange contradiction to life, as those of us left behind know it, Kathy will always live in our memories as vividly as though she were still before our eyes, for to live always in the hearts and minds of those who love us is never to die. And drawing upon my love and lifelong commitment to music, I know she is happy, having heard the signal of her release in the bells of the Holy City, the chimes of eternal peace.

"Good night, Sweet [Princess]; and flights of angels wing thee to thy rest."

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**Gary Charles Smith** - February 18, 2016 at 03:14 PM

DP

“ Dear Brett,  
We were sorry to hear of your mother's death. Scooter let us know this week. I spoke to your mother several times at ballgames in past years, and we share in your loss. May Jesus Christ bring you and your family comfort at this time.  
Dr. Jim Priest  
Dr. Michael Priest



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**Dr. Jim Priest** - February 18, 2016 at 12:16 PM

DW

“ Butch, Kristen and Brett, we are so sad to hear of Kathy's passing. She was such a joy and always felt like a second mother to me. She cared so much and really showed the love she had for others. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. With Love - Darrick & Megan Wickre

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**Darrick Wickre** - February 18, 2016 at 09:58 AM

HF

“ Harold R Hicks & Family lit a candle in memory of Kathy Smith Thomas



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**Harold R Hicks & Family** - February 17, 2016 at 08:34 PM

CM

“ It is hard to find words to convey how heavy my heart is to hear of Kathy's passing. She was a wonderful warm person. A joy to know. Even though she worked in Danville and I worked in Staunton we formed a close bond and friendship over the years. No matter how busy she was she always had time for a question or sometimes just a talk-and sometimes we needed those peep talks. Heart felt sympathy goes out to Butch and her family-who through her I felt like I knew. May God be with each of you doing this very difficult and heartbreaking time. I hope you all can find peace in your faith and know you will see her again in heaven.

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**Cathy Minter** - February 17, 2016 at 05:29 PM

CM

“ Cathy Minter lit a candle in memory of Kathy Smith Thomas



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**Cathy Minter** - February 17, 2016 at 05:18 PM

JY

“ I WAS SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT KATHY. SHE WAS A VERY SPECIAL PERSON AND A GREAT COUSIN. I WILL MISS HER VERY MUCH. MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH BUTCH AND THE WHOLE FAMILY. SINCERELY WITH PRAYERS, JOHNNY

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**JOHN YEATTS** - February 17, 2016 at 03:12 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Kathy Smith Thomas.



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February 17, 2016 at 12:18 PM



“ Kathy was one of the sweetest, quietly funny ladies I have ever known. She was a pleasure to work with and a wealth of knowledge that she shared freely. My condolences to her lovely family. She will be missed. A co-worker and friend, Donna Linkous, Dublin

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**Donna Linkous** - February 17, 2016 at 11:09 AM



“ Farewell to my most favorite Lady Boss of all times. Kathy you will forever remain in my heart and I cherish the memories that I have of you. Godspeed to her beautiful loving family.  
Respectfully Submitted, Angela Fowler



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**angela fowler** - February 17, 2016 at 10:02 AM



“ Butch my prayers are with you at this time sorry for your loss time will heal just remember all the good times. Love you Aunt Eloise

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**Eloise Webb** - February 17, 2016 at 08:58 AM



“ I lost touch with Kathy over the years but have such found memories of her and her family through Little League. May God wrap you all in His loving arms and see you through this most trying time. Toni and Waine Ryan

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**Toni Ryan** - February 17, 2016 at 06:32 AM

KH

“ I was so very sorry to hear about your great loss..I always loved your Kathy,as everyone who ever had the pleasure to know her did. May God hold you all in his strong ,comforting arms & bring you peace.  
With all my love,  
Karen Frizzell Haymore

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**Karen Haymore** - February 17, 2016 at 05:52 AM

BF

“ Sympathy and prayers to Kathy's family. She was a kind and dear person.

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**Betty Floyd** - February 16, 2016 at 11:02 PM

VC

“ So sorry about Kathy. Such a wonderful and loving person. I'm sure her and HF gave a lot of talking to do. Give him a hug from me. Love ya Kathy. Vicky Coleman



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**vicky coleman** - February 16, 2016 at 10:18 PM

SP

“ I knew Kathy for many many years, meeting her for the first time in our teenage years when I was dating her brother Chip. I knew then that she was a very special person. Many years down the road, Butched coached my son, Tabor in baseball for several years. It was then that Kathy and I rekindled the friendship that was put on hold for a while as we grew up and life took us down different paths.

*Kathy had such a warm and caring countenance about her. She was fun and spirited and had the most contagious laugh. Being in her presence was always a treat.*

 Kathy, I love you, Honey and I will look forward to seeing you again. 

*My heart is full of love and prayers for the Smith and Thomas families. May all of you feel GOD's presence and love as you look to HIM for strength and comfort in the days to come. Hold on tight to each other for Kathy loved you all so very very much!*

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**Susan Jarvis Purnell** - February 16, 2016 at 09:40 PM

BS

“ Thoughts and prayers go out to all the Thomas and Smith family, as Kathy has gone home to be with her parents. She was such a special friend, and wonderful person, and will be missed. Her suffering is over, and can live life to the fullest with the Lord. Blessings to all.

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**Bill Setliff** - February 16, 2016 at 08:55 PM

LF

“ Kathy was such a sweet caring person. I grew up with her and she was always such a nice person. She will be truly missed by all!

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**Linda Moore Foust** - February 16, 2016 at 08:14 PM

KE

“ Sorry to hear of the passing Kathy. We were in school together; tho she was a couple years older. Many days at the GLH Johnson playground in the summer time. RIP PRAYERS to tour family! !

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**Kay Gregory East** - February 16, 2016 at 07:39 PM

SD

“ Kathy was a wonderful person who will be missed by all the lives she touched. We will keep all of you close in our prayers and thoughts during the difficult days ahead. With our utmost sympathy,  
Scooter, Linda and Hunter



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**Scooter, Linda and Hunter Dunn** - February 16, 2016 at 06:10 PM

SS

“ I went to High School with Kathy. She was such a sweet and pleasant person and always had a smile and kind words for everyone. Prayers for the family. Sharon B. Slayton

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**Sharon Slayton** - February 16, 2016 at 06:08 PM