



## Mary Kay Thomas

September 20, 1940 - April 15, 2016

Murphysboro – Mary Kay Thomas, 75 of Murphysboro passed away at 4pm on Friday, April 15, 2016 in Mt. Vernon, IL. Mary Kay was born in Benton, IL. on September 20, 1940 a daughter to the late Roland Grant and Lillie (Ing) Harris.

Mary Kay was a member of the First Christian Church in Murphysboro; she was a long time member of the Murphysboro Apple Festival committee serving specifically on the Miss Apple Festival Pageant subcommittee. She was crowned Miss Springfield, IL. in 1960. Mary Kay had been employed as a secretary and administrative assistant for the Illinois Department of Transportation and later at Tri-County Special Education School in Murphysboro.

Memorial services will be at 11am on Wednesday, April 20, 2016 at the First Christian Church in Murphysboro; Pastor Rick Sutton of the First Christian Church will officiate. Visitation will be from 5 to 8pm on Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at Crawshaw Funeral Home in Murphysboro and from 10am until the hour of services on Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are encouraged and may be made to the Miss Apple Festival Pageant Scholarship and will be accepted at the funeral home and church.

Survivors include three sons and two daughters-in-law; Todd Thomas of New York, NY., Joel and Cathy (Howell) Thomas of Goreville, IL. and Andy and Abby (Pearson) Thomas of Virginia City, MT., one sister; Jody Donosky of Evansville, IN., three grandchildren; Ellen Thomas and Joe and Josh Burton, she is also survived by her former husband; Milton Ronald Thomas. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by one sister Polly Ann Weathers and two brothers-in-law; Ted Donosky and Jack Weathers.

# Events

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**APR** **Visitation** 05:00PM - 08:00PM

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Crawshaw Funeral Home

1421 Walnut St, Murphysboro, IL, US, 62966

**APR** **Memorial Service** 11:00AM

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First Christian Church

1501 Pine St, Murphysboro, IL, US, 62966

# Comments

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“ I remember the first time I met Kay. I went to First Christian Church and she was the first woman I met. She greeted me with a big smile. Every since then we had been so close. I was only nine years old at the time and I haven't known her for as long as most people but we were as close as you could get. I went to her memorial service yesterday and I got to meet her sons and sister. It was a delight to meet them. Its amazing how much Kay lives through them. She was always so loving and accepting of me. Always complementing my dresses and how I looked. Never failing to give me a big warm hug. Its a shame she had to go so early, but I'm glad shes in a better place. Up there decorating her mansion. I can't wait to see her again in heaven. All the stories I hear yesterday. They brought back so many memories. People I had never met before knew me. They said things such as "Kay talked about you so much" "Kay loved you." "She was always talking about how nice and pretty you are." I'm honored to have been able to know this wonderful lady. She was a major influence on my life and she is greatly missed.  
Best wishes to family :) <3



**Autumn Szabo** - April 21, 2016 at 10:21 AM

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“ I remember when I first met her. I went to the church and there was about three people who first met me. She was one of them. We clicked immediately. I was only about nine years old at the time but we became very good friends very quickly. She always had a smile on her face and was always so nice to me. Its a shame she had to leave us but I'm glad shes in a better place. I remember always going back to her pew in the church and talking to her. She'd always complement my dresses and how pretty I looked. She never failed to give me a warm hug. I went to her memorial service yesterday and got to meet her family. Not one of them hadn't heard of me. I loved Kay dearly and she loved me too. She was always so loving and like an adopted grandma to me. Meeting her sons and sisters was a delight. Its amazing how much she lives on through them. I hope I may speak to them in the future. Knowing that they will carry on Kay's love, kindness, and wit.



**Autumn Szabo** - April 21, 2016 at 10:13 AM

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“ To the Thomas brothers:

So sorry to hear of Kay's death. Always enjoyed visiting with her at tax time. Very classy lady. She will be missed.

Scott Evans

**Scott Evans** - April 20, 2016 at 02:52 PM

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“ I met Kay in 1958 when we lived on the same floor at Woody Hall. Several of us have remained in touch over all these years, meeting for lunch in different towns around S. Il. Kay was a fun and funny gal and how she will be missed. So sorry to hear of her passing. Sending prayers to all the family. Peggy Gallagher Booker.

**Peggy Booker** - April 19, 2016 at 11:59 AM

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“ A lovely lady and a wonderful mother.

**Michael Ellis** - April 19, 2016 at 08:11 AM

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“ I'm Suzanne Fred from Salem, Il and former Woody Hall classmate at SIU and going out to lunch in the summer and gossip about old time and laugh. I want to express my sympathy to you and your family. She will be missed at our lunch table.

**Suzanne Fred** - April 19, 2016 at 08:11 AM

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“ So sorry to hear of Kay's passing....she was a very nice lady. Always enjoyed talking to her on her visits to Kroger weekly. She will be missed by all her grew to know her! May God comfort her family during this difficult time.

Lori Wilson

**Lori Wilson** - April 18, 2016 at 11:23 PM

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“ We are sorry for the loss of your loved one. Prayers for her family.

Ken and Elva Hungate

**Ken Hungate** - April 18, 2016 at 09:53 PM

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“ Thomas family, thinking of you at this difficult time. All our love, St. Louis Wurms

**phillip j wurm** - April 18, 2016 at 06:57 PM

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“ So very sorry to hear of Kay's passing. Prayers for all of her family.

**William Hays** - April 17, 2016 at 08:02 PM

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“ We are thinking of all of you at your time of sorrow and loss. We both loved Kay and will miss her laugh and spirit. She always had such a great twinkle in her eyes! Love and Peace to all of you. Robin and Kevin Bost

**Robin Bost** - April 17, 2016 at 01:08 PM

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“ Kay and I were classmates and worked on every class reunion together. She always had a smile on her face and loved her family so much. My prayers are with the family.

**Sherry Somers** - April 17, 2016 at 07:59 AM



“ What a wonderful person. Always kind and fun to have a good laugh with. We will miss you. Lifting up prayers.

**Dan & Judy Bost** - April 20, 2016 at 02:55 PM