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Mary Alice Theis, age 88, passed away Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at Anthology of Plano Assisted Living with her daughter, Elaine, by her side. Mary, or Mother Mary, as so many of her nieces and nephews called her, was born in Longview Texas on July 8, 1932 to Gracie and Hershhal Hutcheson. Mary, was blessed to have 10 sisters and two brothers with which to share her laughter, fears, tears, dreams, and above all...love. Her family was very special to her throughout all of these years.

Mary had several major interests...Bowling, Bridge, the Dallas Cowboys, the Lobos, promoting Longview through her Longview Chamber of Commerce job, and of course her family. Mary started bowling in 1956 and bowled for for 50 years. Needless to say, she could out bowl her daughter, son-in-law, and grandsons, and many of her friends. She served as Longview Bowling Association's League Secretary for many years and received too many plaques to count as the "Most Congenial Bowler". She was fun and nice to all. Becoming a bridge player later in life, she gave it her all. She became the secretary of her Bridge Club at Preston Place and played two to three times a week. There are "fair weather fans" and then there's Mary Theis. She never gave up on her "Boys in Blue" ever. Faithful to the end, she even watched bits of the great comeback this past week with the Falcons. Mary was a Longview Lobo and that was another great love of hers. She was the secretary for the 49'ers for years and kept everyone informed about their classmates. She truly loved her Lobo Buddies. While living in Mt. Pleasant, Mary's work career started at Lone Star Steel. She graduated from a secretarial school and excelled at her typing and shorthand skills. She started as an executive secretary to the steel mill's doctor, and that prepared her for her work with doctors in Longview, Robert Allen & Associates, Malloy & Bresie Architects, and she ended her career as an executive secretary and office manager with the Longview Chamber of Commerce. Foremost in her life was



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her immediate family with whom she was able to share many birthday and special holiday celebrations.

Mary was preceded in death by her mother and father, husbands, Charles Clifton Faircloth, Julius Elray Theis, and her sisters, Anna Lou Beard, Laura Evelyn Betts, Mildred Pauline Brooks, Hershal Howard Hutcheson, Helen Virginia Smith, and Carolyn Laverne Tanner.

Left to share her memory are her daughter and son-in-law, Elaine and Larry Howell of Dallas, grandsons Matthew and wife, Johanna, and Cody and wife Julie, of Plano, and four precious great-grandkids, Gracie Kay Howell, Henry Wayne Howell, Emma Jo Howell, and Brooks Cameron Howell. Also sharing her loss are sisters Joyce Marie Williams, Sue Ann and Ben Boyd, Jane Lanelle Franklin, Virginia Gail Reed, June Ellen Stephens, William Thomas and Pat Hutcheson; beloved nieces and nephews, and so many cherished friends.

A graveside service will be held on Monday, September 28, 2020 at Lakeview Memorial Gardens at 1:00 p.m. under the direction of Rader Funeral Home in Longview. The family would like to extend their love and gratitude to all the caregivers, administration, therapists, and nurses at Anthology Assisted Living of Plano. Their daily care, love, and respect for our sweet "MiMi" and the support they gave to our family was endless. Also going beyond all expectations was Charlin Home Health, and later, Charlin Hospice. This phenomenal group was right beside us with care, hugs, and above all, prayers throughout this journey.

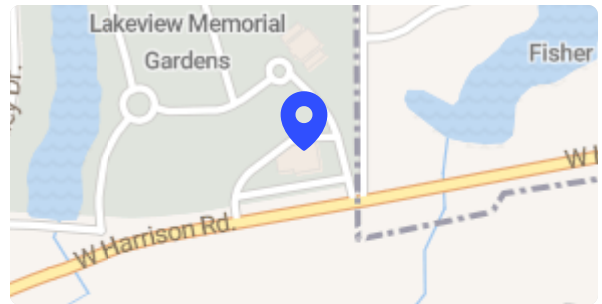


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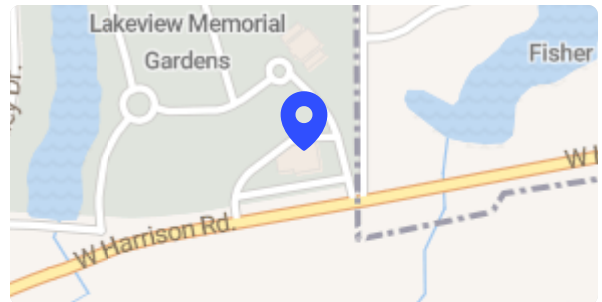
Graveside Service

- Monday**, September 28, 2020
- 1:00 PM CT
- Lakeview Memorial Gardens**
5000 W. Harrison Rd., Longview TX



Cemetery Details

- Lakeview Memorial Gardens**
5000 W Harrison Rd, Longview TX 75604-5230
- (903) 759-9493**





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Rebecca Murray posted:

Elaine,I have good memories of Mary from when I was a child and our family attending church on Green Street with your family. I believe you were in LHS with one of my sisters, Charlsie or Terri. Through the years I would run into Mary and she was always a delight to talk to, such a happy women! It is always difficult to say goodbye to your mother, no matter what the circumstance. May your happy memories and faith give you strength at this time.Becky Myers Murray

September 28 at 7:39 AM



Lee Ann Theis-Humphries posted:

Lanie, Your Mom was the most precious lady ever!! We were so very proud to welcome her into the Theis family when she and Uncle Elray were married. Her smile and, sweet caring ways brought much joy to his life!! She and my Mom became instant friends. We all loved Mary so much! We send you peace, love, light and, prayers for comfort. God Bless you!!!Lee Ann (Theis)HumphriesDaughter of Curtis & Bettye Theis

September 28 at 7:11 AM



Fredine Theis Ward September 30 at 11:32 AM

So very sorry for your lost. I know the loss you feel. I have found that remembering all the good times helps ease the pain. We loved her for her caring ways and for the joy she brought to my brother/uncle. I have good memories of them.Fredine Theis Ward, Kellye Ward



Anonymous sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Theis family.



September 27 at 9:29 PM



The James, John, And Bryan Simons' Families sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Theis family.



September 27 at 1:14 PM



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WW

Winona Williams posted:

Dear Elaine and Family, I will try to put in a few words what Mary has meant to my and my family. It would take a book to tell it all. Mary was a beautiful lady with a heart of gold. It was easy to love her, because she would love you back two-fold. Some of my fondest memories are flooded with Mary. Bowling introduced us to a cherished friendship lasting over 60 years. She was such a part of our life, and yes, it left us empty hearted when she moved away. My love and prayers for all of you,
Winona Williams

September 27 at 11:52 AM

BW

Bob Woodall posted:

Our deepest sympathy. So sorry for your loss. What a great lady. She'll be missed by many. Bob and Jetta Woodall

September 27 at 9:23 AM

CL

Charlie And Marilyn Lebus sent a virtual gift in honor of Mary.

A precious, beautiful woman!! So sorry for your loss... 😞 Thinking of you and your family! ❤️

September 27 at 8:48 AM



MM

Margaret Musslewhite posted:

Mary has always been a beautiful Lady inside and out! I worked for Engineers here out of Shreveport and got to work with Architects Robert Allen, Mallory & Bresie and she was always so nice! Getting to know her daughter reminds me so much of Mary. Two beautiful women. Always very dedicated to family, friends and everything she did or was involved in. Has lived a very successful life and health good for many years. Those grandchildren adore her. The beautiful heart of babies breathe is so sweet from them. Prayers for you all. They stay so alive in our hearts forever!

September 27 at 6:42 AM

SA

Sid Allen posted:

Mary and I worked together at the Longview Partnership. She was a great employee and helped me immensely when I started my work there. I have thought of her often since I left Longview. She will always have a place in my heart. Sid Allen

September 26 at 2:00 PM



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Anonymous sent a Treasured Lilies Spray to the Theis family.

September 26 at 1:41 PM



Lynn Casper sent a Pink Potpourri Bouquet to the Theis family.

September 26 at 12:37 PM



Deborah Lecours posted:

My Aunt Mary was definitely the matriarch of our family. We all looked up to her as a person of integrity, and strength. She was a beautiful, smart, sophisticated, strong, and classy lady. I always admired her, and her dedication to her sisters, brothers and all the nieces and nephews. I thank God for blessing my life with my Aunt Mary. Love, Deborah Grace Ramsey LeCours

September 26 at 10:03 AM



Anonymous sent a Heavenly Heights Bouquet to the Theis family.

September 26 at 9:25 AM



Love- The Starfords, Nadeaus & Holly Jemmott sent a Lavender Reflections Spray to the Theis family.

September 26 at 9:16 AM



Anonymous sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the Theis family.

September 26 at 8:54 AM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Mary by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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