



Lucille G Thomas

May 31, 1925 - March 29, 2014

Lucille Gretchen Thomas was born to John Herbert Duis and Amelia Anna Breitwieser Duis on May 31, 1925, on a farm near Bruning, Nebraska, and passed away March 29, 2014, at Heritage Crossings in Geneva, Nebraska at the age of 88 years, 9 months and 28 days. She was one of 5 children in the family. Lucille was baptized into the Christian Faith in June of 1925 and confirmed in May 1942. She attended rural schools in the Bruning area and graduated from Bruning High School in May of 1942. She attended Hasting College where she began preparing for a career in teaching. Lucille graduated from Seward Concordia Teacher College in Seward, Nebraska. She spent 38 years of service to children through her teaching in rural schools in Fillmore County and the Geneva Public School system. In May of 1982 she was selected Best Teacher in the State of Nebraska and received the Cavett Award given to her personally by Doris Cavett. After many years of dedicated teaching she retired in 1987. Lucille was married to Gustav Thomas of Ohio, Nebraska on March 9, 1946 and to them 2 children Thomas Duis Thomas and Jayne Ellen Thomas were born. They lived in the Ohio area during their entire married life. Lucille was a lifelong member of the Lutheran Church and remained active as long as her health permitted. She was an avid student of the Bible and loved teaching Bible School, Sunday school and confirmation classes. She especially enjoyed the College classes in Religion, which she took at Seward Concordia. Her favorite was the book of Psalms. Her Bible was marked with a summary of many of the chapters. Her religion

was always very important to her and it was not uncommon for her to tell family and friends that she would pray for them. Lucille had many interests. She crocheted and made many quilts and afghans for her children and grandchildren and she loved to read. Her upper most concern was for her family especially her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Lucille was a loving mother and grandmother who always had time for her family and friends. She enjoyed keeping in touch with relatives and friends with notes of encouragement, get well cards and birthday greetings as well as extending sympathy. Her philosophy of life was that in today's complex world we need to reaffirm the things that are truly important in life – Faith, Hope, Optimism and Joy. Precious gifts that can be ours when we open our hearts to others and believe in God. She was always a giver of her time, talents guidance and love and she will live on forever in each of our hearts. Lucille was preceded in death by her husband Gustav, son Thomas, father and mother John and Amelia Duis, son-in-law Johnny Halama, step brothers Ervin Duis, Clarence Duis and Marvin Duis. She is survived by her daughter Jayne Ellen Halama, sister Eileen and husband Marvin Meyer, grandchildren JoDee and husband Andy Dunker, Jill and husband John Muff and Jon Halama. Great grandchildren Owen and Bret Dunker, Austin and Connor Krumme and Makayla Muff. Services for Lucille will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 2, 2014, at the St. John's Lutheran Church in Ohiowa, Nebraska. Interment will follow at the Ohiowa Public Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 1:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday at the Farmer & Son Funeral Home in Geneva, Nebraska. Memorials are directed to the family for later designation.

Tribute Wall

AD

“ Sorry for your loss. Jayne and family you are in our hearts and prayers. God Bless.

Alec & Janice Douglas - April 14, 2014 at 09:17 AM

BM

“ Please accept my condolences in the loss of your loved one. I was lucky to have Mrs. Thomas for my 6th grade teacher. She was much loved and respected by all of her students. In more recent years I was pleased to have several nice visits with her when she was at Heritage Crossings. Always the gracious, loving person.
Bette Mattox Manning

Bette Mattox Manning - April 03, 2014 at 12:01 AM

SS

“ Jayne and family. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Sarah Ashby Sawtell - April 02, 2014 at 02:41 PM

TB

“ Our deepest sympathy at the passing of your mother and grandmother. Lucille was my 6th grade teacher whom I loved very much. She was such a sweet, kind, caring lady who will not be forgotten. May the Lord carry you all through this difficult time and grant you His peace.

Terry Ann Brandt - April 02, 2014 at 09:05 AM

MR

“ Sorry to hear about Mrs. Thomas. She was a fantastic teacher and a very kind & caring lady! She always spoke kind words.....we will miss her, but our memories will never be forgotten. With Sympathy

Mark, Sarah, Brandon & Ethan Reinsch - March 31, 2014 at 06:31 PM

BH

“ So sorry to hear of Mrs. Thomases passing. She was one of the best and I loved her as my 6th grade teacher. She will be buried at the Ohioa Cemetary... that is where my family is buried as well. Such a beautiful, peaceful cemetary. RIP, Lucille. You were loved by many.

Billie Jan Pekar Hromas - March 31, 2014 at 06:11 PM

AW

“ So sad to hear that this sweet lady is gone. She was always 1of my favorite teachers. My thoughts & prayers are with her family. She will be greatly missed!!

Amy (Lukes) Wilson - March 31, 2014 at 04:43 PM

DM

“ Sorry to hear of your mom passing, she was always nice to visit with & a friend to all. our sympathy to you & your families.

Don & Rita Meyer - March 31, 2014 at 04:15 PM

JF

“ We share with you the loss of our loved one. May you have relatives, friends, the Loving Lord God to share this grieving time with you. For us the comfort and hope for life comes from the Resurrection at the end of the world. All people will rise to live forever. May the Torch of the Living Lord be your best help. Janet and Clyde Friedman

Janet and Clyde Friedman - March 31, 2014 at 12:52 PM

LK

“ Lucille was my first teacher when we moved to Geneva. Later she became one of my colleagues. She was a wonderful person and will always be remembered fondly.

Laurie Lux Kimbrough - March 31, 2014 at 12:35 PM

NC

“ Lucille (Mrs. Thomas) was one of the best teachers I had. I have thought of her many times over the years. She was my 6th grade teacher in 1972.

Nancy Miiller (Yates) - March 31, 2014 at 08:59 AM

LB

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Lucille was a classy lady and always had a kind word for everyone. She and Gus were such good friends to my grandparents. God Bless you all.

Laurie Wagner Bessler - March 30, 2014 at 02:16 PM

JS

“ So sorry for the loss of your mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. She was a great lady and will be missed.

Joan Stofer - March 30, 2014 at 01:39 PM