



## Thelma Jean Funkhouser Moomaw

December 29, 1936 - October 5, 2025

The staff of Heishman Funeral Home/Valley Funeral Service sends condolences to the family of Ms. Thelma Jean Funkhouser Moomaw.

Thelma Jean Funkhouser Moomaw, 88, of Orkney Springs, VA passed away Sunday October 5, 2025.

Mrs. Moomaw was born on December 29, 1936, in Jerome, VA, daughter of the late William Aldine and Ethel May Miller Funkhouser.

She was a lifelong member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Jerome, Virginia before becoming a member of the Cathedral Shrine of the Transfiguration at Shrine Mont.

Her life centered around her family and many friends. Thelma enjoyed all kinds of music and was particularly fond of the Shenandoah Valley Music Festival concerts held every summer in her backyard.

Mrs. Moomaw expressed her love by cooking for others. She was known for her pound cake, pot pie, and homemade soups. It was nearly impossible for a guest to leave her home feeling hungry.

She graduated from Triplett High School, Mt. Jackson, in 1955 where she was

a basketball player and was voted Most Athletic in her senior year. That interest in sports continued throughout her life. She attended every grandchild's school and sporting events that she could.

She worked at Shrine Mont for many years and looked forward to catching up with her friends who returned each year.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald Richard ("Dick") Moomaw, three sisters and a brother.

She is survived by her three children, Jennifer Gregory (Daniel Madden) of Henrico, Karen Rose (Kevin) of Orkney Springs, Kevin Moomaw (Mary) of Orkney Springs; six grandchildren, William and Thomas Gregory, Lucy and Lettie Rose, Margaret Moomaw Gomez (Mark) and Elizabeth Moomaw Somers (Kory); and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial celebration will be held on Sunday, November 9, 2025, at 2:30 pm at the Cathedral Shrine of the Transfiguration at Shrine Mont. A reception will immediately follow at the Virginia House. Memorial gifts may be made to Shrine Mont, PO Box 10, Orkney Springs, Virginia, 22845 or [www.shrinemont.com/donate](http://www.shrinemont.com/donate).

Online condolences may be made at [www.valleyfs.com](http://www.valleyfs.com)

Arrangements are in the care of Heishman Funeral Home, Inc. Valley Funeral Service Branch, Edinburg.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

NOV 9. 2:30 PM (ET)

Cathedral Shrine of the Transfiguration  
217 Shrine Mont Circle  
Orkney Springs, VA 22845

# Tribute Wall

DT

“Dearest Moomaw’s and Shrinemont friends,  
In 2012 when visiting Shrinemont, I wrote this poem and just found it. Thelma was the most kind and amazing cook and baker. Our family always looked forward to visiting with her when we attended Family Camp. We miss your sweet smile, Thelma. 💕 And your pecan pie.

*AHH, THE PIE!*  
by Debbie Trowbridge

*Saturday lunch  
meatloaf rules  
salad stars  
tomatoes smile  
mac and cheese  
says it all.*

*And then, there’s the pie.*

*Succulent filling  
sweetened pecans  
melt-in-your-mouth crust of gold*

*Memories fill  
my heart and mouth.  
I’ll love Thelma’s pie  
until I’m old.*

*April 14, 2012*

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**Debbie Trowbridge** - December 31, 2025 at 05:10 PM

SC

“ *Thelma Jean was one of the kids I grew up with in Jerome. She was a wonderful person. Tho I would only see her years apart! She was always there with big hug. she will be missed. Sally Blaine Miller Coffman*

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**Sally Blaine Miller Coffman** - November 03, 2025 at 04:58 PM

KP

“ *Thelma was always the cousin who greeted me with a warm smile, remembered what was going on in my life and made me feel special. I will miss her joy. I hope you are comforted by wonderful memories of this very special lady.*

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**Kim Goodgion Pugh** - October 17, 2025 at 12:06 PM

LB

“ *Thinking of you and sending our heartfelt condolences. Leslie and Jim Bergin*

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**Leslie Bergin** - October 12, 2025 at 05:04 PM

BB

“ *I have only known Thelma for 4 years but she is one of my favorite people. She had a very blessed and interesting life full of sass and laughter and I am honored to be part of it. Much love and many hugs for the Moomaw family. You are my favorite people too.*

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**Bonnijean Boggess** - October 12, 2025 at 01:01 PM

BR

“ *I'm sorry to read about Thelma's death and send my sympathy to all members of her family. I always enjoyed seeing her when I was in Orkney.*

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**Barbara Rhinehart** - October 11, 2025 at 04:42 PM

BN

“ Grant her peace, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon her  
It was my pleasure to know and be a part of Thelma's profound life.  
Blessings to her family and friends. Grace as we trust in God's  
promises till we are all reunited with Thelma.

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**Bill Nabers** - October 10, 2025 at 08:30 PM

MF

“ Jennifer, Karen, Kevin and all the family,  
So very sorry to hear of Thelma's passing. I have memories of her  
when I worked at the Post Office in Orkney and when I would visit  
Jennifer at her home back in the 80's when we worked together.  
Thelma was always so pleasant and I always felt she had a sparkle  
in her eye that came from her positiveness and natural beauty.

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**Mona (Moomaw) Seay & family** - October 10, 2025 at 08:23 PM

CR

Our sympathy .  
Otie & Crena ( Moomaw) Ryman

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**Crena Ryman** - October 14, 2025 at 09:27 AM

SL

“ Prayers and love during this time. Thelma was the sweetest. When I  
worked at Gore's she was one of my favorite customers. Always  
had a smile.

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**Susan Lloyd** - October 10, 2025 at 04:04 PM

CP

Thelma was an amazing person, she taught me a lot during  
during my summers working at Shrine Mont. She will be missed, my  
thoughts and prayers are with you all.

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**Cindy Powell** - October 11, 2025 at 05:15 PM



*I am so saddened to hear this news! She was always kind and very hospitable to me. Sending my prayers to you all!*

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**Anne Neale** - October 12, 2025 at 07:37 PM