



## Joan Diana Thornton Sheppard

July 18, 1942 - April 15, 2021

Joan (Diana) Thornton Sheppard, age 78, of Blacksburg died, Thursday, April 15, 2021, at Lewis Gale Hospital-Montgomery.

She was born in Montgomery County, Va. on July 18, 1942 to the late James Frank and Minnie Hollandsworth Thornton. She was also preceded in death by her brothers, Oden Thornton, Garnett Thornton, Johnny Thornton.

She is survived by her husband of 56 years, Frank Sheppard, Jr., daughter, Lynn Sheppard, son, Tim Sheppard, sisters, Cleo McCoy, Carmell Miller, brother and sister-in-law, Curtiss and Barbara Thornton, several nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

Funeral services will be conducted Monday, April 19, 2021 at 2:00 pm in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Buford Linkous officiating. Interment will follow in the Roselawn Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends from 1-2:00 pm Monday prior to the service.

# Cemetery Details

## Roselawn Memorial Gardens

2880 N. Franklin Street  
Christiansburg, VA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 19. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

McCoy Funeral Home  
150 Country Club Dr. S.W.  
Blacksburg, VA 24060  
(540) 552-3211  
mccoyfuneralhome@verizon.net  
<https://mccoyfuneralhome.com>

## Service

APR 19. 2:00 PM (ET)

McCoy Funeral Home Chapel  
150 Country Club Dr S.W.  
Blacksburg, VA 24060

# Tribute Wall

DI

“ *Dudes Drive In Employees send their condolences to the family of Mrs Sheppard.* ”



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**Dudes Drive In** - April 19, 2021 at 01:14 PM

WF

“ *Frankie, Tim & Lynn, We were so sorry to hear of Diana's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Marvin & Wanda Foushee* ”

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**Wanda Foushee** - April 19, 2021 at 01:11 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Joan Diana Thornton Sheppard.* ”



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April 19, 2021 at 07:21 AM

DM

“ *Condolences to Diana's family. I worked with her at the University Bookstore. Such a sweet lady with a warm smile. Rest in Peace* ”



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**Diane Shelton Matusевич** - April 18, 2021 at 04:55 PM

DD

“ Tim,  
So sorry for your loss. May God Bless you  
and your family.



Donna Duncan - April 18, 2021 at 03:57 PM

MF

“ I am so sorry to hear of Diane passing. She was such a great  
cousin to talk to at our Thornton reunions. I find it so sad that we  
have lost so many and don't have reunions to go to anymore. The  
family has my sympathy and prayers. Mark Francis....Virginia  
Thornton Francis's son in Richmond

Mark Francis - April 17, 2021 at 07:59 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the  
family of Joan Diana Thornton Sheppard.



April 17, 2021 at 11:47 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of  
Joan Diana Thornton Sheppard.



April 16, 2021 at 10:30 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Joan Diana Thornton Sheppard.*



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April 16, 2021 at 10:27 PM



“ *Frankie and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Your in my thoughts and prayers.*



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**Delores Wall** - April 16, 2021 at 08:58 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Joan Diana Thornton Sheppard.*



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April 16, 2021 at 03:21 PM