



Thelma Juanita Robinson Caldwell

November 13, 1928 - August 10, 2023

Thelma Juanita Robinson Caldwell, 94, passed away in her sleep on August 10, 2023 after a long battle with cancer. Thelma was born in Blacksburg, Virginia on November 13, 1928 to Samuel (Sam) and Bessie (Granny) Robinson. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Harlan and their special friend Muffin and brothers and sisters Douglas (Doug), Lutitia (Tish), Georgia (Georgy), David, Joyce Ann, Kathleen, and Korine and two great grandchildren Spenser, and Austin.

Thelma is survived by her brother Billy (Jacksonville, FL); sons Donnie, Larry and his longtime partner Julie, and Jerry; daughters Harlene Ottolini and husband Larry, Peggy Maes and longtime partner Bennett, and Connie. She is also survived by her grandchildren John, Tina, Christine, Amy, Mark, Daniel, Angela, Melissa, and Lauren; great grandchildren Avery, Nick, Luke, Justin, Kiele, Bryce, Kayla, Andrew, and Peyton; and great great grandchildren Jaelynn, Maddox, Silas, and Jackson; and many extended family and wonderful friends.

Thelma enjoyed working, cooking, canning, visiting with family and friends, as well as making new friends. She made friends everywhere she would go, whether in the community, local markets, or places she worked; to her there were no strangers just opportunities to meet new friends. Everyone she met fell in love with her and she will truly be missed by many.

The family would like to acknowledge Blue Ridge Cancer Center, especially Dr. Sheela and Venessa Coates, where our mom was afforded kind and compassionate healthcare. Mom was a face and not a number. Special thanks also to Carilion Clinic Home Care and Good Samaritan Hospice who attended to mom and the family in her last month.

A memorial service to celebrate Thelma's life and legacy will be held at 1:00 pm on Saturday, October 21, 2023, at the Robinson Cemetery with Pastor Shake Smith officiating.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Good Samaritan Hospice at www.goodsam.care or any cancer organization.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT **21**. 1:00 PM.

Robinson Cemetery

Tribute Wall

LD

“ I loved meeting Thelma on our trips to VA. She was always so welcoming and I loved sitting around the table after eating one of her awesome meals. She ways made you feel so welcome, like one of the family., I know she will be missed by all that loved and knew her. <3



Lee Durbin - August 17, 2023 at 04:11 PM

BA

“ Loved thelma...she would come to the produce stand in her lil ford ranger and ask me what kind of beans i had then we would chat. fly high thelma

Butch anderson - August 15, 2023 at 11:15 PM

HO

“ Harlene Ottolini lit a candle in memory of Thelma Juanita Robinson Caldwell



Harlene Ottolini - August 15, 2023 at 12:11 PM

HO

A dear friend gave me this card and I wanted to share it:

"If Roses grow in Heaven Lord, please pick a bunch for me. Place them in my Mother's arms and tell her they're from me. Tell her that I love her and miss her, and when she turns to smile, place a kiss upon her cheek and hold her for awhile. Because remembering her is easy, I do it every day, but there's an ache within my heart that will never go away."

Mom, I love and miss you dearly. Your daughter, Harlene

Harlene Ottolini - August 15, 2023 at 12:17 PM

TH

*Harlene and Connie, my deepest condolences to you and the family!
Tina*

Tina Hale - August 15, 2023 at 07:57 PM

JH

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with the family during this time.*



Jessica Hope - August 15, 2023 at 12:05 PM

RC

“ *Aunt Thelma was a person that you could count on and showed her love in many ways. She was there when my mother was battling cancer and the family was very thankful to have her present. You will be missed but not forgotten. Sammy Caldwell*

Ralph Caldwell - August 15, 2023 at 11:03 AM

JW

“ We loved Miss Thelma at work . She kept everyone on their toes. I only worked with her for 3 years but she captured my heart. People that knew her were so blessed and she was such a giving person. She was like a second mom. Love you !!! Judy Wells

Judy Wells - August 15, 2023 at 10:25 AM

JE

“ If love could have saved you, you'd live forever. ❤️



JerryCaldwell - August 15, 2023 at 10:20 AM

LG

“ Remembering all the good times with Thelma in Aunt Joyce's kitchen...such a sweet woman.

Lisa Lucas Gardnet - August 15, 2023 at 09:46 AM

LE

“ Lety lit a candle in memory of Thelma Juanita Robinson Caldwell



Lety - August 15, 2023 at 07:13 AM

CA

“ C.G., Amy, And Avery lit a candle in memory
of Thelma Juanita Robinson Caldwell



C.G., Amy, and Avery - August 14, 2023 at 06:00 PM

JW

*Caldwell family
My condolences and love to a special person. She was a great woman.
She will be missed. Jocelyn Wenrick*

jocelyn Wenrick - August 16, 2023 at 04:49 AM