



Dr. Charlene "Chuck" Ann Thomas

May 12, 1950 - April 22, 2017

Funeral service Wednesday, April 26, 2017, 11 AM at St. Mary's Episcopal Church 306 S Prospect Ave., Park Ridge IL. Entombment St Adalbert Cemetery. Visitation Tuesday 3 PM - 9 PM at the funeral home.

Tribute Wall

GH

“ I WILL MISS YOU VERY MUCH THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING YOU AND UNCLE JOE HAVE DONE FOR ME REST IN PEACE WITH YOUR BOYS LOVE GARY

Gary Harvel - June 13, 2018 at 08:51 AM

DH

“ TO MY FAVORITE SISTER IN LAW THANKS FOR THE GOOD TIMES WE HAD TOGETHER YOU WILL ALWAYS BE IN MY PRAYERS SEE YOU IN HEAVEN Love Doris

DORIS HARVEL - June 13, 2018 at 08:51 AM

MS

“ My deepest sympathies. Dr. Thomas was an amazing teacher, well respected, and will be missed. There are things she taught me that I will never forget. She had a way about her that was interesting and always made me laugh. I'm grateful I had an opportunity to have met her. Aurora University was very fortunate to have had her.

Marcie Sej - June 13, 2018 at 08:51 AM

AM

“ My condolences to your family. You were a very passionate Nurse and teacher with a great sense of humor.

Ali Moore - June 13, 2018 at 08:51 AM

BG

“ My first nursing experience with Dr. Thomas was as a BSN student here at Rush University, College of Nursing. Dr. Thomas was kind, caring and compassionate. She demonstrated such sweetness and love of her patients that I thought "I would like to be like her someday". I will always remember her gentleness as well as a great sense of humor. God bless you Dr. Thomas - Rest in Peace and Happiness to you as you are with your family. Barb

Barbara Gulczynski - June 13, 2018 at 08:51 AM

DH

“ Krista, I'm so sorry for your loss. Keeping your entire family in my thoughts and prayers. Darlene Chapin Hall

Darlene Hudson - June 13, 2018 at 08:51 AM

LG

“ Dr. Thomas was an amazing professor! She was there for me when I was at risk of failing, and helped me get back on track. I will forever be grateful for all the time she put in to help me. I will now be graduating in May and she is definitely one of the people who has helped me get here. She was a phenomenal teacher and will be missed by all her nursing students.

Lorena Garcia - June 13, 2018 at 08:51 AM

RW

“ She was a brilliant, intelligent and very caring teacher. She was so passionate about teaching and always available to her students. You will truly be missed Dr. Thomas. Condolences to your family.

Robin Wohlfeil - June 13, 2018 at 08:51 AM

CH

“ It was an absolute privilege to be taught by Dr. Thomas. Her fiery passion for the nursing profession will continue to live on through all of her students. Rest In Peace.

Chandler Higgins - June 13, 2018 at 08:51 AM

ML

“ I will always remember stopping by Chuck's office door and taking a few minutes to talk about work or family or just to catch up on what each of us was doing. Before long we were laughing like two teenagers. Chuck showed us that life can be fun, work is fun, students are fun to be around. Both of us had been around for a while so we also knew great loss. Chuck shared with me her love for her children and how proud she was of them. She lost her son, I lost a daughter-in-law. We shared tears of joy and tears of grief. I'll miss you, dear colleague. Maryanne Locklin

Maryanne Locklin - June 13, 2018 at 08:51 AM

GP

“ It was an honor to not only have Dr. Thomas as a professor but later to teach with her side by side in the graduate program at Aurora University. I always appreciated her sense of humor, honesty, and wisdom. There is an emptiness now in the nursing department. She will always be remembered as an intelligent, helpful, and loving person. I am grateful to have known her. I am praying for her family!

Gina Panozzo - June 13, 2018 at 08:51 AM

AP

“ Chuck was a mentor and friend, and I will always treasure my years with her at Rush. She was a true Nursing leader who inspired many of us. I think of her through the years and always smile. May she rest in peace and continue to shine on us. My prayers and thoughts go out to Krista and family.

Andrea Pekofske - June 13, 2018 at 08:51 AM

JM

“ Mrs Thomas was my piano teacher for sixteen years and had a positive and significant impact on who I am today. She treated me like her own daughter. Rest in peace...you will be missed by many.

Judy Mpistolarides - June 13, 2018 at 08:51 AM

CB

“ Dr. Thomas was a thoughtful and kind teacher. I wouldn't be where I am today without her guidance. I can't express my gratitude enough for what she has given me. She was brilliant and should be remembered for her excellence in nursing care. It was truly an honor to be taught by Charlene and will forever be in my thoughts. Rest In Peace Dr. Thomas.

Chase Buehler - June 13, 2018 at 08:51 AM

BB

“ I can still vividly remember nervously hearing her gold Camero with T-tops parking in front of my childhood home in Edison Park for my weekly piano lesson I wasn't prepared for because I rarely practiced. Even though my half hour lesson seemed like 23 1/2 hours as I struggled through it, she never made me feel bad. In fact, she signed me up for piano contests at the old McCormick Place. I would throw up in the back of my parents car as we got closer thinking there is no way I should do this, let alone win a trophy. She always encouraged me to do the best I could and was proud when I left with a trophy in hand. She treated me like family when she made me breakfast and pack me a lunch before Mr. Thomas took me to the Bears tailgate and game. As I got older, I found out she taught piano lessons to help fund her Nursing education and became a well respected nursing leader at RUSH. I can appreciate her hard work and dedication balancing work, family and school. She inspired me because I was young, single and didn't work full time while I went though the challenges of CRNA school and I thought it was tough! I couldn't imagine teaching piano on the side too!Mrs. Thomas was a very influential and inspiring person in my life and she will be greatly missed.

Brian Buenaventura - June 13, 2018 at 08:51 AM

MA

“ Dr. Thomas was a wonderful, patient instructor who inspired me, guided me, and advised me each time with her incredible sense of humor. Anyone who had her as a professor was blessed. She will be missed. May her soul rest in eternal peace.

Mary Argol-Chevopulos - June 13, 2018 at 08:51 AM

GW

“ I light a candle in your memory as nursing was the light in your soul. You had a fiery passion about nursing and shared that passion with so many! Thank you for being an advocate and mentor for me and my nursing career. You were passionate about our profession to the end...rest in peace now

ginger weber - June 13, 2018 at 08:51 AM

AB

“ Dr. Thomas was a wonderful person and teacher. Her kindhearted demeanor and passion for her work was eminent. She will be greatly missed.

Andrea Baumann - June 13, 2018 at 08:51 AM

BL

“ I had the privilege of working with Chuck at Aurora University for the last several years. She was a wonderful colleague and marvelous teacher. She really cared about the quality and impact of everything she did. I will miss her professionalism, sense of humor and capacity for silliness when the occasion was right. We are rarely blessed with working with someone of Chuck's caliber.

Barbara Lockwood - June 13, 2018 at 08:51 AM



“ Thank you Chuck for giving me my first job. RIP.

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GH

“ Hi Aunt Chuck called Krista yesterday miss you and your boys Love Gary

gary harvel - June 13, 2018 at 08:51 AM