



Mary Evelyn Thomas

November 16, 1930 - February 27, 2026

Mary Evelyn Thomas, 95, of Petersburg, passed away on Friday, February 27, 2026, at Springfield Suites in Springfield, IL with her loving family by her side. Mary was born on November 16, 1930, the daughter of the late Lonzo Barbee and Susie Barbee (Griffin). Mary married the late Elmer Thomas on June 1, 1950, sharing 66 years of marriage together. He preceded her in death on June 10, 2016.

Mary was a homemaker and a farmer's wife. She enjoyed sewing, cooking, gardening, and spending time with her family, especially her children and grandchildren.

Surviving are her children: Bev Raikes of Petersburg, Bruce Thomas of Petersburg, and Scott (Roberta) Thomas of Oakford and daughter-in-law Vicki Thomas, of Williamsville, 6 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, 14 great-great grandchildren, her sister-in-law, Artie Mae Hill, as well as several nieces, nephews, and cousins, and a beloved dog, Star. She was preceded in death by her son, Steve Thomas, son-in-law, Thomas W. Raikes, granddaughters, Dawn and Nikki Raikes, brothers, Howard, Ted, Mitchell, Wesley, Otis, Jude, Wick, Leonard, Beaver, and Edward Barbee.

A graveside service will be held for Mary on Wednesday, March 4, 2026, 11:00am at Oakford Cemetery. Memorial donations in Mary's memory may be

made to The Petersburg Garden Club. Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Oakford Cemetery

Oakford, IL

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAR 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

Oakford Cemetery
Colson St.
Oakford, IL 62673

Tribute Wall

SC

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you Beverly for the loss of your mother. Have placed you in our prayer book at church. Sandy & John*

Sandra Colavecchi - March 03 at 08:09 PM

ME

“ *Thoughts and prayers to the family ... thinking of you Scott & Berta! Melissa (Barbee) Riley*

Melissa - March 02 at 09:41 AM

CS

“ *Craig Schaeffer lit a candle in memory of Mary Evelyn Thomas*



Craig Schaeffer - March 02 at 07:11 AM

PV

“ *Wishing you comfort and remembering the kind spirit that was your Mom. Our condolences to you and family for your loss. Pat and Mike Vig*

Pat Vig - March 01 at 11:27 AM

LH

“ *Larry And Mary Hundt sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Evelyn Thomas*



Larry and Mary Hundt - March 01 at 08:55 AM

RW

“ *susory for your loss Mary will be missed.me and my sister beth always enjoyed visiting her she always Glad to see us had a big smile.*

ronald wesley - February 28 at 05:48 PM