



Vivian Marie Thomson

June 18, 1943 - July 11, 2024

Vivian Marie Thomson, beloved mother, grandmother, and friend, passed away peacefully on July 11th at Evergreen Commons Nursing Center in NY at the age of 81. Born in Queens, New York, Vivian's life journey touched the hearts of many.

She is preceded in death by her husband Jim Thomson, mother Vivian, stepfather George Bollins, father Peter Denis, and stepmother Dorothy Denis. Vivian leaves behind a loving legacy: her daughters Lisa Tonneson-McCorkell (Steve) and Kirsten Tonneson (Todd Lent), stepdaughter Eva Whorley (William), and cherished grandchildren Gabrielle Bernard (Jordan) and Charlie McCorkell.

Vivian's life was a tapestry woven with diverse experiences. Moving from Queens to Brooklyn as a teenager, she pursued education at Catherine Gibbs Secretarial School. Her career began at Royal Typewriter, where she worked for several years while married to her first husband, Dave Tonneson, until the birth of her first daughter. She dedicated herself to raising her two daughters in Fort Montgomery, NY, while working part-time from home for Surrey Cadillac Company doing client billing. Later, she founded and managed Tonneson Transportation, chauffeuring high school students and forming meaningful bonds with them. Vivian's last job before retirement was at the Desmond-Fish Public Library in Garrison, where she was surrounded by her

love of books and fostered lasting friendships.

Vivian's passion for community involvement was boundless. She actively engaged in local initiatives, serving on the Highland Falls Library Board, mentoring as a Girl Scout leader, and contributing to the Fort Montgomery United Methodist Church's board. In her later years, Vivian found unexpected joy in her relationship with the late Jim Thomson. They settled in Campbell Hall, finding solace nature's tranquility and the company of family. Despite facing the challenges of dementia in her final year, Vivian received comfort and support from dedicated aides and her dear friends Mari-Ann Whorley, Irma Lent, Doris Lent, and Pat Polhemus, who visited often to ensure she was surrounded by love and care.

Vivian's vibrant spirit, marked by her genuine connections and unwavering commitment to her community, will forever resonate in the hearts of those who knew her. Her legacy of kindness, love, and dedication will be remembered fondly and cherished deeply.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, July 27th at 10:00 AM at the Hudson Highlands United Methodist Church, located on Route 9W in Fort Montgomery, NY. In honoring Vivian's memory, the family requests donations to the Orange County Arboretum in Montgomery, NY, a place that held a special place in Vivian's heart. As she rests in peace, may her legacy of love and community dedication continue to inspire all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL 27. 10:00 AM (ET)

Hudson Highlands United Methodist Church
770 9W
Fort Montgomery, NY 10922

Tribute Wall

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“ *Vivian was our neighbor and even though we didn't get to know her well , we did have many chats with her as she walked along the lane on her daily walks. Instantly, we knew she was someone special and we looked forward to our chats when she was out walking. Sweet, sweet lady and we had been wondering why we hadn't seen her lately. We just found out today of her passing and we wanted to extend our condolences to her family for their loss...*



Missy & Guy - September 12, 2024 at 10:18 AM

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“ *Aunt Vicki was just a joy! Always smiling and laughing. We spent many nights, weekends and holidays with her where the food was good, the company wonderful, the conversations LOUD and the love of family was evident.*

I have always admired her 'green thumb' and her love and support of her community. She was and always will be a part of my heart.

Love to the family

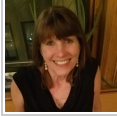
Jennifer Tonneson Sherman

Jennifer Tonneson Sherman - July 17, 2024 at 08:27 AM

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Thank you Jennifer - she loved her nieces

kirsten - July 17, 2024 at 06:42 PM



We had a great work family that worked together for a very long time. Vicki and then Vivian was always a joy to be with. She was the voice of reason. I have missed her these last years and always hoped I would have the opportunity to see her again.

Karen Thompson - July 20, 2024 at 11:07 AM

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*I am so saddened that I, her cousin, was not notified of her passing....we were so close growing up....she was 4 years older almost to the day. I really thought Kirsten or Lisa would have let me know.....with heartfelt sadness....Adele Hamblett
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ADELE HAMBLETT - September 05, 2024 at 10:27 PM