



Mrs. Thelma Alice Grant Nix

January 8, 1942 - January 4, 2023

Devoted mother and grandmother, prayer warrior, accomplished seamstress and award-winning quilter, Thelma Alice Grant Nix, 80, of West Union, SC, welcomed eternal peace in her heavenly home on January 4, 2023, after an inspiring and courageous battle with cancer.

Born January 8, 1942, Thelma was a lifelong resident of Oconee County, the only child of the late James Harley Grant and Alice Cornelia Vollrath Pearson. A woman of deep faith, Thelma loved the Lord Jesus and will be remembered for her strength of character, unshakeable willpower, and life lived in selfless acts of love and service to others.

A Sunday school teacher, self-taught pianist, and avid reader of Amish romance novels, Mama was always the first to call you at the crack of dawn to sing 'Happy Birthday,' then immediately hang up. She found great joy in reminiscing of simpler times highlighted by mischievous youthful adventures. Mama's green eyes twinkled each time she recalled sweet memories such as rustling for peanuts in her Daddy's barn then leaving empty shells as evidence, long walks to school through the woods with her favorite side-kick Wee Puppy and sneaking out as a teen to see her heartthrob Elvis star in Jailhouse Rock. Animals were fond of her tender way which easily earned the trust of many strays, including the charming and most spoiled furry companion, Pretty Boy. Mama fancied mowing grass and growing a garden, savoring each season's first and last tomatoes as the best she ever had. She treasured gathering family and friends around the table for a homecooked

meal where her legendary melt-in-your-mouth biscuits always took center stage. If you ever left the house hungry, it was your own fault. Mama allegedly enjoyed exercising at Senior Solutions, but we all know her primary motivator was to bake sweet, homemade delights to share with those special friends. Without doubt, food was Mama's love language and sewing her life-long passion. An entire career allotted to the garment industry honed expert skills she used to fashion clothing, home décor, and fiber art goods for an extensive network built solely by word of mouth. Ever the curator of fabrics and odd notions, Mama's beautiful handstitched quilts are precious reminders of her patience and unconditional love, ensuring proxy hugs and warm goodnights for those she leaves behind. We look forward to a joyful reunion in Heaven, where Mama promised to be waiting by the Crystal River.

Thelma is forever cherished by her beloved family: Tracie Morris (husband Tim), Carla Denny (husband Keith); grandchildren Ashlyn Denny, Ian Morris (wife Megan), Andrea Morris; and great-grandson Maddox Wedgworth.

Services will be private, followed by interment at Bethel Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Walhalla, SC, alongside her grandmother, Mary Elizabeth Calhoun Vollrath. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to Tamassee DAR School, P.O. Box 8, Tamassee, SC, 29686, or any charity that seeks to spread the love of Jesus, Thelma's best friend. A Life Celebration and display of her amazing quilts will be held Sunday afternoon, April 16th, 2023, at Tamassee DAR School.

The family extends heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for the kindness and compassion of Thelma's caregiving teams at Interim Hospice, Bon Secours Oncology, and most notably the many dear friends who faithfully prayed, called, visited, sent cards or flowers, ran errands, and provided delicious meals. Your expressions of love brought many smiles to Mama's face. May you all be especially blessed.

Cemetery Details

Bethel Presbyterian Church Cemetery

580 Bethel Church Road
Walhalla, SC 29691
info@bethelchurchwalhalla.com
<http://bethelchurchwalhalla.com/contact/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Thelma Alice Grant Nix*

January 28, 2023 at 01:03 PM



“ *It was such a treat to meet Thelma in Early 2022 when Tracie contacted Bethel about purchasing plots near Mary Elizabeth Vollrath. Thelma talked our ears off about her family history and the complicated relations of those who have been laid to rest in Bethel's cemetery. We joked that half the cemetery was related to the other half!*



Paul Chudzik - January 14, 2023 at 01:15 PM



“ *Sending prayers for the family.*



Irene Haley - January 10, 2023 at 04:42 PM



“ *My dear friends, Carla & Tracie, words fail me to express just what a special lady Thelma was. I was honored to know her & have her in my life. You honored & loved her with your care. I pray you will be filled with sweet memories of your Mom.
Much love, Michelle*

Michelle Kendrick - January 08, 2023 at 09:12 AM

BA

“ *BONNIE ALEXANDER lit a candle in memory of Thelma Nix*



BONNIE ALEXANDER - January 08, 2023 at 02:55 AM

KL

“ *Deepest Sympathy to her family. She was a precious Lady!*



Keith & Louise Lusk - January 07, 2023 at 01:15 PM

JW

“ *Jeanette Wilson lit a candle in memory of Thelma Nix*



Jeanette Wilson - January 07, 2023 at 12:17 PM

MG

“ *I feel so blessed to have this precious lady as my friend! I loved her very much. We worked together and she taught me to quilt . I will treasure our times together forever. I know she is home with our Lord and won't be sick anymore. I am praying for her family in the coming days.*

Margie Green - January 07, 2023 at 09:48 AM

MG

“ *Margie Green lit a candle in memory of Thelma Nix*



Margie Green - January 07, 2023 at 09:43 AM

KD

“ *Sweet family.....such a special lady. I loved her giggle and laugh and will forever hear them. I love you all.*

Kim Davenport - January 07, 2023 at 09:27 AM

BH

“ *Brad Hendrix lit a candle in memory of Thelma Nix*



Brad Hendrix - January 07, 2023 at 05:53 AM

JK

“ *So sorry to hear this. We remember her so vividly for playing piano in church and always a kind word. We don't know of anything she couldn't do. Our thoughts and prayers for the family. She was a gem and leaves such a wonderful example of humility, kindness, talent and faithfulness to all who were blessed to have known this precious soul. Carla and Keith please know we are heartbroken.*

Janet Kelley - January 06, 2023 at 07:04 PM

TS

“ Trent Smith lit a candle in memory of Thelma Nix



Trent Smith - January 06, 2023 at 05:25 PM

CW

“ A precious prayer warrior indeed... Will never forget all the times she never faltered praying for me every single time I called upon her. She's with the one in whom she loved and served! Gonna miss this precious soul but praise God, I'll see her again!



Cindy Griffin Wilson - January 06, 2023 at 04:25 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Thelma Alice Grant Nix.



January 06, 2023 at 03:42 PM

CW

“ I met Ms. Thelma through a good friend of hers Chris McClaren. We saw each other often at The McClaren's home. A wonderful woman and my life was blessed just knowing her. Prayers for her family. She was an amazing woman walking in HEAVEN today

Connie Walker - January 06, 2023 at 02:38 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Thelma Alice Grant Nix.*



January 06, 2023 at 02:20 PM



“ *Diann Smith lit a candle in memory of Thelma Nix*



Diann Smith - January 06, 2023 at 01:44 PM



“ *Such a legacy of a precious and godly woman. Tracie and Carla, please know you have my love, my thoughts, and my prayers during this time.*



Jamie Moore Tilson - January 06, 2023 at 01:40 PM



“ Dearest Tracie, Carla, & Families,

Your sweet Mama holds such a special place in my heart. Spending a substantial portion of my childhood in your home on the weekends or after Sunday services; I'm flooded with precious memories. She was always extremely loving, kind, and funny. She was like a second mother to me and an amazing lifelong friend to my Mom. For the record, I never left her home hungry! ❤️ She was instrumental in shaping my life path, teaching me to sew and quilt, and creating and sharing a lifelong passion for Fiber Arts. I will cherish the quilts that she guided me through over the years. May you find peace and comfort in knowing your sweet mama touched so many lives. Sending you all lots of love during this difficult time.

Kim Crowe - January 06, 2023 at 01:32 PM

FC

“ My long-time friend, many memories, I hold in my heart of all the good times, We had together.
Condolences and Prayers to the family....



Frank and Judy Crowe - January 06, 2023 at 01:25 PM

TM

“ TRACEY MCSWAIN lit a candle in memory of Thelma Nix



TRACEY MCSWAIN - January 06, 2023 at 01:10 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Thelma Alice Grant Nix.*



January 06, 2023 at 12:54 PM



“ *I did not know Thelma, but I can feel the love she shared with others, and the love she received from others through these beautiful words. My deepest condolences to the family and all who loved her.*

Melissa Chapel - January 06, 2023 at 12:46 PM



“ *My sweet sweet friend I will miss you but see you soon*

Judy Hines - January 06, 2023 at 12:02 PM



“ *The first thing that comes to my mind when I think of Thelma is her smile. My fondest memory is when I was taking a quilting class at Thelma's house and I was terrible at quilting! She and I came to a mutual agreement that quilting was not my forte. We had a good laugh over that!*

My sincere condolences to Tracie, Carla and families. It is such a blessing for you to have been loved and treasured by God's servant.



Laura Eanes - January 06, 2023 at 11:56 AM

RA

“ Rod Katherine Albertson lit a candle in memory of Thelma Nix



Rod & Katherine Albertson - January 06, 2023 at 11:52 AM

JW

“ Mrs. Nix was a beautiful and kind lady. Prayers for the family 🙏

Jan Watkins - January 06, 2023 at 11:40 AM

TD

“ Terri Denny-Williams lit a candle in memory of Thelma Nix



Terri Denny-Williams - January 06, 2023 at 11:33 AM

BN

“ Billy Ralphie Nix lit a candle in memory of Thelma Nix



Billy and Ralphie Nix - January 06, 2023 at 10:12 AM