



## Clara Thomas

December 24, 1935 - March 13, 2010

Clara Marie (Keirns) Thomas passed away on March 13, 2010 at Centre Avenue Health and Rehab Facility after battling leukemia for many years. She was born December 24, 1935 in Englewood, Colorado to Bert E. and Mary A. (Traut) Keirns. She married Owen E. Thomas on June 8, 1957 in Englewood, Colorado. Clara graduated from the University of Colorado in 1957 with a degree in journalism. She and Owen moved their family to Fort Collins in 1970. She worked as a teacher's aide for many years for the Poudre School District. An active parishioner at St. Joseph's Catholic Church for 40 years, Clara taught catechism and volunteered many hours at Mary's Closet. Clara and Owen traveled regularly, including trips to Alaska, Canada, and numerous visits to Europe. Clara also enjoyed bird-watching, hiking, camping, reading, knitting, cooking, and caring for her cats. Clara is survived by her husband of 52 years, Owen; her four children: Patrick (Heather) Thomas of Salt Lake City, Utah, Michael (Diane) Thomas of Englewood, Colorado, Bryan (Claudia) Thomas of Kents Store, Virginia, and Sandra (Kyle) Villers of Fort Collins; grandsons Andrew and David; and many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews, and great-grandnieces and great-grandnephews. Clara is preceded in death by her brother, George. A memorial Mass will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 17, 2010 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 300 W. Mountain Avenue. Memorial contributions may be made to The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, P. O. Box 9031, Pittsfield, Massachusetts 01202-9031.



# Tribute Wall



“ *Clara Thomas*

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *Owen, my thoughts and prayers are with you.*

**Kent Soukup** - March 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *My prayers and sympathy are with you. Clara was a wonderful high school mate and I always admired her dedication to her studies. I am pleased that I was able to see her and her wonderful husband at many high school reunions.*

*Mary Ellen Lewis*

**Mary Ellen Lewis** - March 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our prayers and thoughts are with the family.*

**Carolyn and Jane Goodwin** - March 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Clara always had a smile for everyone. I went all through school with her, and saw her at some of the reunions, and we always had fun times to talk about. My thoughts and prayers are with her family.*

**Marilyn(Young) Whisenand** - March 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ I'm sorry I'm not able to attend the service. I have fond memories of Clara's bright disposition and pride in her children.

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**Charlotte Wollesen(Traut)** - March 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

HM

“ So sorry to all of you for losing such a wonderful woman. Love and thoughts are with you.

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**Heather McGee** - March 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ Clara was a wonderful person and I have many fond memories spending time growing up at her house. She was always open to have a friend of Sandy's over for dinner or a sleepover and allowed us to make a mess in her kitchen making Kraft mac and cheese and playing with with Snoopy Snow Cone machine. She made incredible sugar iced cookies and allowed the kids to have fun while popping in from time to time to make sure we were behaving! I will miss her and my prayers and thoughts go out to you Sandy, and your brothers and father as well. She lived a good life!

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**julie ebel (mimiaga)** - March 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Clara and I grew up together being ten days less than one year apart in age. My Dad was her Mom's brother. We became even closer when we both pledged the same sorority at CU and later when husband Dale was sent to Ft. Collins to oversee the building of a HP building about 20 years ago. Clara and I hiked many of the front range trails together that summer. Her consistent good humor, high energy, and intelligence made her special to spend time with. We "God parented" each other's kids and even though we were miles apart, we kept ever updated with what has gone on with our families. I will miss her tremendously!  
Blessings to you, Ownen and all you kids. Sandy, you have been a saint--thank God for your efforts.  
Love to all.  
Betty

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**Betty Mobley** - March 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

NB

“ It is with sadness that we learned yesterday of Clara's passing, though we knew she faced terrible odds. Having gone through Leukemia (Cait's sister), Parkinson's (Clait's mother), and dementia (Nancy's stepdad) ourselves, we know the toll it takes on those left behind and extend sincere condolences.  
Sandy, especially, must have born the brunt as I think she lives closest. Your mother fought a valiant fight. I still have her last Christmas note to us and fond memories of our years on Patton Street. We wish you all the best in the future, knowing that your dad must still be cared for.

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**Nancy Braun** - March 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM