



Julia Ann Thomas

January 23, 1931 - December 3, 2022

Lifelong Siskiyou County Resident and number one fan of Fort Jones, Julia Ann Thomas passed away peacefully at home with her family, after a short battle with cancer.

Julia was born in Yreka to John and Clara Williams of Scott Bar. She was the youngest of seven children: James, David, Marie, Jack, Hazel and Virginia. In 1935 the family moved to the Ranger Station in Fort Jones, where her father was head Ranger.

Julia attended school in Fort Jones and graduated from high school (Go Cubs!) in 1949. After some time spent at Chico State and Humbolt College, She married Arthur Erickson in 1951 and welcomed 4 children: David, Robin, Laurel and Crystal.

Through the years Julia worked several jobs including delivering the mail to Scott Bar as a relief driver for her mother and working at Willard's Store and Smiley's Drug Store, all the while raising her four children. In 1970 she went to work for the Post Office in Fort Jones, and served bouts as officer-in-charge in Hornbrook and Etna. She retired in 1991.

In 1980 Julia and her companion, later husband and true love, William (the bread man) Thomas made their home together in Fort Jones until his passing in February 2015.

After retiring Julia and Bill traveled the United States in their motor home for 2.5 years, putting 30,000 miles on it and an additional 30,000 miles on their little pickup. They would stop to visit family and friends along the way and

almost every historical and non-historical site, all the while making it to all 50 states. They also traveled abroad to several countries on five different continents, though Machu Picchu in South America was the one place she didn't make it to. She last traveled to the Panama Canal in 2019. She also loved trips to coast to go agate hunting and abalone diving. She enjoyed gardening, bird watching and just loving nature. She was always taking pictures of all her adventures, family and friends, and compiling albums and writing journals so she would always remember her life.

Julia was preceded in death by her parents John and Clara Williams; siblings, James Williams, David Williams, Marie Landof, Hazel Gedaly; her husband Bill Thomas. Her sons David and Robin Erickson. Step-sons, Michael, Billy and John Thomas; and step-daughter Christyne Richardson.

She is survived by her brother, Jack (Pat) Williams of Redding; sister Virginia (Joe) Church of Greenview, daughter Laurel Lovett of Fort Jones; daughter Cystal Erickson of Yreka; step-daughter Stacy (Wayne) Brown of Milwaukee, WI; 24 grandchildren, 36 great grandchildren, 2 great great-grandchildren, and she was a beloved Aunt to many nieces and nephews.

A graveside funeral service will be held at Fort Jones Cemetery on December 17th, at 12:00 noon. Please join us for a potluck at City Hall in Fort Jones following the service.

In lieu of flowers, we welcome donations to the to the Fort Jones volunteer Fire Department. Or to an organization of your choosing.

Tribute Wall

KG

“ With deepest sympathy, during this time of loss. Our love and prayers go out to All Family and Friends. Love the Lax, Gynn and Minjaris Family's.

Karen Gynn - December 12, 2022 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ I love and will always miss you! I will never forget losing a dollar to you when you said there were many elephants inside of a seed. I handed over the dollar when you turned it upside down and several tiny elephants fell out! Memories of raspberry picking in Grandma's backyard, Thanksgiving dinners, especially when the dishwasher was broken and you relieved me after several sinks full of dishes and finished up the rest, INCLUDING pots and pans, trips downriver to Grandpa's bridge,so many memories. Again, I will always love and miss you, my dear Aunt!!

Maria Ramsay(Williams) - December 10, 2022 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Our deepest sympathy. Our prayers and thoughts are with Julia and her family. The Amaral family.



The Amaral Family - December 10, 2022 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ Q: How would you describe Julia to someone who had never met them?

A: Julia Was A Great Lady I've Known Her Since I Was A Little Boy. All My Years Growing Up She Was Like A Second Mom To Me. I Think She Was Like A Second Mom To Most Of The Kids Here In Town. When I Found Out She Had Passed, It Was Like Someone Dropped A Bomb In My Lap. I Couldn't Believe What I Was Reading And The Tears Started Flowing. I Will Miss You Very Very Much.

Mark Gepford - December 09, 2022 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ I loved ms. julia when i first met her in the fort jones post office about 50 years ago...so helpful and polite and always smiling. a beautiful lady forever.

Ruth Simpson - December 09, 2022 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ Prayers and condolences to her family and friends. A special lady!
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Liz Hockaday - December 08, 2022 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ She was such a great lady. My condolences to the entire family

Tracy Louie - December 08, 2022 at 12:00 AM

AT

“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Girdner Funeral Chapel

A Memorial Tree was planted for Julia Ann Thomas - December 08, 2022 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ *Great lady*

Duane Eastlick - December 08, 2022 at 12:00 AM

EJ

“ *God bless*

Elieene Jones - December 08, 2022 at 12:00 AM