

Therefore we are
always
confident
knowing that,
whilst we are at home in the body,
we are absent from the Lord.
(For we walk by faith & not by sight.)
We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be

absent from the body:
and to be present with the Lord

Wherefore we labor that,
whether present or absent, we may be

accepted
of Him
- II Corinthians 5:6-9



In moments of *Sorrow,*
it's *Family & Friends*
who bring
Love & Peace.
Thank You Sincerely.


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In Loving Memory of
Lois Ineata Ruff Thomas King
April 7, 1936 - October 3, 2023

Don't think of her as gone away -
her **JOURNEY'S JUST BEGUN**,
life holds so many facets -
this earth is only one.

Just think of her as resting
from the sorrows and the tears
in a place of *warmth*
AND COMFORT
where there are no days and years.

Think how she must be wishing
that we could know today
how nothing but our sadness
can really pass away.

In the *Hearts* of those she touched
And think of her as living
For nothing loved is ever lost -
And she was loved so much.
- Ellen Brenneman

Celebration of Life Service
11 o'clock in the morning
Friday, October 6, 2023
Memorial Chapel of Berry Funeral Home

Officiating
Rev. Gary Purvis

Pianist
Mrs. Margaret Purvis

Interment
Forest Hills Memorial Park

Contributions
Friends Helping Friends Club, Inc.
1027 Micliff Drive
Elberton, Georgia 30635

A Service of
Berry Funeral Home
Elberton, Georgia

Honor *Loving Memory*

Mrs. Lois 'Ineata' Ruff Thomas King, age 87, of Elberton, passed away on Tuesday, October 3, 2023, at Magnolia Estates.

Ineata was born in Elberton on April 7, 1936, the only child of the late Charlie Carl Ruff and Lois Melissa Ayers Ruff. She was a proud 1954 graduate of Elbert County High School, and worked at Harper Motor Lines and later as bookkeeper at King Sheet Metal for many years. Mrs. King was a longtime faithful member First Baptist Church of Elberton where she served as a piano player and choir member, and had also been a member of First United Methodist Church of Elberton.

Always a people person, Ineata loved her community and serving in it. She was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary at Elbert Memorial Hospital where she loved working as a Pink Lady. Some of her happiest times were as a member of the Elbert County Fish and Game Club where she enjoyed spending time at the lake with her family and friends. Mrs. King was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star where she was an Emeritus Member and Past Worthy Matron of Rose M. Ashby Chapter #550 as well as Grand Representative to the State of New Hampshire. Ineata was a longtime member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, participating with both the Stephen Heard and Nancy Hart Chapters. Mrs. King was also a former member of the Red Hats Society and enjoyed participating in events with the Pilot Club of Elberton. She was a supporter of Friends Helping Friends, Inc. who looked forward to helping with camp and Jam Fest as long as her health permitted.

Affectionately known as "MooMaw" to many, Ineata loved her family and friends dearly. She looked forward to breaking bread with her breakfast club friends each morning and playing a good card game. A member of Granite City Square Club and Classic City Square Club, Ineata enjoyed dancing with square dancing clubs all across Georgia. In the spring of 2022, she moved to Magnolia Estates. Although not an easy transition, she enjoyed the socialization and participating in the many fun activities provided there, as well as playing the piano for other residents.

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband of 27 years, Frank Douglas Thomas; and her husband of 14 years, Emory Paul King.

She is survived by her children: Connie Thomas Rampey and Mike of Jefferson, Kevin Thomas and Mary of Elberton, and Timmy Thomas and Chrystal of Elberton; grandchildren: Kelsey and Gabe Menendez, Melissa and Michael Southwick, Colby and Bella Thomas, Tyler and Colbie Rampey, Grady Thomas, and Noah Thomas; step-grandchildren: Austin Scott, Carrie and Zach Smith, and Kelsey and Matthew Rousey; and nine great-grandchildren.