



NORA THOMPSON

August 13, 2011

Obituary of NORA THOMPSON

Nora Elizabeth Thompson, 88, of Lakeview Terrace in Altoona, Florida passed away unexpectedly at home on Saturday, August 13, 2011.

She was born in New Kensington, PA, the only child of Lela (Benjamin) Thompson and Glen Thompson. They loved her dearly and were so proud of her accomplishments. Nora earned her Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Pennsylvania State University and spent her career as an Early Childhood educator and administrator. She was a life-long advocate for young children and families and closely followed politics, supporting policies that fostered the well being of others.

Nora taught in Child Development Laboratory schools at Merrill Palmer Institute, Mellon University (now Carnegie Mellon) and the University of Maine. She was a Head Start teacher and administrator in Hancock, Michigan, where she also served on the town council. She spent the last ten years of her career in Escanaba, MI as a state child care licenser, serving the Upper Peninsula. She was always active in the communities where she lived and touched so many lives.

Nora was married to the late Dr. George K. Wadlin, Jr. for 30 years and

together they raised three children who cherish her memory and miss their loving and supportive mother: Lela Wadlin and husband Roger Olson of Monroe, MI; George K. Wadlin III and wife Jill of Lansdowne, PA and Gail W. Joslin and husband, David of Colchester, CT.

She is also survived by her six beloved grandchildren, their spouses and six great grandchildren: Nathan Wadlin Olson and Sarah Olson of Belleville, MI; Steven, Laura and Nicole Wadlin of Aldan, PA; Michele (Wadlin), Matt and Noah Lucchine of Brookhaven, PA; Erik, Cheryl, Mercedes, Halle and Eva Joslin of Warren, VT; Gregg, Heather and Zak Joslin of Stamford, CT and Rebecca (Joslin) and Andrew Rondeau of Plainfield, CT.

Nora retired from the Michigan Department of Social Services in 1988 and moved to central Florida. She was a member of the Altoona United Methodist Church and had many special friends at Lakeview Terrace, Altoona, FL.

Services

A Memorial service will be held 2PM, Saturday, August 20, 2011 in the Community Room at Lakeview Terrace, Altoona, FL.

Interment

Inurnment will be held at later date in New Kensington, PA.

Memorials

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to your charity of choice.

Tribute Wall

CS

“ Our deepest sympathies to the immediate family of Nora Thompson. We met Nora once when she visited us here in southern California. We were very impressed with how full of life she was and also by her great sense of humor. She devoted her life to public service as we can see she really liked helping people. She will be greatly missed, but we should take solace knowing she is now with the Lord.

Chris, Debbie, Ann and Charles Seat - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ We are thinking of you and family and we extend sincere sympathy. I see her smiling face, confidence, and joy as she watched Lela receive her master's degree from Wayne State, standing next to Nathan.

Carole Baker and Michael Comtois - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ I would like to offer my thoughts and prayers for your family in this time u are going through i worked for mrs thompson as her house keeper for over six years and enjoyed being around she was such a wonderful and beautiful person who offered me great advice and she was greatly treasured where i worked at and i will miss her deeply.

brenda shaf fer - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Mom and I remember your Mom fondly..what a lovely lady--both inside and out. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family as you struggle through these next days. We hope that your memories will always be with you. Anna Perkins and Sue (Perkins) Haluska

Sue (Perkins) Haluska - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our deepest condolences to the Wadlin family. Mom and I remember Nora fondly from our days in Orono. May the great memories help you through this difficult period. Anna Perkins and Sue (Perkins) Haluska

Susan (Perkins) Haluska - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



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