



Thelma R. Downing

November 21, 1935 - April 24, 2020

On Friday, April 24, 2020, Thelma R. Downing, loving mother and grandmother, passed away at the age of 84. Thelma, a long time resident of Florence, NJ, was born on November 21, 1935, in Bristol, PA to Russell and Agnes Bock. She married William M. Downing, her husband of 47 years, on October 5, 1957. Together they raised two children.

Thelma was a deeply religious woman who lived her life according to God's word. She was both an Elder and a Deacon in the Presbyterian Church where she worshipped and helped spread the love of Jesus to others. She loved her volunteer experiences in the church soup kitchen where she relished taking care of those less fortunate. "Terri", a licensed beautician, owned and operated her own beauty salon, Country Lass, where she developed life-long friendships with her customers. She saw the wonders of God in nature and loved gardening, bird watching and the beauty of the outdoors. Thelma was never at a loss for a kind word, sage advice, or a listening ear. Her generosity and loving nature had a profound impact on many lives. Thelma's smile, love of life and huge heart painted a wide, colorful swath and she left this world a better place for having been such an important person to so many. She fiercely loved her children, grandchildren and extended family as they were what she lived for and will be sorely missed by all.

Thelma is survived by her son, Thomas M. Downing, his wife Jacqueline and

their sons, Matthew, Michael, Christian, Mitchell and Marcus; her daughter, Susan J. Opperman and her three children, Morgan, Madison and Marc; her siblings, Adele, Edward, Elizabeth, Theodore, and David; and numerous nieces, nephews and extended family.

Thelma was laid to rest next to her loving husband Bill in a private burial on Wednesday, April 29, 2020. There will be a celebration of life for family and friends at a later date. In lieu of flowers, we ask that you make donations, in Thelma's name, to the soup kitchen at First Presbyterian Church, Mount Holly, New Jersey.

“Go With God”

Tribute Wall



“ *Thelma R. Downing*

October 29, 2022 at 11:57 AM



“ *Thelma R. Downing*

October 29, 2022 at 09:53 AM



“ *What a beautiful tribute to Terri the obituary was. My compliments to the writer.*

When I think of Terri, I always see her beautiful smile and caring heart. We went to First Presbyterian Church together. Even though she no longer had her beauty shop, she offered me hair advice early in our relationship: my mousy brown hair should be blonde. She even helped that happen once in her apartment. Up until the final few years, whenever she would see me Terri would either approve if I had golden highlights or let me know I should get some if I did not! So once the restrictions are lifted, I will be sure to get those highlights in memory of a very special lady that I am happy to call friend and sister in Christ.

Prayers are with the family for God's comfort as you each mourn separately. Terri would want you all to be together and share a meal.

Elsie Nicolette - May 07, 2020 at 10:09 AM

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“ At every family party or picnic, Aunt Thelm would always give a very warm and enthusiastic welcome, she always treated me, as a long lost family member... always smiling and asking how things were going... making me feel instantly comfortable. She will be missed by family , friends and anyone who was lucky enough to be in her company. Go rest High on that mountain, in Gods good grace. All sympathy to the Downing and Bock Families, and all the cousins, and their families.
John Mc Garry



john mcgarry - April 28, 2020 at 06:34 PM