



## Candace Ross Thomas

July 4, 1955 - September 26, 2016

NORWAY- Candace “Candy” Thomas age 61 of Norway, died Monday, September 26, 2016 at her home, surrounded by her family.

She was born on July 4, 1955 in Norway the daughter of Donald and Shirlee (Ross) Johnson.

Candy graduated from Norway High School in 1974.

She married Dale Thomas on June 18, 1977 in Grace United Methodist Church in Norway.

Candy loved working at the Norway Pharmacy/TDS for over 20 years, played in the Norway City Band for over 46 years, and was secretary/treasurer. She belonged to her Card Club for 35 years.

She was a member of Grace United Methodist Church and was church secretary since 1990.

Candy was a diehard Lions Fan! She loved camping and traveling with her husband, enjoyed arts and crafts and since she was born on the 4th of July, she loved everything patriotic.

She was a devoted wife, daughter, sister, godmother and auntie. However, her greatest joy was her role as a mom.

Candy is survived by her husband of 39 years Dale; son Jordon (Keeley Pendency) Thomas of Bloomfield Hills; parents Don and Shirlee Johnson of Norway; brother David (Carol) Johnson of Marinette, WI; sister Wendy (Doyle) Yoder of Norway; sister-in-law Kathy Thomas of Minneapolis, MN; nieces Julie (Scott) Williams of Marinette, WI and Amanda Yoder of Spread Eagle; nephews Dan Johnson of Green Bay, WI, Harley (Nikki) Miller of Kalamazoo, Jake (Scott Baccus) Miller of Littleton, CO, Abe (Ruthie) Yoder of Kingsford, and Dan (Jen) Thomas of Minneapolis, MN; special friends John and Cathy Groeneveld and their daughters Adria and Elleda.

She was preceded in death by her mother and father-in-law Marvin and Pat Thomas; step-father-in-law Howard Williams; and brother-in-law Dick Thomas.

Family will greet friends on Friday, September 30 from 10-11 a.m. at Grace United Methodist Church in Norway.

A Memorial Service will be held on Friday at 11 a.m. at Grace United Methodist Church, Pastor Irene White officiating. A luncheon will be provided at the church following the service.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **30**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Grace Methodist Church  
130 O'Dill Road  
Norway, MI 49870

## Memorial Service

SEP **30**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Grace Methodist Church  
130 O'Dill Road  
Norway, MI 49870

# Tribute Wall



“ Candy and I worked "together" for 25 years, she as church secretary and I as UMC District Office secretary. We never actually met in person but we shared many phone calls and emails. She was a lovely person and she will be missed.  
Pam Quayle

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**Pam Quayle** - October 07, 2016 at 02:39 PM

SL

“ On behalf of the Class of 1974 of Norway High School, we mourn the loss of Candy Johnson Thomas and offer our sympathy to Dale (also our classmate), their son Jordon, parents Shirlee & Don, brother Dave, sister Wendy and their families. Candy was always so interested in all of us classmates - those near and far - and helped us plan our class reunions. Us "locals" will miss her drumming in the parades as part of the Norway City Band and at the Norway Pharmacy where she was a "fixture" for many years. R.I.P. Candy - you left this earth too soon - but you made a difference while you were here.



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**Sheri LeBombard** - September 30, 2016 at 03:42 PM

PC

“Candy will be more than missed by me. I was lucky to have known her when I was growing up as I lived across the street. She was a teenager and I a young punk, but I idolized her and Wendy. We drifted apart as they were older than I. Then I started working at the pharmacy and it's not just a job there, it's family. She was always so concerned about me when I should of been concerned about her. I was in the hospital when she was gaining her wings and I am broken hearted. I loved her and I will miss her terribly. Dale, Jordan, and her entire family I am praying for you. Candy rest in peace until we meet again 🥺❤️



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**Paula Conery** - September 29, 2016 at 09:52 PM

NB

“Dear Jordan, and Family: My heart goes out to you and your family. Your mom was one of the nicest women I have ever known and she and I had a lot of wonderful conversations throughout the years. She loved you so much and was so proud of you. May your wonderful memories help you through the sad days ahead. We know she is with God and thankfully we will all be together one day. Take care of each other.

*With love and sympathy,*

*Nancy Basile*

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**Nancy Basile** - September 29, 2016 at 05:17 AM

PA

“ Patrick and Amy Ayoub purchased the With Distinction for the family of Candace Ross Thomas.



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**Patrick and Amy Ayoub** - September 28, 2016 at 10:43 PM

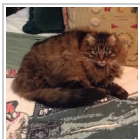
DH

“ Years ago when I used to stay summers with my aunt (Delores Fike) and my cousins. I met Candy and her sister Wendy,,we would spend a day here and there just hanging out. I can't remember the woman's name; but we would visit her...she would enjoy our company as we did her's...the special treat was that she would give us almond joy or mounds candy bars. Candy and I grew closer as friends. We wrote letters to each other for about a year. Somehow we lost contact with each other. I had always wondered what happened to her and how her life turned out. Earlier this year I found her on Facebook (with the help of my cousin Pam). I was sad when I was told she had cancer...but that wasn't the reason for friend requesting her...she accepted. Upon reading her posts I found that she had children she was very proud of and a loving husband. She was loved in her community too. I was very fortunate to have known Candy..

*Dan Hill*

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**Dan Hill** - September 28, 2016 at 08:41 PM



“ Guy & Frieda Larson along with Duke & Rica Larson are deeply saddened by this news. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. She touched many lives and lives on in all of us who loved her.

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**Frieda Larson** - September 28, 2016 at 08:35 PM

LL

“ Love always, Lisa, Sarah, and Amy (TPS Logistics) purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Candace Ross Thomas.



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**Love always, Lisa, Sarah, and Amy (TPS Logistics) -**  
September 28, 2016 at 04:28 PM

KF

“ Katy Tewilliager & Family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Candace Ross Thomas.



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**Katy Tewilliager & Family -** September 28, 2016 at 12:19 PM

AB

“ Alex Barnett lit a candle in memory of Candace Ross Thomas



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**Alex Barnett -** September 28, 2016 at 11:59 AM

AB

*Dale and famil*  
*So sorry for your loss. You and your family is in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Alex Barnett -** September 28, 2016 at 12:02 PM

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*Dale, and family, along with special thoughts for Don and Shirlee Johnson, I had just returned from being out of the country when I read Candy's obituary. I recall being in the band with her, at school as well as the Norway City Band while she, her Dad, Uncle Curt, and Grandfather(Snakey) all played the drums. Please accept our heartfelt condolences during this most difficult time.*

Allan Huntley - October 02, 2016 at 07:56 PM

TG

“ *The Glanville's lit a candle in memory of Candace Ross Thomas*



The Glanville's - September 28, 2016 at 10:43 AM

BF

“ *Brietzke Family lit a candle in memory of Candace Ross Thomas*



Brietzke Family - September 28, 2016 at 09:35 AM

EZ

“ *Candy has been a big part of our church lives and a very dedicated person at church and at Norway Pharmacy. We always looked for her and Don when the Norway Marching Band was performing. She will be missed. Dale, Shirley, Don and family we carry you in our hearts. May God be with you and hold you in the palm of His loving hand. With love to all. Eileen Zeugner*

Eileen Zeugner - September 28, 2016 at 07:35 AM

TF

“ *Trudeau Family lit a candle in memory of Candace Ross Thomas*



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**Trudeau Family** - September 28, 2016 at 07:12 AM

CS

“ *Was looking out the window this morning and an Eagle flew over. I knew then you were at peace. Until we meet again friend. Our sympathy to Dale, Jordan and the Johnson family.*

*Cheryl and Kevin*

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**cheryl and Kevin Stephens** - September 27, 2016 at 10:13 PM

DK

“ *Debbie Krueger lit a candle in memory of Candace Ross Thomas*



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**Debbie Krueger** - September 27, 2016 at 08:14 PM

KB

“ *Karen Brown purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Candace Ross Thomas.*



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**Karen Brown** - September 27, 2016 at 06:53 PM

DM

“ When ever I would see Candy she always had a way of making me feel important and Beautiful I'LL MISS HER MORE THAN I CAN SAY to me she was like another special niece. I'll Miss you and love you. Auntie Di.

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**Diane Malone** - September 27, 2016 at 04:53 PM

GC

“ Georgia Corsi lit a candle in memory of Candace Ross Thomas



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**Georgia Corsi** - September 27, 2016 at 04:31 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear about Candy you are all in my thoughts and prayers, Susie Stanek

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**Susie Stanek** - September 27, 2016 at 02:34 PM

CH

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**Cris Hamlin** - September 27, 2016 at 02:23 PM

AD

“ Dale, Jordan and Johnson Family,

*I am so sorry to hear about Candy, she was truly one of the nicest people I have ever known. She was always so caring and was so good to my Mom and always sending her cards and asking about her. Candy has more than earned her place in Heaven and will be a beautiful angle watching over her family.*

*My deepest sympathy goes out to all of you.  
Amy Dixon*

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**Amy Dixon** - September 27, 2016 at 08:57 AM