



Jacqueline Irene Thomas

November 1, 1931 - July 26, 2025

Jacqueline Irene Thomas, 93, passed away at Franciscan Court Supported Living located in West Chicago on July 26, 2025.

Jacqueline was born November 1, 1931, to Lillian and Bernard Gardner in Floral Park, NY. She graduated from the New York Institute of Dietetics as a dietician following graduation from Richmond Hill High School in 1949. She married Edgar Arthur Thomas on November 23, 1956, in Long Island, New York. They relocated to California in 1965, and she graduated from California State University, Long Beach, with a bachelor's degree in Home Economics.

Jacque enjoyed a career of serving others as a hospital dietician in both New York and California. She attended to the senior community in both assisted living and senior center settings, and managing multiple Women, Infant, and Children (WIC) clinics throughout Orange County, California.

Jacque had a playful nature and never lost her childlike wonder-or her love of ice cream. She had a smile for everyone and was always there to lend a helping hand. After retiring in 2003, she embraced life's joys which was painting, dancing, floral arranging, reading, horse racing, attending live theater, and most of all, spending time with friends and family.

She is survived by her two daughters Linda Marie Hollis, her husband Steve

Hollis, and Diane Lynne Thomas, her husband Craig Bartholomew.

A service will be held on Monday, August 11, 2025 at 10:00 am at Church of St. Peter the Apostle located at 5319 Ocean Gateway, Queenstown, MD 21658. A celebration of life reception will immediately follow at Inn at Perry Cabin located at 308 Watkins Lane, St Michaels, MD.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial contribution in memory of Jacquie to Smile Train, Remembering Jacquie - Fundraising For Smile Train

Previous Events

Funeral Service

AUG 11. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Peter's Catholic Church
Queenstown, MD

Tribute Wall

MI

“*Jacquie was a professional and personal mentor. As a newbie in WIC she provided so much practical wisdom to myself, her colleagues and her staff. She always ran a “tight ship” and her staff was loyal. She always had her staff’s and clients interest as a priority. Never a dull moment working with her. As a mom, she was always willing to share “child rearing tips” which I took to heart, used and they actually worked. Some of these I have passed on. This is her legacy - her influence, the memories she created, to have all who knew and loved her to say “how lucky we are” to have known her. She will be missed but always remembered.*

Maridet Ibanez - August 23, 2025 at 05:40 PM

MB

“*I had the pleasure to work with Jackie at the OC Health Care Agency WIC. I'll always remember her as an energetic, fun and generous colleague. My thoughts and prayers are with her family.*

Marisela Barcenas - August 13, 2025 at 06:32 PM



“*I worked with Jacquie at Orange County Healthcare Agency and maintained a much valued friendship. Jacquie was so smart, funny, sassy sometimes, a heart of gold and a real leader. Anyone who worked with her on a given day was on her team and she took care of them. She was great to talk things through with always offering useful insights. She really made a difference! My heart goes out to her family, Michelle Schuck*

Michelle Schuck - August 11, 2025 at 05:59 PM

LA

“ Liz Arroyo lit a candle in memory of Jacqueline Irene Thomas



Liz Arroyo - August 11, 2025 at 01:55 PM

PM

“ Jackie had been a very good friend to me when I was a new Asian RD entering WIC of Orange County. I am thankful for her expertise and support.

Patricia Mya - August 11, 2025 at 12:45 PM

BO

“ Jacquie was a friend, mother & Grandma to my family and I for 30 years.
One of my best memories with Jacquie was during Covid when we would go visit her and all sit outside drinking wine and eating popcorn.
Our time together was always full of laughter and we loved listening to her tell her life stories.
But the most wonderful part was hearing her always express how much she loved Diane & Linda and how proud she was of them .
Bonnie Olson

Bonnie Olson - August 05, 2025 at 11:02 AM

SG

“*Jacquie was very kind, huge hearted and full of life and love!!!! I will miss her big laugh and incredible smile. She was a tiny person with a wonderful, larger than life personality!!! I am so grateful and honored I knew her!!! She loved her daughters, her family and her friends so much. Every time I saw her or spoke with her, she was always happy to see me or hear from me. I know she truly loved all of us! And made us feel special. Jacquie always made me laugh. She will be greatly missed.*

Sharon Gerard - August 02, 2025 at 07:14 AM

HW

“*I've known Jacquie for over thirty years. I first met her while working together for the County of Orange and we immediately clicked and became good friends. Over the years, even through and after her retirement, and when she moved to Chicago, we've always kept in touch. Visits, lunches and dinners when we can and phone calls when we cannot. Her passing, and her daughters great loss, aches my heart. I feel honored and blessed to have known Jacquie and had such a great friendship in her. I will miss her very much and always keep her in my heart. Good bless the family. Helen Wong.*

Helen Wong - August 02, 2025 at 12:53 AM

BV

“*Jacquie was a dear friend for many, many years. She and Ed were also poker buddies of Shorty and me. Our son would sleep in one of their blanketed dresser drawers on the floor--sound asleep while we loudly laughed. Good times with good friends.*

Barbara Vetter - August 01, 2025 at 07:38 PM