

Lenora Grable Thomin

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Lenora Osemma Miller Grable Thomin, age 98, from Hamilton, Ohio, peacefully passed away at The Woodlands of Hamilton, under the care of Hospice, on October 3 , 2021.

Lenora was born in Lower Salem, Ohio, on January 3, 1923, to Louis R. and Lora (Gruber) Miller. As a youngster, Lenora enjoyed reading and playing the piano, and would find life-long pleasure in both. Even as a young girl, family was very important to Lenora, and she often shared stories of Sunday meals and other family gatherings with her cousins out on the Gruber Farm.

Lenora graduated from Mariette High School in 1940 in Marietta, Ohio. While at MHS, she participated in Senior Orchestra, Mixed Chorus, Senior Girls' Glee Club, the school Operetta, the Book Club, the Orian Yearbook staff, and the German Club, where she was the Vice-President. Also while at MHS, Lenora met and dated H.M. (Pete) Grable who was her first love.

After graduation, Lenora continued her education at the University of Cincinnati School of Nursing and Health. While at UC, Lenora made friends with many of her fellow classmates, with such a bond as to last the rest of their lives. These friends and their families would gather every Labor Day

weekend to celebrate their friendship. The rest of the year they kept in contact through their "Round Robin" of letters.

Just before graduation, Lenora and Pete married in March, 1944, as he was going to begin his military service in the Army Air Corps, training to become a pilot. Lenora graduated in the Class of 1944, earning her four year Registered Nurse degree. After graduation she joined several other war brides as they traveled to join their military husbands at their Army Air Corps Training Bases in Nebraska, Texas, California, and Arizona. She often told about the places the wives stayed in and the part-time jobs they held, just so they could be with their fellas. It was during this time that Lenora developed her life-long passion for traveling.

After World War II was over, Lenora and Pete returned to Ohio, settling down in Hamilton to raise their family, Karen, David, and Nancy. Lenora enjoyed the many activities and interests of her children as she volunteered for Hanover Elementary PTA and for six years as the Troop Leader for the Brownie/Girl Scout Troop #129. She also returned to Nursing part-time at Fort Hamilton Hospital. The Grable family traveled and camped their way throughout the United States, Canada, and Mexico. Lenora and Pete would be married for over 27 years.

After Pete's passing in 1971, Lenora returned to Nursing. This time she was working as an Instructor in the Hamilton Adult Vocational Program for Practical Nursing Students. This program later moved out to D. Russell Lee Vocational School. Her students enjoyed her classes and the fact that she was tough but fair. In 1976 she married William (Bill) Thomin and gained a step-son, Tom. Their marriage would last over 40 years. They enjoyed traveling to Europe, the Panama Canal, Alaska, and around South America. When not teaching or traveling, Lenora continued to enjoy playing the piano, reading, and playing in several Bridge Clubs. Lenora thoroughly enjoyed

cheering for her favorite sports teams: Cincinnati Reds; Ohio State Buckeyes; and Cincinnati Bengals. If there was a game on television with her teams, she would nicely bid any visitors goodbye so that she could go watch and root for her teams!

Lenora is survived by her children: Karen Grable McClenny, Sault Sainte Marie, MI; David (Lyn) Grable, Lebanon, OH; Nancy (Terry) Etter, Hamilton, OH; and step-sons: W. C. Thomin, John Thomin, both from Hamilton, OH, and Tom (Delphine) Thomin, Groveport, OH. She is also survived by her grandchildren: Connie (Aaron) Prodan, Noblesville, IN; Peter (Wendy) McClenny, Sault Sainte Marie, MI; Matt (Laura) Grable, Houston, TX; and Beth (Brian) Smith, Cincinnati, OH; great grandchildren: Bryan Hill, Camren McClenny, Scarlett and Lincoln Grable, and Delaney and Layla Smith; and her nieces: Pam Miller, Kim Baker, and Emmie (Kevin) Pahl.

Lenora was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband, H.M. (Pete) Grable; her nephew, Thomas O. Miller; her brother, Larry R. Miller; her second husband, William F. (Bill) Thomin; and her son-in-law, Timothy D. (Tim) McClenny.

Per Lenora's wishes, she has donated her body to the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine. Following a graveside service, family and friends will gather for a Celebration of Lenora's Life in 2022. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be left to Day City Hospice, the American Cancer Society, or a charity of your choice. Condolences may be left online or sent to 3279 Sun Glo Drive, Sault Sainte Marie, MI 49783.

Tribute Wall



“ A note to let you know how much I admired your Mother....She was my instructor in 1974 graduating from the Hamilton School of Practical Nurse, she was loved by all her students. I have just retired from nursing after 47 years working mostly full time, she was such an inspiration. So many funny stories I could tell you about her when we were in class, I know that is what got us thru that 9 month course. One funny story was, most of the students were about 21 and enjoyed going to clubs and dinking (another way we got thru the program LOL). We would go past her house on the way to McGonigle to the RUsty Nail and King Of Clubs, On our way home at around 2 AM in the morning we would start honking our horns going past her house....Monday was always fun when she told us she heard us go by, she new the exact time too and thought we should have been home studying. ...we all laughed including her!!!! Mrs Tomin and her colleagues were the reason we all went on to get our RN degrees and had a VERY fullfilling career. My only regret is that I didn't know she was so close to where I live now and could have visited her, my loss. I know this is very long but I wanted to let you know that the group that I ran with thought so much of her. Blessing to you and your family ! Susan Ortolf

Susan Ortolf - October 10, 2021 at 04:05 PM

JT

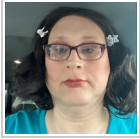
“ Karen and family members, May your memories with your Mother be a blessing. I love the photo of her on the back of the motorcycle (I think it was taken for her 95th birthday...). Sending love to you all.
Jan Taylor

Jan Taylor - October 06, 2021 at 12:53 PM

KE

“ Karen. My thoughts are with you and your family
Big hugs
Karen Erwin

Karen Erwin - October 05, 2021 at 09:34 PM



“ I enjoyed our visits both before Bill died, and after. She is proud of her family, her sports, career and life in general. It was always a blessing to talk with her, and share communion with her. I will miss her greatly.
Pr Joe Schrock, Zion Lutheran Church

Joe Schrock - October 05, 2021 at 09:01 AM

KM

Thank you, Pastor Joe. Mother always looked forward to your visits and enjoyed them so much.

Karen McClenny - October 05, 2021 at 11:01 AM

GK

Lenore was such a beautiful lady inside and out. I worked with Lenore and all her students at the hospital. Lenore made sure they were going to be good nurses. I enjoyed all my visits with Lenore until I was unable.

Gail konrad - October 05, 2021 at 05:44 PM

MG

We, the Goetz girls, are sorry to hear of your mother's passing. We have such fond memories of our family times together, especially at New Year's! Lenora was kind and beautiful, our mother's life-long U.C. College of Nursing friend. Perhaps there is a re-connection now, in heaven, as our parents have both passed on, also. Karen, David and Nancy, our deepest sympathies.

Marti Goetz - November 17, 2021 at 09:43 PM