



## Harriet (Locker) Thomas

December 10, 1915 - September 25, 2015

Harriet (Locker) Thomas, 99, of New Castle, passed away on the evening of Friday, September 25, 2015 at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie.

She was born December 10, 1915 in New Castle, a daughter of the late Ray and Olive (Holt) Locker.

Harriet was a 1933 graduate of New Castle High School and served as class treasurer and helped host many of their gatherings, even as recently as the 1990's. She married Gerald M. Thomas on November 21, 1946 in her sister, Martha Long's, home in Geneva, Indiana. Harriet was a loving wife, homemaker and mother to her daughters, when possible she also took on this role with her siblings, nieces and nephews. Harriet also enjoyed cooking, sewing and knitting. She was a caregiver and cared for many family members during their illnesses. As a young lady, Harriet worked at Locker Dry Cleaners which was owned by her father. She loved to bowl and did so for many years in local leagues where she won many awards and trophies. Harriet had been employed with Chrysler Corporation where she served as a secretary and stenographer, retiring in 1953.

Harriet was a loyal and serving member of the First Church of Christ Scientist in New Castle and then in Muncie when the New Castle church was closed. She assisted in conducting the church services, played the piano and organ

and performed funeral services for members.

She is survived by her daughters, Jane Thomas of Muncie and Judy (husband, James) Parnitzke of Jacksonville, Florida; a granddaughter, Lauran (husband: Douglas) Woodward of Seattle, Washington; a grandson, Ryan Parnitzke of Jacksonville, Florida; a sister, Shirley (husband: Richard "Bud") Sturm of Greenwood; her brother, Don Locker of Lafayette; nieces, Sandy (husband: Gary) Murray, Lisa Jeffries Dumford and Lana Enlow; nephews, Phil Locker, Richard (wife: Donna) Bouslog, Gary Bouslog and Greg Bouslog and many cousins, great nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Gerald on March 4, 2006; a sister, Martha Long; her brothers, Gene Locker, David Locker, Roger Locker and Max Locker and a nephew, James Locker.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. Thursday, October 1, 2015 at Sproles Family Funeral Home. Burial will follow in South Mound Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 11:00 a.m. until time of service Thursday at the funeral home.

Harriet's favorite color was pink and in memory of her, the family would be honored if those attending the services could wear pink.

You may send the family a personal condolence at [www.sprolesfamilycares.com](http://www.sprolesfamilycares.com).

The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of Harriet Thomas.

# Cemetery Details

## South Mound Cemetery

505 Bundy Ave.  
New Castle, IN 47362  
(765) 521-6850

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 1. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Sproles Family Funeral Home  
2400 S Memorial Dr  
New Castle, IN 47362  
(765) 521-2400  
toms@sprolesfamilycares.com  
<https://www.sprolesfamilycares.com/>

## Service

OCT 1. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

JP

“ 4 files added to the album *Photos & Videos*



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**Judith Parnitzke** - September 30, 2015 at 10:09 AM

JP

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*

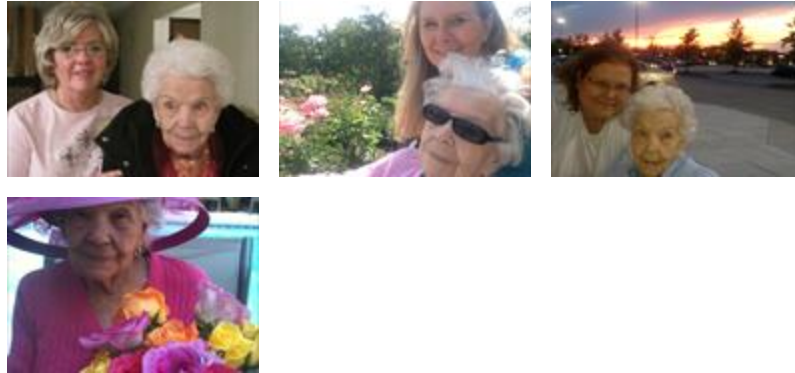


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**Judy Parnitzke** - September 29, 2015 at 08:25 PM

JP

“ 4 files added to the album Harriet and Family



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**Judy Parnitzke** - September 29, 2015 at 08:16 PM

AA

“ *There are so many things about "Aunt Harriett" that make me smile. Her iced tea, the best, her brownies, the best, everything she cooked, the best. Her energy and enthusiasm for life were amazing. Her kindness, sense of humor, and gentleness were always present. My heartfelt sympathy to Judy, Jane, and all of the family. Sincerely, Anne (Bouslog) Ash*

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**Anne Ash** - September 29, 2015 at 03:31 PM

SD

“ *I used to bowl on a league with Kathy Webb who lived across the street from Harriet in New Castle. Harriet used to bowl with us at times. She was a great person and so pretty, I know the family will really miss her. I didn't realize she was 99.*

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**Sue Davis** - September 29, 2015 at 12:37 AM

SD

“ Stephanie Dennison lit a candle in memory of Harriet (Locker) Thomas



Stephanie Dennison - September 28, 2015 at 11:37 AM

SD

“ I just wanted to say how sorry I am to this family. Mr. Richard Bouslog was my 6th grade teacher. I know this is going to be hard, but just remember the good memories, & that she's not suffering any more. I pray God give this family the peace, comfort & strength during this time! May God bless you!

Stephanie Dennison - September 28, 2015 at 11:36 AM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Harriet (Locker) Thomas.



September 28, 2015 at 11:35 AM