



Gertrude Deanna Kristene Thielen

March 2, 1975 - July 23, 2025

Gertrude "Deanna" Kristene Thielen, age 50, of Minneapolis, gained her wings and passed on July 23, 2025. Preceded in death by twin daughters Bethani & Bergandi Behuniak. Deanna was a housewife, mother of 7, sister, aunt, friend, cook, baker, party planner, card maker, cosmetologist, cat lover and "The Queen of Halloween". Survived by husband of 8 years, Matthew; daughters Sienna Behuniak (26), Kirstin Thielen (21), Serenity Behuniak (20), Alyssa Thielen (19), Bradley Behuniak (15); parents Sherrell and Kathy Owens; 2nd parents Mike and Lynne Thielen; brothers Jason (Ashly) Owens, Dustin Owens; sisters Corrinna Owens, Makayla Owens. Deanna touched everyone who's life she came into contact with.

She and Matthew shared a love for their children, their 4 cats, early A.M. coffee and cigarettes with plenty of chatting, halfway drives to Wayland, MO to meet her parents, stand up comedy shows, and time with family in Paynesville, MN. Deanna will be dearly missed by all that knew her. She was an inspiration to all to never give up and never give in! I love you honey and always will! Keep the coffee hot and the gates open for when again one day I see your smiling face! Always remember... sometimes I wake up crabby and other days I let you sleep in! 😊 PS- I did write the song just the 2 of us just for you! Bill W. Just beat me to the punch. A celebration of life will be held at Washburn-McReavy Northeast Chapel on July 31, 2025 between 4-7pm.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 31. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Northeast Chapel
2901 Johnson Street N.E.
Minneapolis, MN 55418
(612) 781-6828
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Tribute Wall

SB

“ *Serenity Behuniak lit a candle in memory of Gertrude Deanna Kristene Thielen*



Serenity Behuniak - November 19, 2025 at 11:13 PM

MO

“ *I'll forever miss you sis. I hope you are singing and dancing up there. I love you sis.*



Makayla Owens - August 28, 2025 at 10:54 AM

LK

“ *Liz Barnett On Behalf Of The Knoblauchs lit a candle in memory of Gertrude Deanna Kristene Thielen*



Liz Barnett on behalf of the Knoblauchs - August 24, 2025 at 12:48 PM

PE

“ *Patrick Emmerich purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gertrude Deanna Kristene Thielen.*



Patrick Emmerich - July 31, 2025 at 10:46 AM

JT

“ John And Tanya lit a candle in memory of Gertrude Deanna Kristene Thielen



John and Tanya - July 31, 2025 at 09:23 AM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Gertrude Deanna Kristene Thielen.



July 31, 2025 at 09:20 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gertrude Deanna Kristene Thielen.

July 31, 2025 at 09:20 AM

ED

“ Elizabeth Dewar lit a candle in memory of Gertrude Deanna Kristene Thielen



Elizabeth Dewar - July 28, 2025 at 07:05 PM



“ *Touching Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Gertrude Deanna Kristene Thielen.*



July 28, 2025 at 07:04 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gertrude Deanna Kristene Thielen.

July 28, 2025 at 07:04 PM



“ *Alyssa Thielen lit a candle in memory of Gertrude Deanna Kristene Thielen*



Alyssa Thielen - July 26, 2025 at 07:54 AM



“ *Matthew lit a candle in memory of Gertrude Deanna Kristene Thielen*



Matthew - July 25, 2025 at 05:22 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Gertrude Deanna Kristene Thielen.



July 25, 2025 at 05:03 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage* was purchased for the family of Gertrude Deanna Kristene Thielen.



July 25, 2025 at 01:21 PM