



Mary Jean Cheryl Thorsland

April 21, 1949 - February 20, 2024

Mary Jean Cheryl Thorsland, age 74, passed on peacefully February 20th, 2024.

Mary Jean (MJ) was born on April 21, 1949, to Roy & Marion Westling in Thief River Falls, MN. She was the oldest of five children & the only girl. She graduated from Henderson, MN High School in 1967. She then attended University of Minnesota - Morris where she was on the first women's volleyball team, a member of the Tri Sig sorority & graduated with a bachelor's degree in education and music. Morris is also where she met her life-long dance partner and love of her life Mick Thorsland. They were married on June 14, 1970, in Henderson, MN and two years later made their home and life together in Bloomington, MN. They welcomed three daughters Tricia, Traci, & Alissa. MJ worked in the Bloomington public school system for over 35 years, most notably as Olson Elementary's secretary.

MJ had many passions and talents - singing, golfing, bowling, dancing, bridge, crosswords & puzzles, calligraphy, sewing, baking, cooking & all things crafty. She surrounded herself with loving family & friends at home, the cabin, church, MVCC, & traveling the world. She was a mostly private person but if you had the privilege to get to know her, you couldn't help but love her. MJ had a beautiful smile, an infectious laugh and was fiercely loyal and supportive to all she loved. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend. Her unwavering faith, strong will and positive outlook carried

her through life, especially during her last courageous fight with lung cancer. She will be missed more than words can say.

Preceded in death by parents, Roy & Marion Westling and nephew, Jason Westling. Survived by adoring husband of over 53 years, Michael (Mick) Thorsland; 3 daughters, Tricia O'Hara (Gene Meisenheimer), Traci Kennedy (Kyle) & Alissa Thorsland; grandchildren Rowen O'Hara (18), Gradon O'Hara (16), Kaison Kennedy (14), Kaia Kennedy (11) & Macklin Thorsland (2); all 4 brothers, 2 aunts and many nieces/nephews and cousins. Funeral service will be Friday, March 8th at 4pm at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Bloomington. Visitation will be Thursday, March 7th from 5-7pm at Washburn-McReavy on Old Shakopee Rd. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to the Lung Cancer Research Foundation (<http://participate.lcrf.org/goto/MaryJeanThorsland>) or St. Luke's Lutheran Church Foundation.

Washburn-McReavy.com

Werness Brothers 952-884-8145

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 7. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Bloomington Chapel
2300 W Old Shakopee Rd
Bloomington, MN 55431
(952) 884-8145
info@washburn-mcreavy.com

Memorial Service

MAR 8. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

St. Luke's Lutheran Church (Bloomington)
1701 W. Old Shakopee Rd.
Bloomington, MN 55431

Tribute Wall

TK

“ *The Kennedy’s purchased the Simply Elegant Sp
athiphyllum for the family of Mary Jean Cheryl
Thorsland.*



The Kennedy’s - March 07, 2024 at 08:55 PM

TK

“ *The Kennedy’s planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Jean Cheryl
Thorsland.*

The Kennedy’s - March 07, 2024 at 08:55 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for
the family of Mary Jean Cheryl Thorsland.*



March 06, 2024 at 04:10 PM

DD

“ *Dave and Dee Desautel planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Jean Cheryl
Thorsland.*

Dave and Dee Desautel - March 06, 2024 at 04:10 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mary Jean Cheryl Thorsland.*



March 05, 2024 at 10:58 AM



“ *MVCC Volunteer Event Ladies planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Mary Jean Cheryl Thorsland.*

MVCC Volunteer Event Ladies - March 05, 2024 at 10:58 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Mary Jean Cheryl Thorsland.*



March 05, 2024 at 09:42 AM



“ *Peter & Claudia Hennen planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Mary Jean Cheryl Thorsland.*

Peter & Claudia Hennen - March 05, 2024 at 09:42 AM

PH

“ In September 2021 Theresa and Pat joined MJ and Mick at the Whistling Straights Golf Course for the Ryder Cup Golf event, we had a wonderful time and shared many laughs and great memories !!

PATRICK HART - March 04, 2024 at 04:11 PM

DS

“ Diane, Pat, Gail, Cindy and Sue purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Mary Jean Cheryl Thorsland.



Diane, Pat, Gail, Cindy and Sue - March 04, 2024 at 03:41 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mary Jean Cheryl Thorsland.



March 04, 2024 at 11:03 AM

JB

“ Jacqueline Saue and Bill Birney planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Jean Cheryl Thorsland.

Jacqueline Saue and Bill Birney - March 04, 2024 at 11:03 AM

SD

“ Scott Dunnington purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Mary Jean Cheryl Thorsland.



Scott Dunnington - March 03, 2024 at 10:01 PM

SD

“ Scott Dunnington planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Jean Cheryl Thorsland.

Scott Dunnington - March 03, 2024 at 10:01 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Jean Cheryl Thorsland.



February 28, 2024 at 02:47 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary Jean Cheryl Thorsland.



February 28, 2024 at 10:28 AM

RH

“ Ruth and I met Mary Jean (The Thorslands) when our girls played HS basketball. She and Mick joined Minnesota Valley CC and I got to know them better. She was very active at the Club on committees and playing golf. I can see her now early mornings coming around the corner of the clubhouse from the parking lot with her electric push cart, always smiling. I think they played in every couples event at the Club. Rounds with their girls too! RIP Mary Jean

Rob Hary - February 27, 2024 at 12:17 PM

CH

I am so thankful that Peter and I got to spend a week with Mick and MJ at their place in Palm Springs last year. We've golfed together several times over the years but recently my game went down hill and I was ready to give it up! MJ pulled me out of my golf funk and I played half way decent that week! She gave me pointers and encouragement that I'm forever thankful for. She took me to my first In & Out Burger for lunch and we put many puzzles together that week. We've shared many stories and laughter over the years. She's been a wonderful friend to me. She will be missed deeply.

Claudia Hennen - March 05, 2024 at 09:20 AM

JC

“ The first time I met MaryJean was at the Minnesota Valley Golf Course on a Tuesday ladies golf day. I was new to golf and Mary Jean took me under her wing and taught me how to golf! She was so very nice and also persistent that I was going to learn and love the sport. I struggled but had a lot of fun and continues to golf with her on Tuesday evenings. We got to know Mick and Mary Jean personally and became very good friends both on the golf course and at our homes. Mary Jean travelled to Fort Myers and stayed with me and some of our mutual very good girlfriends - needless to day we had a wonderful visit. I will miss her and am having a hard time realizing that she is gone. So many wonderful memories! Joyce Corless

Joyce Corless - February 26, 2024 at 07:23 PM

SO

“ MJ was my college room mate and was always there for me. I was honored that she chose me to be one of her bridesmaids and she lent her angelic voice to my wedding. She was so full of life, a great gymnast, mentor, friend. The world has lost a wonderful woman. I know she's singing in heaven!

Sylvia Olson - February 26, 2024 at 04:23 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Mary Jean Cheryl Thorsland.



February 26, 2024 at 11:36 AM

MM

“ Michael Mooneyham planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Jean Cheryl Thorsland.

Michael Mooneyham - February 26, 2024 at 11:36 AM

KH

“ Kaytee H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Jean Cheryl Thorsland.

Kaytee H. - February 26, 2024 at 09:52 AM

SD

“ So heart broken that MJ has left this world. Our prayers go out to Mick and the girls and the rest of her family and friends. We will always remember the fun camping trips when kids (and we) were young. MJ rests in the arms of our Lord and leaves us with beautiful memories.

Sheila and Larry Dalen - February 25, 2024 at 09:44 PM