



Rhonda Thomas

December 3, 2008

Rhonda R. Thomas, 45 of Springdale died Wednesday, December 3, 2008 at her home. She was born December 11, 1962 in Hobart, Oklahoma to Bill and Mary Rickey.

Rhonda taught Math at Shiloh Christian High School for five years and she also taught at Gravette High School. However, more importantly she dedicated her life to her kids and was involved in many Church and Schools activities to list. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Springdale.

Survivors include her husband John Thomas of the home to whom she was married August 6, 1983; one son Nathan Thomas of Conway; one daughter Dia Thomas of the home; her parents Bill and Mary Rickey of Shawnee, Oklahoma; one brother Dale Rickey of Tecumeseh, Oklahoma.

Funeral services will be Saturday, December 6, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church in Springdale with Rev. Doug Sarver officiating. Burial will be in the White Oak Cemetery in Tontitown.

Visitation will be on Friday, from 1 to 3pm at Sisco Funeral Chapel, www.siscofuneral.com.

Pallbearers will be Hank Killgore, Dwayne Baker, John Duncan, Jr., Blake Cospser, Rob Tanksley and Bob Willis.

Memorials may be made to Shiloh Christian School Scholarship Fund, 1709 Johnson Road, Springdale, Arkansas 72762.

Tribute Wall



“ *Rhonda Thomas*

January 21, 2023 at 02:29 PM



“ *I have such fond memories of Rhonda when she volunteered in the FBC Mission Office. She truly loved to serve and minister to others. We enjoyed visiting with Nathan & Dia as they would come over after school to get a snack and head home with mom. She was so proud of her family. After she started teaching at Shiloh we lost touch but she will forever have a warm spot in my heart. Our prayers are with you as you walk through these difficult days we are asking that God will give you His peace and comfort.*

May 29, 2013 at 05:03 PM



“ Mrs. Thomas was my VERY favorite teacher and mentor. Algebra, Physics, Geometry, and Trig, were my favorite subjects. Mrs. Thomas and I just "clicked" because of our mutual interests, and with her teaching and inspiration, I competed in engineering classes at the U of A. I was always in the top 5% as far as grades.

I remember when she was pregnant with Nathan, and I kept telling her that he would be born on my birthday, May 4th. She continued to disagree. When Nathan turned a year old, we had a joint birthday party at McDonald's (on May 4th).

Over the years, I have thought about Mrs. Thomas several times. I respected her, loved her, and will forever be indebted to her for the self-confidence, patience, and understanding, she has given me. I regret so much that I lost touch with such a wonderful person, but she has been and always will be in my heart as one of the greatest influences I have ever had.

The day Hope (Hendren) Duke called me to inform me of the passing of Mrs. Thomas was one of the saddest days in my life.

My sincere condolences to all who have loved her...

May 29, 2013 at 05:03 PM



“ I just learned of Rhonda's passing today. I am so very sorry for your loss. I too was in Rhonda's first classes at Gravette High School. She had a true propensity for inspiring her students, and I was just lucky enough to be among them. She was more than just a teacher. She chose to involve herself in the lives of her students, caring about the small things that seemingly matter only to teenagers. She will truly be missed.

February 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ I taught with Rhonda at Gravette---right next door. She was a very special lady and Nathan was right---she always demanded excellence from students. I learned alot from watching her teach. I'm praying for your family that you will find comfort in knowing that she is in a much better place than we can even imagine.

December 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Our family wanted to send our prayers and love to John, Nathan and Dia. Rhonda was a great teacher to alot of kids including Brandon. He will always treasure the fond memories of her at the football games. She will truly be missed.

December 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM



*“ It was a great experience working with Rhonda at Gravette. I was the school nurse when she was there I loved being able to visit with her at ballgames and catch up with her family. May God Bless you in this time of loss
"Nurse" Kerr*

December 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time. She was a wonderful lady.

December 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss John, Nathan and Dia. Rhonda was a very special woman who touched so many lives. I like Kristy, cannot believe that I did not have the opportunity to reconnect with Rhonda and tell her how important she was to me and how High School would not have been the same without her. I will never forget her kindness, her smile, our after class talks- she was a dear friend to me. She will be forever missed.

December 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ You are all in our thoughts. We have so many fond memories of Rhonda through the years. We love you all so much and you are in our prayers.

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“ Dear John and Family,
Please know that your Tyson team members have you in our thoughts and prayers. Specifically, I pray that our God will enfold you with His presence offering you the hope we have in God's love.

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