



# Thomasine Matthews

July 1, 1931 - December 19, 2025

In Loving Memory of Thomasine Matthews (1931-2025)

Thomasine Matthews, loving mother passed away at the age of 94. Born in Akron, Ohio, she carried the values of hard work and community with her throughout a long and full life. She was the daughter of the late William and Gwendolyn Elrod. Her years in Akron and her faith in Jesus Christ helped shape the woman she was.

For many years she navigated the complex and detail-oriented world of the insurance industry, serving with distinction as an insurance underwriter and adjuster. In a profession that demanded precision and keen judgement, Thomasine excelled, earning the respect of her colleagues. Her faith and desire to serve the Lord led her to many years of serving with her husband, Jay, at Christ United Methodist Church in Venice, FL. Another passion was in her art, and as a lifelong artist, she found beauty in the details that others might overlook. Her creative spirit was her constant companion and a true gift from God. This artistic gift touched every aspect of her life.

Thomasine was the beloved wife of the late Jay D. Matthews, with whom she shared many years of partnership and memories before his passing. Her brother, David Elrod and sister-in-law, Nancy continue to live in the Akron area. Her legacy lives on through her devoted son, Richard Matthews and his wife Janis, daughter Sue Rine and her husband Charlie, and son's wife, Lori Matthews (son, Jeff deceased). She took immense pride in her two grandsons, Nathan and Caleb Rine.

Her family takes comfort in knowing she is reunited with her beloved Jay and her son, Jeff forever in the arms of Jesus her Lord and Savior.

Memorial Service is held at New Day Christian Church, 7000 Sumter Crossing Dr. North Port, FL 34287 at 5:00 pm on Monday January 12, 2026.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JAN 12. 5:00 PM (ET)

New Day Christian Church  
7000 Sumter Crossing Drive  
North Port, FL 34287