



Thelma Louise Mason

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Ret. MSG Thelma Louise Mason “Lou”, 64, of Fredericksburg, passed away at her home on Sunday, September 27, 2020 with her family by her side.

Thelma dedicated 24 years of her life to serving our country in the Army. She was the life of the party and was always smiling and dancing. Thelma was very helpful and giving. She loved sports, especially playing softball.

She is survived by her daughters, Cherrelle Mason and Brittney Brown (Joseph Cunningham); four grandchildren, CháNiyah, Braxton, Bayleigh, and Josie; her siblings, Shirley, Larry, Preston (Rosa), Melvin (DeeDee), Teresa, and Rochelle; her companion, MR; and numerous nieces, nephews and other loving extended family.

Thelma was preceded in death by her parents, George and Annie Brown; a brother, Howard; and a sister, Rosemary.

She will be laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial donation may be made to St. Jude Children’s Hospital at stjude.com/donate.

Condolences may be shared with her family at foundandsons.com.




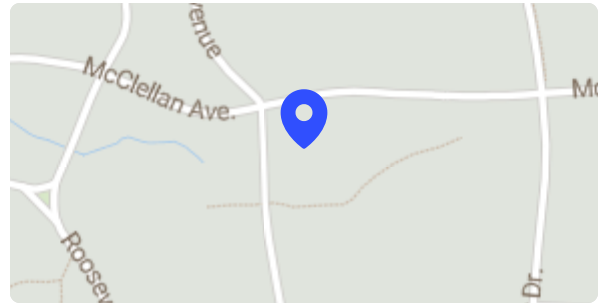
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Cemetery Details

 **Arlington National Cemetery**
Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington VA 22211





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Cherrelle Mason posted:

Topic: Celebration of LifeTime: Sep 25, 2021 02:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada) Join Zoom Meeting <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71815010184?pwd=VnFTZTRTeUJtbmISTlFmR01UZ3lFQT09>
Meeting ID: 718 1501 0184 Passcode: 86VnhA

September 23 at 6:53 PM



Chichi posted:

Thelma was a beautiful , loving, kind, strong woman of God. She was a friend to everyone. She kept it real always. She was my sister and I loved her with all my heart. We played softball together for many years while in the military and after we both retired from the military. We traveled and roomed together on a regular basis when we played ball. You could not ask for a better friend whom you can trust and depend on. She was a jokester and entertainer and a great softball player. Thelma hold a special place in my heart forever 🧡

September 2 at 7:29 AM



Mike Tobin posted:

Thelma was one of the brightest and most wonderful things about MDA. There was nothing that she could not do - no situation was too tough to solve - no emergency too late to salvage. She was so kind, happy, and thoughtful to everyone. And so efficiently capable. It is a shock that she is gone and MDA will not - cannot be the same without her. She is one of those special people that you feel so lucky to have known. She is with her God now and at peace.

November 13 at 12:13 PM



Robert Dearth posted:

To the family of Thelma, please accept my deepest condolences for the loss of such a beautiful person. I met Thelma in 2004 when I first joined MDA and fell in love with her spirit and common sense approach to life. I admired her drive and pursuit of sports and love of God and country. Thelma was a blessing to anyone who worked around her. She was never shy to offer a helping hand or advice. There are very few like Thelma around these days. Be comforted that Thelma is in God's presence where there is no sickness, hurt or tears - only joy! Bob Dearth, Fredericksburg, VA

November 12 at 8:06 AM



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JC

John Catlin posted:

Thelma was one of my closest friends and co-worker for more than 17 years, and I already miss her. She was a sympathetic listener, and her advice and counsel to me came from the purest of hearts. Thelma was there at the beginning of our central office, and to her belongs the credit for much of the team building and sustainment in the organization that served the Missile Defense Agency and the country so well for so many years. Not so many years ago she told me her dream for retirement was to buy a passenger van so she could provide transportation and other help to the old, infirm and disabled in her community. How wonderful is that! Thelma's spirit will surely live in all of us.

November 1 at 7:16 AM

EM

Esther Finney Milbourne lit a candle in honor of Thelma.



October 12 at 6:58 AM

PB

Phyllis Bailey lit a candle in honor of Thelma.



October 9 at 12:16 PM

TW

Teresa Winston posted:

Our beloved Thelma, was amazing, brave, strong and very much loved. You always exhibited the attributes of peace, joy, and love. Even though life was full of concerns, you always let us know that you loved and cared about us. This meant everything to us. It breaks our hearts to let you go, but let you go we must. We will miss you and all the wonderful things about you today and every day. So big Lou as we say our goodbyes, rest in God's loving arms until we meet again. With much love, sadly...your family.

October 7 at 12:45 PM



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KF

Keith Fletcher lit a candle in honor of Thelma.



October 7 at 6:22 AM

KF

Keith Fletcher October 7 at 6:26 AM

Thelma, you made the world, my world, a brighter, friendlier place. You always made those in your company feel like they were your most important priority. I have no doubt the legacy of your children and grandchildren carry on your loving spirit, on this earth. Truly few souls I know are as pure as yours. Sing now in the highest lofts of Heaven my friend and perhaps we will meet again.

JN

John Newcomb posted:

Doug's words and sentiments are beautiful as was Thelma. Doug is the boss, but many of us in his office knew the real boss was Thelma. She was the glue who kept all of us humming both literally and figurately. When Thelma was there we actually enjoyed going to work because she would always brighten our day. My wife and I shared an additional special bond with Thelma when Judy was going through a difficult time requiring surgeries similar to Thelma. They talked over the phone, laughed and prayed together. From "J.N." to "T.M." we will both miss you very much! For her family who she spoke of everyday please accept our sincere condolences. With Love, John and Judy Newcomb

October 6 at 5:31 AM

DC

Douglas Clover sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Mason family.



October 5 at 8:15 AM



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DC

Douglas Clover posted:

After Thelma retired from a long career serving our country in the Army, she continued to serve as a civilian. She was my executive assistant for over 16 years at the Missile Defense Agency. She was simply the best. She was able to work hard and still maintain a wonderful sense of humor. Her skills in communicating and interacting with people were unmatched. Her dedication and loyalty were off the charts. She made me a better person, and I miss her dearly. But, she was such a beam of radiance that the light still shines. Her generous spirit was infectious. Her family, her friends, all of us who knew her, can hear her laugh when we feel sad, can tap into her strength when we feel weak, and can see her example when we need motivation. I consider it a blessing to have known her and to have had the opportunity to spend so much time with her. For her family, please accept my sincere condolences for your loss of such a lovely soul. T, be at peace. Thank you for answering my many calls of "Hey Thelma" and then getting it done. You have a special place in my heart forever.

October 5 at 7:54 AM



Cherrelle Mason October 5 at 3:04 PM

Thank you. And thank you for the flowers. ❤️

KB

Kevin O'brien posted:

Thelma, we miss you at work. You always went well out of your way to help us. Your smile and laughter made working much more enjoyable. I am sure you are in heaven watching out for us there. God bless you and your family. Thank you.

October 5 at 6:52 AM



Robyn Marell October 8 at 1:32 PM

Thelma was a beloved teammate and human being. I was not expecting to receive the news we received of her passing. So shocked and saddened to hear about my teammate who received her heavenly wings. She fought a valiant fight and we were all praying 🙏🙏 she would beat it again! She was a private person so some of us didn't know the extent of her struggle. I just want to say she will be missed on and off the Softball field. From my family to hers....praying 🙏🙏🙏 for strength and support during this difficult time🙏. May God put a hedge of protection and love around you. We miss you Shooter. Rest Well in His arms...



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Lashonia Richardson-Slater lit a candle in honor of Thelma.



October 5 at 6:12 AM



Lashonia Richardson-Slater October 5 at 6:31 AM

Lord, I Thank You for the opportunity to have made her acquaintance and Praise You for what our friendship became. Thelma, we had so many laughs, you'd laugh with me and you'd cry with me and then we'd laughed some more! My heart aches right now, but my gratitude for having you in my life is overflowing. To think of the warmth, the love, generosity and truth you freely gave to so many, it makes me know that I've been blessed to have such an Angel as a friend. Rest In Paradise my friend.LoveLaLa



Larrhonda Brown posted:

I will never forget you and love you always and forever...Necie

October 4 at 5:39 AM



Monica Johnson-Merritt (Divergent) lit a candle in honor of Thelma.



I spent many years playing against Thelma in softball. No matter the outcome, Thelma ALWAYS had a smile on her face and have me a hug and thanked me for being here to share the day with her. She was a sweet, loving, and caring lady. Even though she is no longer with us here on earth, the sunshine from her smile and the warmth of her laughter will always be in my heart. Thank you Lord for giving us such a special person. Watch over the family as they heal from this wound in life. God Bless.

October 4 at 5:32 AM



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FF

Fred Folson posted:

When we retired from the U.S. Marines in 2006, my wife and I bought a house in Fredericksburg, VA that we immediately fell in love with. As many of us know, when you buy a home you never know about your neighbors. And of all the cities we could have settled down in, and all the homes we could have purchased we found the home next door to Ms. Thelma Mason. She immediately welcomed us to the neighborhood and was always there with advice about the transition from military service, borrowing some generator power during snow storms (before we bought our own) or just a friendly smile & wave as we rolled our garbage bins to the street. She will always be remembered by our family as a kind and generous person, and the neighborhood will not be the same without her. Sincerely Folson Family (6004 Benevolent St).

October 4 at 4:55 AM

GW

Gil Wake posted:

Thelma was a kind and wonderful person who always kept a positive attitude about life and showed it through that big smile. I will miss you. Family, God bless you, and thanks for sharing Thelma with us throughout the years.

October 3 at 5:06 PM

NH

Nedra Hill lit a candle in honor of Thelma.

Ms Thelma you will be missed so dearly. Will miss your smile and dances after each game. My prayers to you family.

October 3 at 4:06 AM



BM

Bettye McClendon October 3 at 4:01 PM

Thelma, I have missed you so much at the games. I will miss our conversations describing the taste of "Little Debbie" honey buns. We sure ate a lot of them (LOL). You may be gone but never forgotten. 😊 Bettye McClendon from Arkansas.



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DA

Debra Abraham posted:

To the family of , Ms. Thelma, it gives me great pleasure to, Thank you for sharing your Mom, with my family. I'm one of Mr. Roy Oliver's one of her coaches sister, from Columbia, SC. My mother and I would travel any time the team played never us. My Mother and I looked forward to the next softball games, to see him and Thelma and the other player, but mostly Thelma, she was truly a good spirited person. We will remember her, in a happy, happy way. Be blessed and known. Jesus be known everything praying for y'all.

October 2 at 5:44 PM

DL

Demaris Lawhorn posted:

Thelma, wow Heaven has gained an Angel. Truly a God-sent, wonderful, caring person who would give you the shirt off her back. Always, a warm smile and a kind uplifting words for all who came in contact with her. Love and will remember you always! 😊 Dee Lawhorn

October 2 at 4:38 PM

CH

Crystal Harbison posted:

Thelma you will forever be missed. May God Comfort your family in this time.

October 2 at 3:43 PM

CH

Cecilia Hill posted:

Thelma was a jewel and will be sorely missed! Rest in Heaven Lou! Sending prayers of peace and comfort to your family! ❤️ ~Cece

October 2 at 2:43 PM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Mason family.



October 2 at 7:10 AM



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Frankey Hicks posted:

A wonderful person and a loving mother

October 2 at 6:56 AM



Cherelle posted:

Mom I love you forever

October 1 at 7:26 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Thelma by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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