



Joyce Matthews Thompson

August 20, 1949 - February 15, 2026

A memorial service for Joyce Thompson, 76, and Roger Thompson, 79, both of Giddings, Texas, is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. on Friday, February 27, 2026, at Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings with Tim Pitts officiating.

Joyce Matthews Thompson, 76, of Giddings, Texas, lost her life in a tragic accident on February 15, 2026 alongside her beloved husband, Roger C. Thompson.

Born on August 20, 1949 in Houston, Texas she was the daughter of Elsie and Paul Mertink who were born and raised in the Warda and Serbin area. She was raised with a deep appreciation for hard work, and tradition - values that shaped the course of her life.

Upon graduating from the University of Houston Clear Lake, she went on to be an accomplished businesswoman whose intelligence, discipline, and sharp instincts earned the respect of colleagues and peers alike.

After a long successful career in the insurance and financial services industries working at Prudential, American General, and finally AIG, she embraced retirement and devoted the next twenty years to building a life centered on home, creativity, and family.

She and her first husband, Timothy Nelson Matthews, shared 31 years of marriage and raised two wonderful children together before his untimely passing in April of 2001. In July of 2005 she married Roger C. Thompson, with whom she built another 20 years of companionship and love, creating a life together in the countryside on land that had been in her family for generations. There, they poured their energy into transforming the farm into a warm and welcoming home.

In retirement, her creativity flourished. She excelled at painting, quilting, jewelry-making, gardening, and countless other crafts. Her hands were rarely still, and her projects were always marked by care, beauty, and intention. She was intelligent and capable, yet equally humorous and fun-loving - a woman who could command a boardroom and later laugh around a kitchen table.

She is survived by her children Cathy Digges and husband Marco Digges of Pasadena Texas, and Timothy Mathews Jr. and his wife Rachel Matthews of Friendswood Texas; her grandchildren Jacob, Emma, and Kate Matthews; stepdaughters Jacque Thompson and her husband Sean Conn, Laura Thompson Janick and her husband John; and her two sisters Jean and husband Erwin Zoch of Cedar Creek Texas, Doris and husband Steven Lentz of Cypress, Texas; all of whom she loved dearly.

We hope this service provides an opportunity for everyone to come together, share memories, and find some comfort and closure. Interment will take place at a later date and details will be communicated once finalized.

Her legacy lives on in the family she cherished, the creations she made by hand, and in the lives of those who were fortunate enough to know and love her.

For those desiring to make memorial contributions, the family recommends

making donations in memory of Roger and Joyce to Camp Tejas, 1038 Private Road 2191, Giddings, Texas 78942.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 27. 12:30 PM (CT)

Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home - Giddings
3950 East Austin Street
Giddings, TX 78942

Tribute Wall

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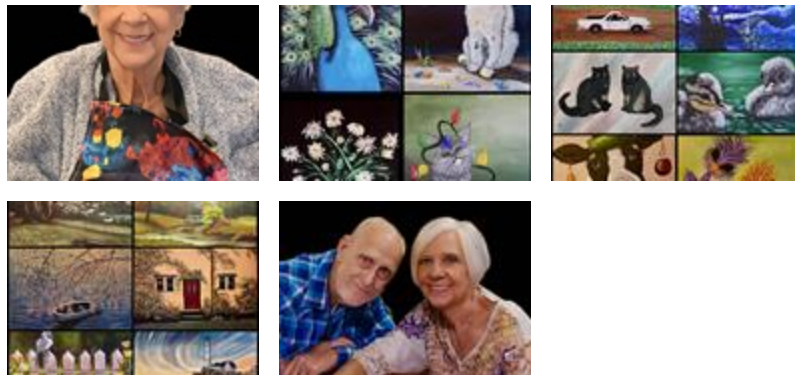
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Cathy Digges - March 06 at 10:28 AM

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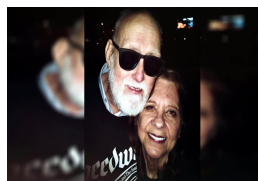
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Cathy Digges - February 28 at 12:45 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - February 26 at 07:00 PM

BE

“ *Losing Joyce and Roger is a profound shock. I so enjoyed connecting with Joyce and hearing her perspective on Roger’s endless adventures. Their life together—on the farm and on the road—was a testament to living life to the absolute fullest. They were a joy to know, and I offer my deepest prayers and condolences to their family during this difficult time.*

Bob Ely - February 25 at 07:09 PM

MG

“ *Morgan & Lorayne Gothard planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joyce Matthews Thompson.*

Morgan & Lorayne Gothard - February 25 at 06:30 PM

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“ *Morgan & Lorayne Gothard purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Joyce Matthews Thompson.*



Morgan & Lorayne Gothard - February 25 at 06:30 PM

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“ *1 file added to the album Tribute Wall Photos*



Doris Lentz - February 25 at 05:24 PM

YF

“ *Your Bayview Family purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Joyce Matthews Thompson.*



Your Bayview Family - February 25 at 02:50 PM

JZ

“ *Today we remember our sister, a beautiful soul, whose life ended far too soon in a tragic house fire. Words feel small compared to the loss, but her love, kindness, and spirit will never be extinguished. She filled our lives with laughter, strength, and warmth. She had a way of making people feel comfortable, understood and loved, and those gifts will live on in everyone who knew her. Though the fire took her from us, it cannot take the memories we carry or the bond we will always share. We will miss her voice, her smile and the countless moments only sisters understand. Our hearts are broken, but we are grateful for every memory, every conversation, every moment we were given together. Please keep our family in your thoughts and prayers as we navigate this unimaginable loss. Rest in peace, dear sister you are forever loved and forever missed.*

*Doris Lentz
Jean Zoch*

jean zoch - February 25 at 08:28 AM

BD

“ *So sorry for the tragic loss of Joyce. I was friends on Facebook from her marriage to Roger. She was his soulmate and showed her love for him. Thoughts and prayers for her family.*

Barbette Driver - February 24 at 02:08 PM

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Doris Lentz - February 24 at 12:24 AM