



## Ms. Rosemary "Bonnie" J. Thayer

August 13, 1945 - July 19, 2020

Rosemary Jane (Bonnie) Thayer, 74, of Greensboro, MD passed away peacefully on Sunday July 19, 2020. Born in Buffalo, NY on August 13, 1945, Bonnie is preceded in death by her loving parents Dr. John B. and Jennie Scalzi.

Bonnie's education began with her undergraduate degree from Heidelberg University and secured an advanced Master's degree +30 from Johns Hopkins University.

Bonnie's passion for educating students to live to their fullest ability guided her professional career path. She dedicated her life to serve its students and families. During her tenure in Caroline County, Bonnie served as a Special Education teacher at Ridgely Elementary School, Assistant Principal at Colonel Richardson Middle School, and Principal at Ridgely Elementary School. Under her leadership, Ridgely Elementary School became a Blue-Ribbon School, an accomplishment she was very proud of. When the opportunity arose to serve as Supervisor of Special Education for Caroline County Public Schools, she accepted this challenge as she felt she could have a greater impact on students. She served in this capacity until her retirement.

Bonnie is survived by her children William Wilson of Easton, MD, Robert Thayer and his wife Christina of Greensboro, MD, Jane and her husband Chris Towers of Greensboro, MD, Janet and her husband Dr. Dan Radzykewycz of Ijamsville, MD; sister Joan (Penny) Eisenhut of

Poughkeepsie, NY; nieces Dr. Katherine Lindstrom (her children Nathaniel & Alayna) and Cheryl Rugar (her children Stephanie, Amanda, Daniel and Jason); Bonnie's grandchildren Marie and her husband David Wielgosz (and their son Bentley), Thomas and Kristen Towers, Gina Wilson, Jayson, Henry and Bailey Thayer, and Andrew, Peter and Matthew Radzikevich; and her devoted companion of 20 years, William Leverage of Seaford, DE.

Visitation will be held on Friday, July 24, 2020 at 2-4pm and 6-7pm at Fleegle and Helfenbein Funeral Home at 106 W. Sunset Ave. Greensboro, Maryland. Services will be held following visitation on Friday, July 24, 2020 at 7pm. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Caroline County Public Schools Teacher Scholarship Fund.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Mary Catholic Cemetery

Cedar Street  
Milford, MA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 24. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Fleegle & Helfenbein Funeral Home  
106 W. Sunset Ave.  
Greensboro, MD 21639

## Visitation

JUL 24. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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106 W. Sunset Ave.  
Greensboro, MD 21639

## Service

JUL 24. 7:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Fleegle and Helfenbein Funeral Home, PA created a Webcast in memory of Ms. Rosemary "Bonnie" J. Thayer*



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**Fleegle and Helfenbein Funeral Home** - July 24, 2020 at 12:52 PM

JF

*Beautifully done What a wonderful tribute to Bonnie. It was so nice for those of us who couldn't be there in person to say goodbye. Thank you*

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**jean fitzgerald** - July 25, 2020 at 12:26 PM



“ *Fleegle and Helfenbein Funeral Home, PA created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Rosemary "Bonnie" J. Thayer*



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**Fleegle and Helfenbein Funeral Home** - July 22, 2020 at 01:22 PM

BZ

*I met Bonnie as a fellow teacher at RES. She and I seemed to share the same break time and we had good, sharing conversations in the Faculty Lounge. I taught music and had the privilege of teaching her children also. I know she was a great mom. I know she cared about her fellow teachers. No matter what subject they taught, she showed a genuine interest in their teaching of the subject and how it impacted and made a difference in the lives of the students. She was so supportive, positive, and knowledgeable. Despite all of her personal trials, she remained strong, thinking much more of others (family, friends, coworkers) than of herself. Just a beautiful person all-around! I'll miss seeing her in church with Bill, but will try to carry forward to others the encouragement she always gave to me. To her children... my condolences. But, you have been blessed. Becky Zinser 🙏*

Becky Zinser - July 24, 2020 at 08:24 AM



“ Ms. Rosemary "Bonnie" J. Thayer

October 08, 2023 at 03:21 PM



“ Ms. Rosemary "Bonnie" J. Thayer

October 06, 2023 at 10:39 AM

RR

“ *I'll always remember how pleasant, fair, competent and supportive Bonnie was in her professional life. For eighteen years, she was one of my five supervisors at the Mid-Shore Special Education Consortium, and in all that time I never heard Bonnie raise her voice in anger, or utter an unkind word to any member of our staff. She was, in truth, a gem.*

*Rob Russo*

Rob Russo - November 11, 2020 at 01:42 PM

KN

“ Bonnie was such a wonderful person. She taught me so much as I worked with her at the local LMB many years ago. My deepest condolences to the family .

Kitty Nelson - August 13, 2020 at 04:58 PM

BD

“ I so enjoyed knowing and working with Bonnie at RES. Thankfully we kept up over the years with news of family and friends. it was such a privilege to teach her children and Chris. I know she will be missed by all.



Bennett Downes - July 27, 2020 at 07:45 AM

KB

“ Kathy Bell lit a candle in memory of Ms. Rosemary "Bonnie" J. Thayer



kathy bell - July 25, 2020 at 11:44 AM

JR

“ Janet Radzykewycz lit a candle in memory of Ms. Rosemary "Bonnie" J. Thayer



Janet Radzykewycz - July 24, 2020 at 08:17 AM

CW

“ My deepest sympathy to all of you.  
Bonnie was a very special woman.. She was  
always very cheerful and positive. She faced  
any challenges that came her way with  
determination and drive, especially where  
children were concerned. She was an excellent role model for all.  
She will be sorely missed.  
My thoughts and prayers are with you.  
Carole Weinmann  
(retired DES teacher)



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**Carole Weinmann** - July 23, 2020 at 07:39 PM

JF

“ My cousin Bonnie will be sorely missed. We  
had many conversations on the phone & by  
email talking about family memories. We  
always wished we lived closer so we could sit  
& have coffee together. Always in my heart,  
love cousin Jean Fitzgerald



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**jean fitzgerald** - July 23, 2020 at 02:04 PM

GW

“ Ginnie Walls lit a candle in memory of Ms.  
Rosemary "Bonnie" J. Thayer



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**Ginnie Walls** - July 23, 2020 at 02:02 PM

MS

“ Marie Savage lit a candle in memory of Ms. Rosemary "Bonnie" J. Thayer



Marie Savage - July 23, 2020 at 01:41 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Ms. Rosemary "Bonnie" J. Thayer.



July 23, 2020 at 01:34 PM

LA

“ Lois Andrew lit a candle in memory of Ms. Rosemary "Bonnie" J. Thayer



Lois Andrew - July 23, 2020 at 10:53 AM

MS

“ Mary Lee Sard lit a candle in memory of Ms. Rosemary "Bonnie" J. Thayer



Mary Lee Sard - July 22, 2020 at 10:18 PM

RP

“ Will always remember her smile and encouragement! Rest In Peace!

Ron & Patti Papineau - July 22, 2020 at 09:41 PM

AO

“ Bonnie was in my office the day of the 'great earthquake'. She remained calm as we decided to et outside. (Not so for me) A wonderful person, devoted educator and all around pleasure to know.

Anne Ogletree - July 22, 2020 at 08:32 PM

TW

“ Our deepest and sincere condolences. Please cherish all the wonderful memories of her. Keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers  
Lover Tammy and Pat Wielgosz

Tammy Wielgosz - July 22, 2020 at 06:30 PM

HW

“ Harry Webb lit a candle in memory of Ms. Rosemary "Bonnie" J. Thayer



Harry Webb - July 22, 2020 at 06:07 PM

SD

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Bonnie's family.

Sharon Dennis - July 22, 2020 at 05:37 PM



“ *Ms. Thayer was so nice and respectful. I can remember her coming in to the restaurant, where I worked, when I was in high school and asking me about school and really taking an interest and caring.*

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**Katie Dorr** - July 22, 2020 at 05:27 PM

CA

“ *I remember her back in the Ridgely School days, she taught my daughter and working there myself I got to know this wonderful lady, she was one remarkable women...my thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends .... God bless !!!*

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**Cara Avery** - July 22, 2020 at 03:59 PM

CA

“ *Cara Avery lit a candle in memory of Ms. Rosemary "Bonnie" J. Thayer*



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**Cara Avery** - July 22, 2020 at 03:54 PM

TA

“ *Tammy lit a candle in memory of Ms. Rosemary "Bonnie" J. Thayer*



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**Tammy** - July 22, 2020 at 03:17 PM

SB

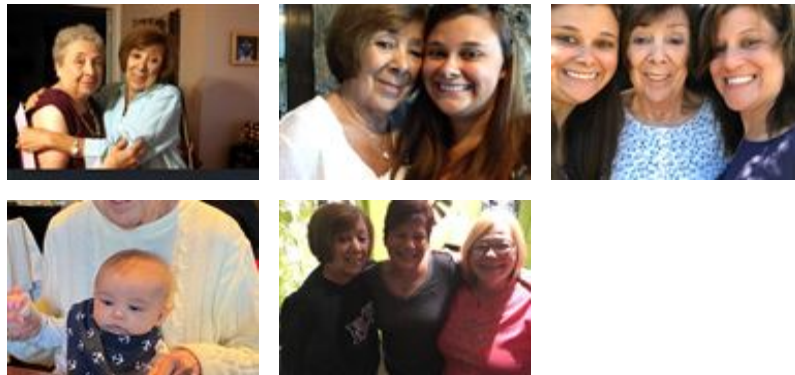
“ *What a wonderful woman, and the best advocate for our special needs kids. I will always think of her with admiration and gratitude. Wherever you are, I bet the children there just got a bit happier. My best to Bonnie's family and Mr. Leverage.*

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**Susan Bennett** - July 22, 2020 at 02:40 PM



“ *91 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Fleegle and Helfenbein Funeral Home** - July 22, 2020 at 01:19 PM

TA

“ *The Board and Staff of United Needs & Abilities purchased the Deepest Faith for the family of Ms. Rosemary "Bonnie" J. Thayer.*



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**The Board and Staff of United Needs & Abilities** - July 22, 2020 at 01:06 PM

MJ

“ Thoughts and prayers to the family of Ms Bonnie Thayer. Her impact on United Needs & Abilities Inc will never be forgotten.



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**Ms. Jamie James** - July 22, 2020 at 01:05 PM

DM

“ She was a special lady! Enjoyed working with her & often saw her out & about after she retired. My condolences to all of her family.  
Diane Moore

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**Diane Moore** - July 22, 2020 at 12:45 PM

DT

“ Bonnie was a good lady. She contributed a lot to the children of Caroline County.

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**Dan Towers** - July 22, 2020 at 09:47 AM