



## Thelma J. Matiash

September 4, 1933 - January 4, 2020

Thelma J. Matiash aged 86 of Scottville passed away on Saturday, January 4, 2020. Thelma was born on September 4, 1933 in Richmond, Kentucky, the daughter of James and Stella (Cosby) Parke and was one of 10 children. After earning her Bachelor's Degree from Eastern Kentucky University, Thelma moved north to teach Home Economics at Shelby High School from 1955-1960, better known to her students as "Miss Parke."

On March 19, 1960 she married Nicholas Matiash and they welcomed four children into their family. In addition to raising their children and being a homemaker, Thelma enjoyed her "other" children at school as a substitute teacher for the Whitehall school district. Thelma loved to sing, and in 1994, she and Nick moved to Scottville and joined the Scottville United Methodist Church where Thelma was an active member of the church choir for many years.

Thelma was preceded in death by her parents, her son-in-law Brian Webster, her granddaughter Olivia Matiash, 8 siblings, and several in-laws. She will be greatly missed by her husband Nicholas; her son Nicholas Paul (Melissa) Matiash; her daughters Jean (Sam) Kubiak, Karen (Gary) Gheller, and Stephanie (Dale) Matiash-Iverson; her grandchildren Amanda, Nicole, Joshua, Richard, Katie, Alyssa, and Liberty; her sister Norma (Don) Bow; her sisters-in-law Dene Parke and Jewell Parke; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held for Thelma at 12:00 noon on Thursday, January 9 at Scottville United Methodist Church with Pastor Rick Hodgeson officiating. Burial will take place at Brookside Cemetery in Scottville later in the spring. Friends may meet with her family during a time of visitation on Wednesday evening from 6:00-8:00 pm at Wyman Funeral & Cremation Services in Scottville, and on Thursday morning from 11:00 am until time of services at the church. Those who wish to make a donation in Thelma's memory are asked to consider either Elara Hospice, or the Scottville United Methodist Church.

# Cemetery Details

## Brookside Cemetery

950 W. State Street  
Scottville, MI 49454

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 8. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wyman Funeral & Cremation Services - Stephens Funeral Home  
305 E. State St.  
Scottville, MI 49454  
(231) 757-3333  
wyman-stephens@sbcglobal.net  
<https://www.wymanfuneralservice.com>

## Visitation

JAN 9. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

First Methodist Church of Scottville  
114 West State Street  
Scottville, MI 49454

## Funeral Service

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JAN 9. 12:00 PM (ET)

First Methodist Church of Scottville  
114 West State Street  
Scottville, MI 49454

# Tribute Wall

DG

“ *What memories of my Shelby High School years (1958 graduate) came rushing back when I saw her photograph in the White Lake Beacon. She looked exactly as I remember her when I was a student and her style and personality convinced me that I should become a home economics teacher. And I did, for thirty-three years. She was such an inspiration and a kind and encouraging supporter. I've thought often of her. Surely the family will miss her presence.*

*Donna Galoit*

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**Donna Galoit** - January 15, 2020 at 03:15 PM

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“ *I am so sorry to hear that your wife has passed on to heaven, Nick. My thoughts are with you and your family at this time. Laura Fisher*

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**Laura Fisher** - January 09, 2020 at 01:58 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thelma J. Matiash.*



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January 07, 2020 at 08:17 PM

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“ *Love you mama! Miss you bad but know you are having fun being silly up in heaven:~) -your baby, Stephanie*

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**Stephanie Matiash-Iverson** - January 05, 2020 at 01:54 PM