



# **Alice Ryba Thurber**

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**A**lice R. Thurber, of Huntersville, passed away June 24, 2014. A longtime Wilmington resident, she spent the last year and a half near her children in the Lake Norman area outside Charlotte, NC.

She was born in Trenton, NJ on October 17, 1926 to Walter and Margaret Ryba. Raised in Trenton, she spent part of her high school years in Knoxville, TN where her father was the band director for the University of Tennessee. After graduating high school in Trenton, she received her bachelor's degree in geology from the College of Wooster in 1947.

Because oil companies were not hiring women in the late forties, she pursued a career as an airline hostess with Capital Airlines. While based in Norfolk, VA she met and married Edward J. Thurber, a captain for Piedmont Airlines on June 15, 1949.

Residing in Wilmington since the late fifties, she was a parishioner of St. Mary's Catholic Church. Jeopardy-smart and quick-witted she was the consummate hostess, accomplished cook and a great lover of books and music. Devoted to her children, she taught us about love, generosity and grace. And she took us to the beach almost every day in the summers!

Preceded in death by her husband in 2000, she is survived by her son Danny Thurber of Mooresville, NC, his wife Lesia and their sons Robert and Taylor; daughter Mary Ann Thurber and her partner George Ray, of Huntersville, NC. Always close in her heart were her four nieces: Margaret Mason, Francie Merritt, Meg Pellissier, Kathy Harney and their families. And her very best friend, Margie Vaughan.

The family would like to thank her wonderful caregivers and staff of Huntersville Oaks for their kindness, compassion and respect over the last year.

Please make a donation to your favorite charity in her name, she would like that.



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James Funeral Home is serving the family. [www.jamesfuneralhomeLKN.com](http://www.jamesfuneralhomeLKN.com)



## Tribute Wall

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MH

**Meg Herring** posted:

Danny, Mary Ann and family, I'm so sorry for your loss. I pray God will give you strength and mend your hearts.

July 3 at 5:34 PM

TF

**Tim & Beth Finein** posted:

Danny and Mary Ann you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Tim & Beth Finein

June 28 at 1:21 PM

AW

**AI & Peggy Williams** posted:

Dear Danny and Mary Ann, Please know that you are in our prayers during this time of grief. It was wonderful to have known both your parents and to have watched the two of you grow up across and down the street from us in Lincoln Forest. One of my fondest memories was being your dad's co-pilot when your mom gave birth to you, Danny. Our lives are richer for having known your parents. God bless the two of you and always remember how important it is to always, always, KEEP THE BLUE SIDE UP!! AI Williams & Peggy

June 28 at 9:39 AM

LL

**Leon And Ann & Lonnie Fox** posted:

Dear Mary Ann and Danny, We were so sorry to learn of your loss. We have such fond memories of your mom and dad as wonderful next-door neighbors for so many years. Please accept our deepest sympathy. Love, Leon, Ann and Lonnie Fox

June 28 at 9:33 AM

AW

**AI & Peggy Williams** posted:

Dear Danny & Mary Ann, Please know that Peggy and I have you in our prayers and we wish to convey our deepest sympathy to you both. It was wonderful to have known both your parents and watch the two of you grow up across and down the street from us in Lincoln Forest. One of my fondest memories was being your dad's co-pilot when you, Danny, were born. My life is richer for having known both your parents. May God bless and comfort you both in this your hour of grief.

June 28 at 9:23 AM



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JP

**Jack Parks** posted:

Danny, feel so sad that you have to go through the loss. I know you will weather the storm like the good troupe you are. I would like you to know that I enjoyed flying with your father and you. We had some great trips together. I would like to see you sometime and re-new the good old days. See you around the campus. Don't forget your camera next trip. Your friend and fellow pilot--Jack Parks

June 27 at 5:21 PM

CB

**Cary & Fran Bruton** posted:

Danny, Mary Ann, and family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Fran & Cary Bruton

June 27 at 4:25 PM

NH

**Nina Parham Hammond** posted:

Danny and family...my heart breaks for you....you are in my prayers.....always love flying with you Danny.....and I had the privilege of getting to fly with your dad.....my thoughts and prayers to your family.....

June 27 at 1:39 PM

BT

**Brad Taylor** posted:

Danny and Mary Ann, I am so sorry for your loss. You and your families are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Brad

June 27 at 12:07 PM

DF

**Donald Krstich & Family** posted:

I visited with your mom several times back in the Piedmont days. She was a great lady and so very proud of all of you. I know she will be missed. Love The Krstich Family

June 27 at 8:12 AM

CS

**Connie Speas** posted:

Danny, Mary Ann and family, So sorry for your loss.

June 27 at 7:47 AM



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**Vicki Courtney Gibson** posted:

Dear Danny and Mary Ann, Sending you my deepest sympathies during this difficult time. I hope the fond memories of your mother will carry you through the coming days. I, too, remember her being the ultimate hostess when my parents visited her home in Lincoln Forest. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Vicki Courtney Gibson

June 27 at 7:12 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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