



## Sara "Marty" Thurmond

February 18, 1936 - May 26, 2012

Sara (Marty) Lindsey Thurmond

Marty Thurmond was born on February 18, 1936, in Nashville, Georgia, to John T. and Sallie Lindsey.

Marty passed away on May 26 after a courageous battle with cancer and heart disease.

Marty was raised in Berrien County, Georgia, on a large farm with four brothers and two sisters. She attended Valdosta State College, when on her 19th birthday, met George E. Thurmond, who was a visiting student from North Georgia College in Dahlonega, Georgia. They married in 1957 and moved to Japan, where George was stationed in the U.S. Army. While in Japan, they had a daughter, Lynn, and subsequently moved to Atlanta, Georgia, when George's two year tour of duty ended. George took a position with Liberty Mutual Insurance Company and in 1960, a son Tom was born. As a result of a transfer, the family moved to Billerica, Massachusetts, where they lived from 1962 to 1967. George was transferred back to Atlanta, and the family moved to Tucker, Georgia, where they lived until 1987. That year, Marty and George moved to Alpharetta, Georgia, where they have resided for the past 24 years.

Marty loved people and had the remarkable ability to endear herself to

everyone she met. Her husband once said that she could talk to a wrong number for 30 minutes. She was known as "Aunt Marty" to both adults and children alike. She had a remarkable memory for names and dates of all she met. She also loved crossword puzzles, playing trivia, genealogy, writing and literature. She was a gifted poet. Marty was exceedingly proud of her Scottish heritage and was a life member of Clan Lindsay, USA. She made several trips to Scotland where she met and established close friendships with the head of Clan Lindsay (Scotland), the Earl of Crawford and Balcarres and his family. In 2009, Marty was invited to attend a session of the International Gathering of Scottish Clans who convened for the first time in 200 years, meeting in the Scottish Parliament in Edinburgh, Scotland. As he was not able to attend, Lord Crawford asked Marty to represent him at the convocation along with the Earl's cousin, Lord Lindsay. Marty's courage, as she battled illness, was a reflection of the Clan Lindsay motto, "Endure Forte," meaning, "endure with strength." She received cards, letters, flowers and prayers from around the country, Scotland and England.

Marty published the Clan Lindsay newsletter, *The Recorder*, for over 15 years and was extremely proud of her work. Marty was also a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution (George is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution) and the Daughters of Indian Wars. She spent the later part of her life attending Scottish festivals, as well as SAR and DAR events all over the United States. Marty, draped in Lindsay tartan, could be found at many Scottish festivals, visiting with other Scots near the Lindsay tent. Marty and George have been long-time members of the Roswell Presbyterian Church.

Marty is survived by her loving husband of 55 years, George E. Thurmond, her daughter Lynn Kozlosky, of Snellville, Georgia; her son, Thomas E. Thurmond, of Marietta, Georgia; her sister, Anne Alexander, of Roswell, Georgia; and her brother, J.T. (Red) Lindsey, of Cornelia, Georgia; as well as

dozens of nieces, nephews, grand nieces and grand nephews.

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or to North Georgia College & State University online giving at [www.northgeorgia.org/giving](http://www.northgeorgia.org/giving)

Remains will be interred at the Georgia National Cemetery privately with family members. A memorial celebration of her life will be held at the Roswell Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, May 30 at 10 a.m.

# Previous Events

## Service

MAY 30. 10:00 AM (ET)

Roswell Presbyterian Church  
755 Mimosa Blvd.  
Roswell, GA

# Tribute Wall



“ Sara "Marty" Thurmond

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October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ We are so very sorry to hear about your Mom. How wonderful though to know that she is healed now, and we will be together again someday. I try to focus on that with those we miss that have have gone on to heaven. Take care-look so forward to seeing you soon.

Love, Mike and Abby##imported-begin##Abby Martin##imported-end##

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May 27, 2012 at 05:20 PM



“ Prayers are sent to the family of this precious spirit.##imported-begin##Denise Walker Grogan##imported-end##

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May 27, 2012 at 10:24 AM



“ Lynn and the Thurmond family,  
May the LORD bless you and keep you close during this difficult time. Wayne and I pray for peace, comfort, and strength in the coming days. Your mom was a blessing to many and she leaves a strong legacy of that in you, Lynn. We love you and are here when you need us.##imported-begin##Cindi White##imported-end##

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May 27, 2012 at 07:34 AM



“ Lynn, Mr. Thurmond, and Tom, I just wanted you all to know you are constantly in my prayers and I wish I could give you all a hug in person. I will miss Marty as well...she was a one of a kind person!###imported-begin##Gale McKibbon###imported-end##

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May 27, 2012 at 12:06 AM



“ George & family: You all have our deepest sympathy in Marty's death. She was a good friend to everyone. We loved her and will miss her. SAR events just won't be the same without her. Love to you all.###imported-begin##Larry & Evie Whitfield###imported-end##

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May 26, 2012 at 09:55 PM



“ George, Lynn and Tom,  
Our most heartfelt sympathy goes out to all of you as you grieve for a most precious person, your wife and mother.  
Continued prayers for strength, peace and joy in the days, weeks and months ahead.  
John 14: 27-28  
Love in Christ,  
Ken and Shirley Howell###imported-begin##Shirley and Ken Howell###imported-end##

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May 26, 2012 at 01:19 PM