



## Gayle A. Thole

November 25, 1961 - April 11, 2016

Gayle A. Thole, age 54 of Highland, IL, died Monday, April 11, 2016, at Saint Elizabeth's Hospital in Belleville, IL.

She was born on Saturday, November 25, 1961, in Highland, IL, the daughter of Virgil and Adeline (nee Frey) Wilhelm.

On Friday, December 04, 1981, she married Ronald J. Thole at St. Paul Catholic Church, Highland, IL, who survives.

She was a member of Saint Paul Catholic Church, Highland, IL and Highland Garden Club.

Gayle was born in Highland, IL and grew up on a farm south of town. She graduated from St. Paul High School, Highland, IL, in 1979. She attended Eastern Illinois University and Southern Illinois University with an emphasis in English education. She worked for Widmer Floral Company, Highland, IL, for over 30 years and purchased the business, July of 2011. Anything that was delivered from her shop had to be "Right/Perfect". Work was never a 40 hour week, it included Saturdays, Sundays and all hours of the day. She enjoyed knitting, knitted all of her grandchildren a baby blanket; shooting pool at Scooters and Beagle Inn; Bowling League at Hi Top Bowl; playing euchre; solving word and jig-saw puzzles. She raised her own vegetables, canned

them and was known for her salsa. She loved her children and grandchildren. Annually, with her siblings, in honor of their mother they did a Christmas Tree for the Louis Latzer Homestead and the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows.

Survivors include:

Husband - Ronald J. Thole, Highland, IL  
Father - Virgil J. Wilhelm, Highland, IL  
Daughter - Rebecca L. (David) Roth, Troy, IL  
Son - Joseph W. (Joyce) Thole, Troy, IL  
Grandchild - Adele K. Roth, Troy, IL  
Grandchild - Amelia R. Roth, Troy, IL  
Grandchild - Charlotte J. Thole, Troy, IL  
Grandchild - Malcolm J. Roth, Troy, IL  
Grandchild - Evelyn M. Thole, Troy, IL  
Sister - Kathleen M. (R. Leland) Grant, Edwardsville, IL  
Brother - Kenny A. (Susan) Wilhelm, Bend, OR  
Sister - Connie J. (John) Tauser, Florissant, MO  
Sister - Carol Sue (Kelly) Kimmitt, San Diego, CA  
Sister - Nancy J. (Mark) Gilbert, Seattle, WA  
Sister - Trina M. (James) Zurfluh, Seattle, WA  
Many - Nieces and Nephews.

She was preceded in death by:

Mother - Adeline G. Wilhelm nee Frey died 12/26/1998.

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Friday, April 15, 2016, at Saint Paul Catholic Church in Highland, IL and from 8:00 AM to 9:45 AM on

Saturday, April 16, 2016, at Saint Paul Catholic Church in Highland, IL.

Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 AM on Saturday, April 16, 2016, at Saint Paul Catholic Church in Highland, IL., with Father Pat G. Jakel, Pastor, officiating.

Interment will be at Saint Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Highland, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to Multiple Sclerosis Society or American Lung Association.

# Tribute Wall

BD

“ Joe,  
*Our family's thoughts and Prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time.*

*The Dells*

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**Brian Dell** - April 15, 2016 at 03:43 PM

WG

“ *Widmer Girls lit a candle in memory of Gayle A. Thole*



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**Widmer Girls** - April 14, 2016 at 08:30 PM

WG

*We love and miss you so much sweet lady.*

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**Widmer Girls** - April 14, 2016 at 08:31 PM

CR

“ Joe

*My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.*

*Craig Jung*

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**Craig** - April 14, 2016 at 02:45 PM

EV

“ *ELAINE VOSHOLLER lit a candle in memory of Gayle A. Thole*



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**ELAINE VOSHOLLER** - April 14, 2016 at 01:18 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Gayle A. Thole.*



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April 13, 2016 at 08:35 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Gayle A. Thole.*



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April 13, 2016 at 08:09 PM



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**Sue Wilhelm** - April 13, 2016 at 02:19 PM

LE

*Joe and family,  
Your Hartwig team is praying for your family. May each day be filled  
with wonderful thoughts of your Mom.*  
*Linda Ehler*

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**Linda Ehler** - April 13, 2016 at 03:53 PM

RM

“ *Joe and family,*

*My deepest sympathy is with you during this grieving time.*

*Rachael McGrath*

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**Rachael McGrath** - April 13, 2016 at 09:18 AM

LB

“ *So sorry for your family's loss. Thoughts and prayers during this  
difficult time.*

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**Lori Morrison Bufalo** - April 13, 2016 at 09:08 AM

TF

“ *Tim Francis lit a candle in memory of Gayle  
A. Thole*



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**Tim Francis** - April 13, 2016 at 08:59 AM

MK

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family Joe.

*Mary Kalkbrenner  
Hartwig, Inc.*

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**Mary Kalkbrenner** - April 13, 2016 at 08:24 AM

CA

“ Carolyn lit a candle in memory of Gayle A.  
Thole



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**Carolyn** - April 12, 2016 at 08:37 PM

PF

“ Peggy Frey lit a candle in memory of Gayle A.  
Thole



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**Peggy Frey** - April 12, 2016 at 07:33 PM

DL

“ Deanna Leonard lit a candle in memory of  
Gayle A. Thole



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**Deanna Leonard** - April 12, 2016 at 01:53 PM

LW

“ *Lori & Dennis Wernle lit a candle in memory of Gayle A. Thole*



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**Lori & Dennis Wernle** - April 12, 2016 at 11:55 AM

SB

“ *Sandy & Bob lit a candle in memory of Gayle A. Thole*



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**Sandy & Bob** - April 12, 2016 at 11:25 AM

ET

“ *ESI Client Audit team purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gayle A. Thole.*



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**ESI Client Audit team** - April 12, 2016 at 10:51 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gayle A. Thole.*



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April 12, 2016 at 10:13 AM

LD

“ Lana Dowdy lit a candle in memory of Gayle A. Thole



Lana Dowdy - April 12, 2016 at 09:46 AM

BM

“ Bonnie Maurer lit a candle in memory of Gayle A. Thole



Bonnie Maurer - April 12, 2016 at 07:53 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gayle A. Thole.



April 11, 2016 at 11:59 PM

MH

“ Your mother was such a good person. Joey and Becky, I am so sorry for your loss. With all my love and prayers, Melissa (Bugger) Huegen



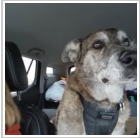
Melissa Huegen - April 11, 2016 at 11:03 PM

LB

“ *Leon & Judy Buehler lit a candle in memory of Gayle A. Thole*



Leon & Judy Buehler - April 11, 2016 at 11:02 PM



“ *Carey Porter lit a candle in memory of Gayle A. Thole*



Carey Porter - April 11, 2016 at 09:53 PM

DP

“ *Debbie And Tracy Poehling lit a candle in memory of Gayle A. Thole*



Debbie and Tracy Poehling - April 11, 2016 at 09:44 PM

JD

“ *Jen D. lit a candle in memory of Gayle A. Thole*



Jen D. - April 11, 2016 at 08:41 PM

GS

“ Grace Sugg lit a candle in memory of Gayle A. Thole



Grace Sugg - April 11, 2016 at 08:27 PM

SB

“ Sandy Bellm lit a candle in memory of Gayle A. Thole



Sandy Bellm - April 11, 2016 at 08:23 PM

TB

“ Terry & Lori Box lit a candle in memory of Gayle A. Thole



Terry & Lori Box - April 11, 2016 at 08:05 PM

JW

“ Jason & Emily Weiss lit a candle in memory of Gayle A. Thole



Jason & Emily Weiss - April 11, 2016 at 07:51 PM

LB

“ *She was always so nice. I shot pool with her and have dealt a lot with her at workers. My deepest sympathy goes out to the entire family. You have my deepest sympathy.*



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**Linda Bohnenstiehl** - April 11, 2016 at 06:29 PM

AL

“ *Angie Lawson lit a candle in memory of Gayle A. Thole*



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**angie lawson** - April 11, 2016 at 05:52 PM