



## Thelma Marie Oxley

December 5, 1948 - April 22, 2025

Thelma Marie Robinson Oxley 76, of Scott Depot, WV passed away on April 22, 2025. She and Bill are finally reunited again since his death in 2008.

Marie was born on December 5, 1948 to the late Harold Richard and Myrtle Irene Horne Robinson. In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her loving husband, Bill Oxley; and sisters: Barbara, Betty and Joyce.

She is survived by her sons: Christopher Oxley (Kelly) and Ryan Oxley (Brooke); grandchildren: Madeline "Maddy", Owen, Stella, Audrey, and Lincoln; sisters: Jeannie, Patricia, and Diana; brothers: Harold "Robby" and his companion, Sharon, and David "Ronnie" and his wife, Dee.

Marie was the fourth child of two unselfish parents, who sacrificed so much to provide a loving home for their children. She attended school in Kanawha and Roane Counties having graduated from Walton High School where she was a cheerleader, class officer and a member of student council.

She had a long career with the federal government, employed at the Social Security Administration for over 40 years. Marie retired in a management position, but held many positions over the years. She was most proud of the time she served as the Area Work Incentives Coordinator, assisting people

with disabilities to return to work while providing training and assistance in 30 SSA Offices throughout WV and PA.

She served on several boards including the Workforce Board, Youth Council, Kanawha County Consortium of Agencies, assisted in writing legislation for Medicaid in WV for people with disabilities, assisted in developing and validating computer programs for working disabled, worked with WVUCED through WVU and local programs for the disabled. She was honored with awards from Goodwill Industries, WV Vocational Rehabilitation, and Association for Persons in Supported Employment as well as a Regional Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner Citation from SSA. She also served as EEO Counselor and was active in the AFGE Union.

After retirement she volunteered at various organizations such as the Hospital Auxiliary at Thomas Memorial Hospital, the Ronald McDonald House where she was named the Volunteer of the Year, St. Francis School of Assisi where she organized a 5k in her husband's memory to raise funds for the school and was a member of the church where she was seen throughout St. Albans at various sporting events that her grandchildren participated in while working in the concession stands.

Marie would tell you her greatest gift and blessing in her life was her marriage to James "Bill" Oxley. They were soulmates, best friends and he truly was the love of her life. She would always say part of that gift and blessing were Bill's two sons from a previous marriage that she considered her own sons: Chris and Ryan. Nothing in her life meant more to her than this family, especially with the added blessings of two daughters-in-law and 5 grandchildren whom she cherished and adored.

She and Bill lived life to the fullest, traveling to new places, beach vacations, especially in Destin, FL, WVU Ballgames, concerts, NASCAR races, family

and friends get-togethers, holidays-just a blessed life.

Bill was tragically killed at the Bayer Institute Plant explosion in 2008 and Marie felt a loss that never healed completely. Her grandchildren were her greatest comfort and joy to fill that void.

Per her request there will be no services. She will be cremated and will join Bill in Destin, FL.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you do an act of kindness for someone in Marie's honor.

Anyone wishing to leave an online memory may do so by visiting her tribute page at: [www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com](http://www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com).

Chapman Funeral Home 3941 Teays Valley Road Hurricane, WV is honored to serve the family.

# Tribute Wall

ST

“ A person that departs from this earth never truly leaves, for they are still alive in our hearts, and through our memories, they live on. I met Marie in the early 80s, we instantly became friends. I am blessed to have known such a lovely, caring & special woman. I have so many great memories of her dating then marrying Bill. Fun memories when we were members of the Danceaerobics Demo Troupe for many years. Sadly she's gone too soon. My sincere condolences to her entire family. - Simone McKay Thomas



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**Simone McKay Thomas** - May 06, 2025 at 07:19 PM

KC

“ I cleaned for Marie for years. She was always so very good to me. She made me feel like I was valuable to her. She was just special in that way. Even after I stopped working for her we would share texts occasionally to check on one another. I know you all will miss her very much. May God comfort you all in this time of grief.  
Kathy Crow

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**kathy crow** - April 27, 2025 at 12:29 PM

SC

“ We were just texting a few days ago - I had no idea she was ill. I am deeply sorry to hear of her passing. We worked together at the same time we were each getting married - lots of new experiences shared then! I will miss her kind heart and quirky sense of humor. I'm sure she is with her beloved Bill.

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**Sharon Comer** - April 26, 2025 at 01:34 PM

SS

“ I became friends with Marie at Thomas Hospital as a volunteer. Marie was such a good friend, and a great coworker. I will miss her forever. It is hard for me to believe that she has passed. I wish peace and comfort to all her family who she loved deeply. Susan Stowers

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**Susan Stowers** - April 25, 2025 at 05:15 PM

LF

“ I worked with Marie for many years at Social Security and shared a devotion to the quality of our work. My favorite memories will be our talks about bands, concerts and shoes. She was such a lively person it's hard to believe she has passed. My heart goes out to her family and other friends. Lisa Fisher

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**Lisa Fisher** - April 25, 2025 at 10:41 AM

SL

“ Marie will be missed at our family gatherings. She's always been a kind smiling lady and I've enjoyed seeing her with the children and our chats. Sending love, hugs and deep condolences to Ryan, Brooke, Chris, Kelly, the children and all of Marie's family & Friends. Sharon McKeny Lord & Jack

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**Sharon Lord** - April 25, 2025 at 10:09 AM

DS

“ Marie was a wonderful caring woman. I worked with her husband, Bill. We stayed in touch over the years and I know through her faith she reached out to many people.  
She will be missed but GOD has a better plan for her. 🙏

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**Diana Stone** - April 25, 2025 at 08:27 AM

KL

“ I also worked with Marie Oxley and as has been said many times, she was truly a wonderful person and the best public servant. She set a great example in her family life and work life. Many of us learned a great deal from her. She will be missed. Kathy Lytton

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**Kathy Lytton** - April 24, 2025 at 01:32 PM

DC

“ I'm surprised to hear that Marie has passed. I was friends with Marie & Bill, and you always said their names together because they were always together. Now they are forever. My sympathies to Ryan and Chris, I was friends with Bill growing up and then friends with Marie also. Prayers of comfort to all of your families.

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**Demetria Curry** - April 24, 2025 at 11:24 AM

TK

“ Marie was the kindness lady I have ever met she was so good to me. I will miss her and our talks. Marie was a Wonderful person and a Wonderful Friend I will miss you. Love ya

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**Tina Keffer** - April 24, 2025 at 04:34 AM

CM

“ Marie was a wonderful worker and a true friend. We worked together in both the field office and were supervisors together at ODAR. She was a bright , witty and sincere person. She loved talking about her family and I shall miss her

Chris Milam - April 23, 2025 at 10:53 PM

AW

“ When I first began working for Social Security, I had the pleasure of working with Marie in the Charleston Field Office for a handful of years before she moved to a new position. Her positive, can-do attitude was appreciated then and missed now. Her family is in my thoughts.

Addam Whittington - April 23, 2025 at 10:45 PM

CS

“ Sending prayers and condolences to family and friends 🙏❤️🙏

constance and Barbara Smith - April 23, 2025 at 06:52 PM

JA

“ Marie and I started working for SSA the same week and we literally grew up together. We shared the most memorable memories that I cherished and continue to cherish. We laughed so much. Bill and Marie were one unit and both blessed to have each other and the only comfort I can hold onto is that she is with Jesus and with the love of her life. She will carry on here on earth with all those she has touched and there are MANY! Blessing to Ryan and Chris , their wives and those beautiful grandchildren she adored. Marie was amazing. We will carry her memory forever. 💕

Jan Adams - April 23, 2025 at 06:09 PM

JS

“ *I worked with Marie at OHA/ODAR (SSA). She was lovely lady and glad that I could call her my friend. She will dearly be missed. Jeans Scott*

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**Jeana Scott** - April 23, 2025 at 05:11 PM