



Thamazin LaMargie Harrison

May 30, 1936 - September 23, 2024

Memorial services for Thamazin Harrison will be 2:00 p.m. Thursday, September 26, 2024, at the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) with Rev. Ron Pingelton and Rev. Drew Kirtley officiating. A private burial will be prior to the service under the direction of Marshall Funeral Home of Alva.

Thamazin LaMargie (Heydman) Harrison, daughter of the late LaVerne and Margaret (Wesley) Heydman, was born May 30, 1936, at Stillwater and passed away September 23, 2024, at Oklahoma City at the age of 88 years, 3 months, and 24 days.

Thamazin grew up in Cherokee where she graduated from Cherokee High School. She met the love of her life, Dick, at a dance in Kiowa, Kansas. On August 8, 1954, she was united in marriage to Harold Richard "Dick" Harrison in Cherokee. She was baptized in the First Christian Church in Cherokee and transferred her membership to the Alva First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) after she and Dick were married. Thamazin later took some classes at Northwestern Oklahoma State College.

She worked as an accountant for C.E. Loomis Furniture for 20 years, Hackler Grain for 10 years, and Mackey Farms for 10 years. Thamazin was very active in her community of Alva. She was the Mother Advisor for the Alva Rainbow Girls, a member of the Order of Eastern Star, a member of Chapter

C of PEO, a member of Household Executives and the Twentieth Century Club.

Thamazin along with her husband, Dick, was a charter member of ACT I which began in 1985. She loved the theater and enjoyed directing many plays over the years along with being President of ACT I. She served on the Board of the Oklahoma Community Theatre Association and was inducted into the Hall of Honor for OCTA in 2015.

She was the recipient of many awards which included being named, along with Dick, Alva Citizens of the Year 1990. She served as parade marshal in 2012, received the Governor's Arts Award in 2013, and was once again honored as Alva Citizen of the Year in 2020. Thamazin enjoyed sewing, reading, and most of all spending time with her family.

Besides her parents, LaVerne and Margaret, she was preceded in death by her husband, Dick; and her brothers, William Heydman and Tim Heydman.

She is survived by her daughter, Kelli Schnebel and husband, Brock, of Oklahoma City; her grandson, Chase Schnebel of Oklahoma City; her granddaughters, Jessica Schnebel and husband, Justin Rousseau of Dallas, Texas; Bailey Coleman and husband, Jacob, of Oklahoma City; and Addison Archer and husband, Jacob, of Oklahoma City.

Also surviving are nine great grandchildren, Roman and Odin Rousseau, Hudson and Macy Schnebel, Nash, Eli, and Sadie Coleman, and Oliver and Campbell Archer; her brothers, Allen Heydman and wife, Ginger, of Wimberly, Texas, and Tom Heydman and wife, Dixie, of San Antonio, Texas; special kids, Rod Gourley and Chalon Groh Campbell; many nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the Dick and Thamazin Harrison Scholarship at NWOSU, the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), or the ACT I.

Cemetery Details

Alva Municipal Cemetery

Flynn Street
Alva, OK 73717

Previous Events

Viewing

SEP 25. 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Marshall Funeral Home of Alva
230 Flynn Street. P.O. Box 804
Alva, OK 73717
(580) 327-2311
<https://www.marshallfuneralhomes.com/>

Memorial Service

SEP 26. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
821 College
Alva, OK 73717

Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Memorial Service*



Marshall Funeral Homes - September 26, 2024 at 06:18 PM

KS

“ *She wasn't just my Auntie Thamer, she was Mother Advisor to me in Ranibow for girls, she encoursged me to sing in the church choir, and even got me to play a nun in Nunsense the year ACT1 did that year. I will miss her dearly.*

Kenda Smith - September 26, 2024 at 03:44 PM

RT

“Thamer impacted me in so many ways.

When my family moved from Baltimore to Alva, my parents were worried about my brothers and me making friends. Being one of the only homeschooled families in town, it was a fair concern. They did what any parent would do and signed us up for community theatre. I protested the whole time, insisting it wasn't for me. As soon as we closed *Dear Edwina Jr.*, I said I would never do another play. And I kept to that... right up until the next audition. When the time came, I panicked and begged my mom to call Thamer to see if I could still join. Thamer, of course, said I could.

Thamer and Dick looked out for me. They let me help with sets, and Thamer, knowing I was homeschooled and didn't have school dances, insisted I attend the Rainbow Dances "so I could fill in for any girl who had a missing spot on her dance card." Her love of theatre affected us all. So much so that when I graduated, I went to college for a BFA in theatre. The song I sang as my audition for the program? "Luck Be a Lady" from *Guys and Dolls*—the show Thamer let me join, even though I didn't show up for the audition.

As I now work full-time in the arts, I often think about how important that community theatre was for me. The friends I made there pushed me to pursue acting in college, where I met my wife. The skills I learned on that carpeted stage I still use almost every day. I will never know why Thamer chose to give so much of her time to a bunch of loud, stubborn, and often annoying kids, but I do know that because she did—because she chose to show us her kindness, creativity, and love—we are all better off for it.

Author John Green often writes about how the love we give in this world keeps going after we're gone. I, for one, know that the love Thamer gave me continues in my life, and I hope she would be proud of the love I now send out into the world.

Robert Thomas - September 26, 2024 at 12:38 AM

DC

“ *Thamazin was a lovely lady. She and Dick were good friends with my parents (Don and Vera Sterba). My mother was in many Act 1 productions with Thamazin. I was just thinking about Dick and Thamazin the other day. I'm sure that she is very happy to be reunited with Dick. I can imagine them having a great reunion up in Heaven along with all of those who went before her. Her bright light will be greatly missed but her touch here on Earth will remain for many years to come.* Donise (Sterba) Cinnamon



Donise Cinnamon - September 25, 2024 at 11:36 PM

KM

“ *Thamer was a beautiful, strong, generously giving, leader to so many young women over the years through Rainbow for girls. She was an incredible role model of such loving, and high character, and will forever be remembered for that -among so many other things she poured herself into. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.*

kelly (brunsteter) misuraca - September 25, 2024 at 09:35 PM



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Marshall Funeral Homes - September 25, 2024 at 08:57 PM

MS

“ Thamer was a great director and I'm so thankful that she took the time to put on plays for adults and children so we could all have the opportunity to feel fulfill in the art of acting and to have a chance in the spotlight. Not many communities have such a wonderful person who would do that for them. Thank you so much Thamer. -Mandi Schoenhals

Mandi Schoenhals - September 25, 2024 at 05:24 PM

LC

“ Love, Chalon planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thamazin LaMargie Harrison.

Love, Chalon - September 25, 2024 at 12:44 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thamazin LaMargie Harrison.



September 25, 2024 at 12:44 PM

KW

“ Thamer was always willing to help me and the NWOSU Theatre. She always was willing to allow us to borrow a piece of furniture or a costume.

For 22 years I've observed her phenomenal impact on the children and youth of this community. She has impacted so many families in such a profound way.

So many young people because of their involvement with ACT 1 pursued theatre in public school and college. What a phenomenal legacy.

Thank you Thamer for being a light and providing light onto a dark stage and to a dark world.

Kimberly Weast

Kimberly Weast - September 25, 2024 at 08:41 AM

CM

“ Always looked forward to the times she and Dick visited with the Miles family in Kansas! They were both delightful to be with and share stories. I still have her recipe for Turkey tetrazzini which was so delicious! Kelli, you were the light of their lives and brought them such joy and some delightful grands!! She will be so missed!

Cindy Miles - September 24, 2024 at 06:23 PM

JW

“ Kelli, Brock and your family. I so loved your mom!! She had so much patience for all of us rainbow girls when we didn't have our stuff memorized and would act up (I did that a lot) . I got to see her in April and had a good visit and got a hug too. We will all miss her and all she did for everyone in Alva. I am so very sorry
Julia Ryerson

Julia Ryerson Witherington - September 24, 2024 at 06:16 PM

GS

“ *A great lady! So enjoyed going to plays at ACT 1 where she supervised!* ”

Gene & Virginia Stands - September 24, 2024 at 05:57 PM

VS

“ *May each of your hearts be warmed by special memories of one so dear you!* ”



Vaughna Schmidt - September 24, 2024 at 04:02 PM