



## Cynthia Denise Thornton

July 30, 1953 - December 23, 2023

Cynthia Denise Boals Thornton, 70, of Troutman followed the yellow brick road home to reconnect with those that preceded her on Saturday, December 23, 2023. She was born on July 30, 1953, in Portsmouth, VA to the late Treon (Bob) and Mary Wenner Green.

In her early years, she was a cosmologist that enjoyed the beach, surfing and shots of tequila on occasions. She spent 20 years in Wal-Mart Logistics (Gordonsville, VA) in an IT/Systems Manager role where she made many friends and continued to learn each day. In her later years she enjoyed reading, watching old movies, especially her favorite The Wizard of OZ, playing games, but mostly she cherished spending time with her family and keeping up with the antics of her grandchildren.

Cindy survived cancer twice and donated many hours to the American Cancer Society raising funds and support for a cause that supported her and her family when needed. She also volunteered for the Literacy Volunteer of Charlottesville, VA where she helped adults learn English as their second language.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by sisters, Francis Bishop, Anne Ware and brother, Larry Boals.

She is survived by her loving husband of 50 years, Ralph W. Thornton III whom her mother said came from the wrong side of the tracks. Her children, Shylah Adcock (David Oswald); Kiley Thornton-Moffat (Keith); The Infamous Boal Boys, George Boals (Vickie), Daniel Boals (Robin) who are absolutely up

to no good as you are reading this and sister Colesta Flurry (Terry). Her grandchildren; Austin, Ally, Jillian, and Lauren will remember her as their Grammy that rode bikes, ice skated and listened to all the latest happenings on social media and YouTube.

Cindy's daughters have several friends that were considered family. She watched them grow from teens to somewhat responsible adults and sometimes joined them in their shenanigans. She was quick to remind Lauren, Holly, Elizabeth, Shanna and Samantha of some of her favorite memories which were usually the ones that embarrassed them most.

Services will be held at a later date and announced by the family.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to American Cancer Society.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home, Mooresville is proudly serving the Thornton family.

Condolences may be made to the family at [www.cavin-cook.com](http://www.cavin-cook.com).

# Cemetery Details

## **Cavin-Cook FH & Crematory**

494 E. Plaza Drive  
Mooresville, NC 28115

# Tribute Wall

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“ I spent over a year with Cindy and Ralph while stationed at Ft. Gordon Georgia in the US Army Military police corp. They were a sweet young couple at the time with a new baby girl (shylah). Ralph was a good soldier and a dear friend. May she rest in peace. Mike Couch, Cincinnati, Ohio. Retired police chief.

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**Michael L. Couch** - May 02, 2025 at 12:17 AM

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“ Cindy and I went to school together. She was a good friend. So sad to hear of her passing. Joyce Partain Elliott ❤️

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**joyce Partain Elliott** - November 07, 2024 at 12:27 PM

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“ I spent a lot of time in Cindy's home as a teenager. Her careful control of the chaos without being overbearing, with grace, humor and love that she gave to every person that walked through her door has served as an inspiration now that I'm an adult. It was a privilege to grow up with her subtle side eyeing influence. Brutally honest, but never unkind, she made a band of wayward girls feel comfortable in themselves, supported through life altering events and safe in her presence. Grammy and Papaw's was home. I carry those memories close. The world is a little colder without her in it.

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**Elizabeth Heidel-Ward** - December 29, 2023 at 04:43 PM