

Resolution Honoring the Life and Legacy of Thelma Jean Funkhouser Moomaw

Whereas, Thelma Jean Funkhouser Moomaw, born December 29, 1936, in Jerome, Virginia, devoted her life to faith, family, community, and Shrine Mont until her passing on October 5, 2025; and

Whereas, she was the beloved daughter of William Aldine and Ethel May Miller Funkhouser, the loving wife of Richard (“Dick”) Moomaw, a lifelong member of St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Jerome, Virginia, before becoming a faithful member of the **Cathedral Shrine of the Transfiguration** at Shrine Mont in Orkney Springs, Virginia; and

Whereas, with her husband, Dick, Thelma raised three children, Jennifer, Karen, and Kevin, and was the beloved grandmother to her six grandchildren, William and Thomas Gregory, Lucy and Lettie Rose, and Margaret Moomaw Gomez and Elizabeth Moomaw Somers; and

Whereas, Thelma’s life was deeply intertwined with Shrine Mont, where she found spiritual renewal, fellowship, and joy, managed the kitchen for 25 years after having worked there as a teenager, and where she will be remembered as a steadfast presence in worship and community life; and

Whereas, Thelma expressed her love for life and community through her passion for music, especially the Shenandoah Valley Music Festival concerts, which she cherished as a highlight of every summer in her own backyard; and

Whereas, Thelma’s kindness, hospitality, and devotion to her family and friends enriched the lives of all who knew her, leaving a legacy of warmth, generosity, and faithfulness; and

Whereas, Thelma’s life of service and love stands as an example of Christian discipleship and community spirit, inspiring future generations to live with the same grace and devotion; and

Whereas, Thelma’s loving presence will always be felt at Shrine Mont — a place apart that was dear to her for her entire life and where generations of Shrine Mont visitors were warmly greeted by her; and

Whereas, Thelma’s model of service has been passed on to her entire family, including especially her son Kevin who has served as executive director of Shrine Mont since his father’s retirement in 2007 and who, with his wife Mary and the larger Moomaw family, continue to carry on Thelma’s legacy of steadfast stewardship of Shrine Mont for the Diocese of Virginia; and

Whereas, Thelma was known by thousands upon thousands of retreat and conference attendees, campers, and vacation families as a quiet, kind, and thoughtful person to whom many owe their transformative Shrine Mont experiences and who always welcomed them home to Shrine Mont;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Board of Directors of Shrine Mont, Inc. hereby extends its deepest sympathy to her family and friends, and commends her soul to God's eternal care, giving thanks for the gift of her life among us; and

Be it further resolved, that the Board hereby honors the memory of **Thelma Jean Funkhouser Moomaw** for her lifelong commitment to faith, family and community, and for her enduring contributions to Shrine Mont and the Shenandoah Valley by the adoption of this resolution and its submission to the 231st Annual Convention for its adoption by the Annual Convention; and

Be it further resolved, that the 231st Annual Convention of the Diocese of Virginia hereby joins with the Board in giving thanks to God for the life and example of **Thelma Jean Funkhouser Moomaw** as a disciple of Jesus, a faithful servant to the Church, and a friend to all; and

Be it further resolved, that the 231st Annual Convention directs the Secretary to send a framed presentation copy of this resolution to her son Kevin in care of Shrine Mont, P.O. Box 10, Orkney Springs, Virginia 22845.

Faithfully Submitted by

The Rev. Anderw Merrow on behalf of the Board of Directors of Shrine Mont, Inc.