



Thelma Ilyas Badway

September 27, 1937 - December 24, 2024

Thelma Ilyas Badway, 87, of Naples, FL, and formerly of Potomac, MD, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, December 24, 2024, at Physician's Regional Medical Center in Naples, FL, with her loving daughter by her side. She is survived by her cherished children: Robert E. Badway, MD of Atlanta, GA, Richard E. Badway and his wife, Laurie Hall Badway of Alexandria, VA, and Rayna Badway Matz of Naples, FL. She was the devoted grandmother of four beloved grandchildren: Austin Matz of Charlotte, NC.; Mackenzie Matz of Pittsburgh, PA.; Laura Grace Badway; and Richard Nelson Badway, both of Alexandria, VA. Thelma is also survived by her sister, Thomasine I. Alvarez, and her husband, Everett Alvarez, Jr., JD CDR USN (Ret), along with numerous nephews, their spouses, and extended family members.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Shakir Thomas Ilyas, MD, and Roujina Koury Ilyas, and her beloved husband of 65 years, Robert E. Badway, MD, who passed away on November 4, 2024.

Born September 27, 1937, at Georgetown Hospital in Washington, DC, Thelma grew up in a close-knit family. During World War II, while her father was stationed for 3 years in England as an Army medical doctor, the family moved to Munhall, PA, to be closer to relatives. Thelma graduated from Munhall High School, attended Case Western Reserve University, and later earned her Bachelor's degree from the University of Pittsburgh.

A devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, Thelma was surrounded by love, kindness, and grace. She centered her life around her family and her Faith.

After her children were born, Thelma chose to be a stay-at-home mother, dedicating herself to raising her family. It was prior to her husband's military service as a Medical Doctor in the Air Force that they settled in Washington, DC. Much later, she embarked on a new chapter as a tour guide with Heritage Tours. Thelma described this career as the highlight of her life, finding joy in sharing the history and beauty of the nation's capital. She worked with Heritage Tours for over 20 years, leaving a lasting impression on those she met.

Services for Thelma Badwey will be held at Saints Peter and Paul Antiochian Orthodox Church, 10620 River Rd., Potomac, MD, on Thursday, January 9, 2025, with Visitation from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM, followed by a service at 7:00 PM. A Mercy Dinner at the church will follow the service.

In addition, on Saturday, January 11, 2025, services will be held at Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Cathedral, 3400 Dawson St., Pittsburgh, PA. Visitation from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM, followed by funeral services at 12:00 PM. The interment will take place at Jefferson Memorial Cemetery, 401 Curry Hollow Road, Pittsburgh, PA, at 1:30 PM, with a Mercy Dinner to follow (location to be determined).

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in her memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at www.stjude.org/donate. To sign her guest register or leave online condolences; please visit www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com.

Arrangements are under the care of Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, Family Owned and Operated since 1978.

At 5:00 pm on Wednesday, February 5, 2025, we shall have a 40-day Memorial Service in memory of Thelma at St. Paul Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church, 2425 Rivers Road, Naples, Florida 34120.

Thelma will be deeply missed by her family and all who knew and loved her, but her legacy of love, faith, and kindness will live on in the hearts of her family and friends. May her memory be eternal

Cemetery Details

Jefferson Memorial Cemetery

Pittsburgh, PA

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 9. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Saints Peter and Paul Antiochian Orthodox Church
10620 River Rd.
Potomac, MD

Funeral Service

JAN 9. 7:00 PM (ET)

Saints Peter and Paul Antiochian Orthodox Church
10620 River Rd.
Potomac, MD

Mercy Dinner

JAN 9. 7:30 PM (ET)

Saints Peter and Paul Antiochian Orthodox Church
10620 River Rd.
Potomac, MD

Visitation

JAN 11. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Cathedral
3400 Dawson St.
Pittsburgh, PA

Funeral Service

JAN 11. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Cathedral
3400 Dawson St.
Pittsburgh, PA

Entombment

JAN 11. 1:30 PM (ET)

Jefferson Memorial Cemetery
Pittsburgh, PA

40-day Memorial Service

FEB 5. 5:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul Antiochian Orthodox Church
2425 Rivers Road
Naples, FL 34120

Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry to hear about your mom. Must be traumatic for the three of you losing both parents so close together. We hope the three of you get along together well and can stay a close family. Take care of yourselves and have a good year. Fondly, Tom and Karla and Chris Goodridge

Tom Goodridge - January 08, 2025 at 01:00 PM

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“ Thelma was a lovely person. As a friend, she will always be unforgettable. Both she and Bob can be together now. With love to her family,
Linda and Len Fechter

Linda and Len Fechter - January 05, 2025 at 08:52 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Thelma Ilyas Badwey.

December 31, 2024 at 04:53 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thelma Ilyas Badwey.



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