



## Michelyn Cecile Giammalva Hawthorne

April 18, 1931 - April 21, 2026

Michelyn “Mickie” Giammalva Hawthorne was born in Houston, Texas on the 18th of April, 1931. She passed away on April 21, 2026, three days after her 95th birthday.

Mickie was one of two children born to her Italian- American parents. As a child, she loved to tease her brother Samuel and to help her parents in their small family-owned grocery store in Houston’s Sixth Ward.

Mickie started preparing meals for her family at age 8 and went on to become a super hostess for numerous gatherings over the years where she enjoyed providing huge and frequent Italian meals for her family and friends.

Mickie graduated from Sacred Heart Catholic School and St. Agnes Academy where she met many of her lifelong friends.

After high school she attended the University of Houston and continued to date her high school sweetheart Robert “Bobby” Hawthorne. After tying the knot, together they operated Silver Street Grocery and endured time apart as Bobby served in the Korean War.

Along the way, they had four children and moved to the Galleria suburbs where Mickie began working at Joske’s and then Neiman Marcus where she

was a top sales associate for over 20 years. She loved coordinating outfits for many loyal clients and friends. Mickie loved fashion and never tired of shopping for just the right outfit for all the parties she loved to attend.

After retirement, Mickie and Bobby enjoyed many wonderful trips with their friends and members of the 50's Club. She was a member of various social and service organizations over many years including the Donne Di Domani Italian Women's Club, St. Michael's Sociable Seniors, and the West University Senior Services Bingo Group. She also loved weekly gatherings with her mahjong friends.

Mickie was the ultimate "Mom", grandmother and great-grandmother. She was always present through the years with a big and loving heart. She was one of a kind and will never be forgotten.

Mickie and Bobby were married 69 years and absolutely cherished each other. Bobby loved to see her dressed up in numerous outfits and often called her "Miss Fashion".

Following the loss of her beloved Bobby, Mickie started a new chapter of her life at The Doliver of Tanglewood where she enjoyed socializing with a large group of friends at meals, classes and activities.

She befriended many Doliver staff who adored her enthusiasm for arts and crafts activities, board games, cooking classes, sing alongs, local outings and bingo. Her time at Doliver was a highlight of her final years and we appreciate the kindness shown to her there by both staff and residents.

Our family would like to extend a special and heartfelt note of gratitude and appreciation to her longtime caregiver LaLa who loved to call Mickie "Sunshine". They developed a special friendship over their five years together

that provided much joy and happiness to Mickie.

We were also blessed with the caring help and affection of Dora, Dalhia, Mitzy, Victoria, Janice, Lena and Steen as well as several other wonderful caregivers over the years.

Mickie is preceded in death by her husband Robert Hawthorne and her parents Tony and Josephine Giammalva. She is survived by her four children Raylene Hawthorne, Joesetta Hawthorne, Robbi Chiara and her husband, Matt, and Robert Hawthorne, Jr. and his wife Adi, her brother Samuel Giammalva and his wife Cecile, her five grandchildren: Chris Chiara and his wife Michelle, Steven Chiara and his wife Rachel, Vincent Chiara and his wife Amelia, Laynna Burke Martinez and her husband Joshua, and Eric Hawthorne.

Mickie adored her eight great-grandchildren Claire, Emily, Gianna, Mary, Gabriella, Matthew, River, and Rhett.

Family and friends are invited to attend visitation from 9:00 - 9:45 a.m. followed by a funeral mass at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 28 at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, 1801 Sage Rd., Houston.

Following Mass, lunch will be served in the parish hall at St. Michael's from 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 pm. The Rite of Committal will immediately follow at Forest Park Westheimer Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a contribution to Deep Waters Academy, a private non-profit Christian school founded by Mickie's grandson Vincent Chiara and his wife Amelia. Address: Deep Waters Academy, 670 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster, TX 77598.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Park Westheimer Cemetery

12800 Westheimer Road  
Houston, TX 77077

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 28. 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM (CT)

St. Michael The Archangel Catholic Church  
1801 Sage Rd.  
Houston, TX 77056

## Eulogies

APR 28. 9:45 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

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1801 Sage Rd.  
Houston, TX 77056

## Funeral Mass

APR 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Michael The Archangel Catholic Church  
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Houston, TX 77056

## Reception to Follow Service

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APR 28. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

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Houston, TX 77056

## Graveside Service Following Reception

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APR 28. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Houston, TX 77077

# Tribute Wall

LN

“ I have had the pleasure of knowing this beautiful lady and her loving husband for 37+ years. I always called them Mr. and Mrs. Hawthorne, they told me many times over the years to call them Mickie and Bob however, I could never do it! I will miss the occasional phone call to her and her loving spirit. When Raylene lived in Dallas she asked me to come with her to visit her Grandma Flowers. So I had the pleasure of spending time with her as well and this picture of Mrs. Hawthorne looks just like Grandma Flowers to me. How beautiful. Whenever I am making an Italiano Dinner, I will think of you and the care you took to feed a large family for holidays and such. Thank you Raylene for inviting me to Houston so long ago. I would never change a thing. It was an honor.  
LaDonna Nadir

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**LaDonna Nadir** - April 30 at 09:56 AM

RH

*Thank you La Donna and they all loved you and Bonnie.*

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**Raylene Hawthorne** - April 30 at 05:28 PM

BG

“ Betty & Bruce Gunderson purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Michelyn Cecile Giammalva Hawthorne.



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**Betty & Bruce Gunderson** - April 27 at 03:01 PM

AH

“ Alan and Catherine Hague purchased the In Heaven's Arms Bouquet for the family of Michelyn Cecile Giammalva Hawthorne.



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**Alan and Catherine Hague** - April 26 at 10:25 PM

JS

“ For 35+ years I have had the pleasure and honor to have known Mickie. I'm dear friends with Raylene. The first time I met Bob and Mickie was after they had moved into their house on Stoney Point. Mickie didn't want Bob up on the ladder putting things away in the garage so Raylene and I went over and I helped get things put away. Mickie cooked lunch, not something small but huge! She told me I could use a few pounds. Lol. From then on I have always been asked to family get together's, wedding reception, birthday parties, Thanksgiving, Christmas. Mickie's cooking was something I looked forward to. She always asked Raylene if she was feeding me when I came to Houston and did work around the house. She was a joy. She made me feel like family. I was heartbroken when I heard of her passing. I will forever cherish her. To Raylene and siblings, you guys had model parents. Love to you all. Jim Stamper

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**Jim Stamper** - April 26 at 04:46 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Michelyn Cecile Giammalva Hawthorne.



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April 25 at 03:15 PM

TC

“ *Thelda Chatman purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Michelyn Cecile Giammalva Hawthorne.*



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**Thelda Chatman** - April 24 at 10:48 PM

KT

“ *We will miss Mickie. She was always warm and welcoming to me, and extended her amity to Michael as well. She had a legendary sense of style & a wry sense of humor. She was always a "Lady" in the best sense of the word. You are in our thoughts at this time. Love Kelly & Mike*

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**Kelly Thomas** - April 24 at 03:56 PM

RH

*Thanks gurl! She loved you so much.*

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**Raylene Hawthorne** - April 24 at 04:59 PM



*What a beautiful and wonderful lady she was. I remember her growing up and being such a friendly and fun mom with my dear friend, Raylene. We had so many fun times at each other's house and always remember how sweet she was and always smiling. May she be enjoying complete happiness and joy with our Heavenly Father.*

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**Lauretta Dortch** - April 24 at 05:15 PM

JW

*Mickie was a very busy lady. She was a precious soul and gave her life to a wonderful family. God Rest Her Soul. Jimmy Wead*

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**Jimmy wead** - April 24 at 07:32 PM

LB

*I didn't know Ms. Mickie...was Blessed to become friends with her daughter Raylene about 15 years ago who indeed is great friend. Very caring and very giving.....sounds a lot like her mother was.*

*I thank Jesus for the friendship I share with her daughter Raylene. I will make a brief drop in at the viewing...but can not stay for the Mass I had an unfortunate incident resulting in a spine injury and can't sit for long periods at a time . I will keep my friend Raylene and her family and her beautiful mother in my prayers.....today... tomorrow and always.*

*RIP Ms. Mickie*

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**Lisa Brewer** - April 25 at 01:43 AM