

# Thomas, 66, volunteer and Girl Scout leader

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Sharon Culver Barron Thomas, a charismatic Girl Scout leader and volunteer in Spring Valley, has died from complications of lung cancer. She was 66.

Her family and friends will celebrate her life at a 10 a.m. service today at Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church, 11612 Memorial, in Houston.



THOMAS

"Sherry just had a great aura that attracted people to her. She was very charismatic. She was very much in tune with people," said her sister, Martha Culver Braniff. "She very much believed in the Scouting community and what they stood for."

Thomas, who died Friday, was always the life of the party, her sister said.

"She was so hysterical, just being around her was great. She was so much fun to have at a party. Whenever the family was getting together, we had to have Sherry," Braniff said.

As a Scout leader for nearly 18 years, Thomas mentored about 90 girls — first her daughter's troop and then the daughters of friends, her sister said.

"She loved all those girls, she really did. And they would all just gravitate toward her," Braniff said.

Thomas was active in the Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church, where she was a life-long member. She and her hus-

band, Jim Thomas, were Sunday school teachers.

She also was active in Spring Valley, serving as a poll worker and performing volunteer services in the close-knit community, her sister said. "She was interested in getting done what needed to be done."

A 1958 graduate of Spring Branch High School, Thomas was a cheerleader there. After her children were grown, Thomas worked for KBR engineering as a librarian for 18 years.

In addition to her sister and her husband, Thomas is survived by her daughter, Sarah Barron Fanning and her husband, Mark; and her two sons, Thomas C. Barron and William L. "Bill" Barron and his wife, Stephanie.