

Fred W. Thomas

February 27, 1927 - July 22, 2016

Fred William Thomas, age 89 years, a resident of Vienna, Illinois, passed away Friday morning, July 22, 2016, at 3:00 AM at the Hillview Health Care Center in Vienna.

Fred was born February 27, 1927 in Belknap, Illinois. He was the son of Louis Everett Thomas and Lois Marie (Tanner) Thomas.

On June 26, 1964, Fred was united in marriage to Wanda June Smelcer in Vienna. She preceded him in death on February 6, 2003.

Survivors include: his children – James “Buddy” Thomas of Carbondale, Beatrice (her husband, Ronnie) Rixie of Vienna, Billy (his wife, Rachel) Thomas of Grantsburg, and Teresa Thomas of Vienna; 14 grandchildren – Michael, Matthew, Daniel, Mary, Jennifer, Tommy, Rebecca, Jared, Ericka, Felicia, Nicole, Will, Tori, and Libby; several great and great-great grandchildren; a sister – Lois “Marie” (her husband, David) Mizell of Metropolis, a son-in-law – Norman Nichols of Georgia; as well as nieces, nephews, other relatives and many dear friends.

In addition to his parents and wife, Fred was preceded in death by a daughter – Sheryl Nichols and 2 brothers – John Louis Thomas and Floyd Ernest Thomas.

Fred had been employed at the former Main Brothers Box and Lumber Company in Karnak. He also worked as an assembler at Norge Manufacturing in Herrin.

Fred was a member of Freedom Outreach Ministries. He had been a former member and trustee of the Vienna Assembly of God Church for over 30 years.

Fred was a skilled woodworker. He freely gave handcrafted wood items to many individuals and businesses. These are now precious reminders of his skill and craftsmanship. Fred is also remembered for his strong work ethic and his willingness to help anyone. He never met a stranger. Fred cherished and loved his family.

A Funeral Service honoring the life of Fred William Thomas will be conducted Sunday afternoon, July 24, 2016, at 3 PM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Pastor Steve Watkins and Pastor Richard Swiney will officiate. Burial will be in the Vienna Fraternal Cemetery.

Visitation will be held Sunday afternoon from 1 PM – 3 PM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna.

Memorials may be made to the Hillview Health Care Center (Van Fund), 512 North 11th Street, Vienna, IL 62995.

Cemetery Details

Vienna Fraternal Cemetery

N. 6th Street
Vienna, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 24. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home
705 North First Street
PO Box 695
Vienna, IL 62995
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baileyfhinc@hotmail.com
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Tribute Wall



“ *Fred W. Thomas*

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ *Dianna And Larry Choate lit a candle in memory of Fred W. Thomas*



Dianna and Larry Choate - July 25, 2016 at 07:46 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Sue Rossi*



Sue Rossi - July 24, 2016 at 09:48 PM



“ *Carla Tapley lit a candle in memory of Fred W. Thomas*



Carla Tapley - July 24, 2016 at 08:30 AM

CT

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Carla Tapley - July 24, 2016 at 08:26 AM

MM

“ *Mary Jo Mason lit a candle in memory of Fred W. Thomas*



Mary Jo Mason - July 24, 2016 at 12:07 AM

MM

Prayers for comfort in this time of sorrow. God bless you all.

Mary Jo Mason - July 24, 2016 at 12:08 AM

PP

“ *Pat And Davis Prewitt lit a candle in memory of Fred W. Thomas*



Pat and Davis Prewitt - July 23, 2016 at 09:25 PM

MR

“ *Mike And Teresa Richerson lit a candle in memory of Fred W. Thomas*



Mike and Teresa Richerson - July 23, 2016 at 01:38 PM

JR

“ *James & Diane Rainbolt lit a candle in memory of Fred W. Thomas*



James & Diane Rainbolt - July 23, 2016 at 11:39 AM

SE

“ *Sabrina Ethridge lit a candle in memory of Fred W. Thomas*



Sabrina Ethridge - July 23, 2016 at 09:50 AM

JF

“ *So sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time.*

Richard and Joan Owen



Joan Faulkner - July 23, 2016 at 08:23 AM

JS

“ *John & Nadene Slack lit a candle in memory of Fred W. Thomas*



John & Nadene Slack - July 23, 2016 at 07:12 AM

MJ

“ *Mark & Tracy J.Racey lit a candle in memory of Fred W. Thomas*



Mark & Tracy J.Racey - July 22, 2016 at 10:07 PM

LG

“ *Lyons Grandkids sent a virtual gift in memory of Fred W. Thomas*



Lyons Grandkids - July 22, 2016 at 04:08 PM

LG

*Love,
Haylie and Brittlie, Payton and Paxton, Jennifer, Amaris, Dre and Skeeter*

Lyons Grandkids - July 22, 2016 at 04:09 PM

JB

“ Joy Beggs lit a candle in memory of Fred W. Thomas



Joy Beggs - July 22, 2016 at 03:44 PM



“ Sue Davis sent a virtual gift in memory of Fred W. Thomas



Sue Davis - July 22, 2016 at 03:25 PM

CA

“ May the family know that Fred will be missed. He was a truly amazing man of God.



Carmen - July 22, 2016 at 01:37 PM

FA

“ Faith Harvest Assembly lit a candle in memory of Fred W. Thomas



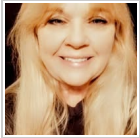
Faith Harvest Assembly - July 22, 2016 at 12:34 PM



“ *Rev. Richard & Vickey Swiney lit a candle in memory of Fred W. Thomas*



Rev. Richard & Vickey Swiney - July 22, 2016 at 12:32 PM



“ *Teresa Anderson lit a candle in memory of Fred W. Thomas*



Teresa Anderson - July 22, 2016 at 08:41 AM