

Jerry Thomas

November 11, 1938 - March 2, 2019

Jerry Thomas, 80, of Bourbonnais, passed away in his sleep Saturday (March 2, 2019) at Heritage Village in Kankakee after battling multiple sclerosis for 50 years. He was a loving husband, devoted father, and friend to countless others.

He was born November 11, 1938 in Hoopeston, IL, the son of Everett and Cecil (Longfellow) Thomas. He graduated from Hoopeston High School and married his high school sweetheart, Judy Stembel in 1957. Jerry served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He worked for Roper, Kankakee School District 111, and Manteno State Hospital. Jerry was an electrician with IBEW Local 176 and retired from the State of Illinois in 1982. He was a member of Eastridge Church of the Nazarene in Kankakee.

Surviving are his only son, Brad Thomas of Bourbonnais; two granddaughters, Chaney Thomas (25) of Clearwater, FL and Cassie Thomas (22) of Bourbonnais; one niece, Linda (Thomas) Pearson of De Pere, WI, and a loyal friend, Jim Nordmeyer of Manteno, IL.

Preceding him in death are his parents, wife of 56 years, one brother, Richard Thomas.

Jerry Thomas will be buried next to the love of his life in a private ceremony at Amity Cemetery in Goodwine, IL. In lieu of flowers any donations may be

made to the family's wishes. Jensen Funeral Home is handling the arrangements. Please sign Jerry's guest book at www.jensenfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Jerry Thomas*

October 08, 2023 at 04:39 PM



“ *Jamie Kershaw lit a candle in memory of Jerry Thomas*



Jamie Kershaw - March 09, 2019 at 01:06 PM



“ *My Condolences To Brad, Chaney Cassie!*



Cassie Smith - March 08, 2019 at 12:13 PM



“ *God Bless You Jerry! You Were A Man With Multiple Talents! You're Now With Your Darling Judy. The Both Of You Were Always Helping And Giving Your Hearts To Myself And Others. You Both Are Very Much Loved. Both Of You Will Always Have A Place In My Heart!*



Cassandra Smith - March 08, 2019 at 12:08 PM

AG

“ God bless PaPa Jerry and Grandma Judy...they both were such a light in our life!
They did so much to help so many people. ..and will be sorely missed. I know they are rejoicing in heaven,,,and glad to be together again!!
Love and prayers,
Allison and Michael Garcia

Allison Garcia - March 06, 2019 at 03:38 PM

DL

“ My sympathies to the family , for the loss of such a wonderful man.

Dave Larsen



Dave Larsen - March 06, 2019 at 12:50 PM

CD

“ To the Family of Jerry Thomas: I want to express my sympathy to you over the passing of your loved one, Jerry. The day before Jerry passed away I went to visit Jerry. Jerry was sleeping so I sat down in a chair and said some prayers. Hold onto all the loving memories of Jerry. May those memories warm your heart. God rest the soul of Jerry...

*Blessings of remembrances, Chaplain Carole R. DiZeo
Director of Pastoral Care at Presence Heritage Village*

Chaplain Carole R. DiZeo - March 06, 2019 at 09:20 AM

GR

“ *Gloria Rasmussen lit a candle in memory of Jerry Thomas*



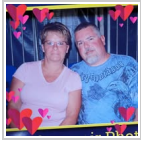
Gloria Rasmussen - March 05, 2019 at 07:36 PM



“ *Nicole Ziems-Lambert lit a candle in memory of Jerry Thomas*



Nicole Ziems-Lambert - March 04, 2019 at 09:06 PM



“ *Michelle LaMontagne West lit a candle in memory of Jerry Thomas*



Michelle LaMontagne West - March 04, 2019 at 08:36 PM

KH

“ *Kathy Hamlin lit a candle in memory of Jerry Thomas*



Kathy Hamlin - March 04, 2019 at 07:50 PM

ML

“ Jerry and Judy shared their love and guidance with all three of us “Ament” kids.
Our lives were richer because of their unconditional love.
Their faith was so contagious that each of us carry a strong love for our Lord.
I look forward to a grand reunion with Jerry, Judy, Margie, CJ and Michelle!

marla lane - March 04, 2019 at 06:25 PM

JM

“ I met Jerry in 1967 when we both worked at Kankakee Roper. He built me a 270 on a 98 Mauser action. And taught me about reloading rifle cartridges. We shoot trap together for years. Good bless Brad & his grand daughters.

Jack Miller - March 04, 2019 at 05:35 PM

BM

“ Will always cherish the times we had hanging out and going shooting with your dad. He was one of the best.

Bob Meyers - March 04, 2019 at 04:46 PM