



Jim E. Thomas

December 10, 1949 - November 4, 2014

Jim Thomas

A loving and thoughtful husband, father, grandfather, and friend, Jim E. Thomas, passed away on November 4. Although he is now in the presence and glory of our Lord and Savior, he will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Jim was born on December 10, 1949 in Mulberry, Arkansas to George H. Thomas and Willie Maude (Williams) Thomas. He was the youngest of nine siblings. When he was a child, the family moved to and settled in Ivanhoe. Jim graduated from Redwood High School and promptly joined the United States Army. He proudly served in the Armor Recon until he was honorably discharged in 1971. After he returned to California, he met Gale Kaloustian. In December of 1974, they were married and began another chapter of their lives together, raising their two children, Melissa and Michael Thomas, in the Visalia area.

For over 20 years, Jim was a familiar fixture at Orchard Supply Hardware. Upon retiring from OSH, he was able to spend more time with his children and grandchildren. Jim and Gale are members of Visalia Evangelical Free Church. He had a passion for serving at his church, helping his family, working on vehicles, gardening, and home improvement.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents George and Willie Maude, sister Pauline Rinker, brothers Charles and James; mother in law Elsie Kaloustian. Jim is survived by his wife Gale, daughter Melissa and Chris Williamson, their

children Tyler and Kaitlyn; Michael and Lacey Thomas, their children Michael, Max, and Lynden. His surviving siblings are Johnny Thomas, Bob Thomas, Jody Wilkinson, Wonda Criswell, and Pat Rogers. Jim will also be greatly missed by his father in law Michael Kaloustian, sisters in law Nancy Metcalf and Karen and Bill Diltz.

Services will be held on Thursday November 13 at 10:30 am at Salser and Dillard Funeral Chapel. Graveside services will follow. If led to donate, donations may be made to California's Wish Upon A Star.

Cemetery Details

Visalia Public Cemetery

1300 W. Goshen Ave.
Visalia, CA 93291
visaliacemetery@aol.com
<http://www.visaliacem.org/>

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **12.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel
127 E. Caldwell Ave
Visalia, CA 93277
(559) 635-1144
info@salseranddillard.com
<https://www.salseranddillard.com>

Service

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Tribute Wall

NG

“ Mrs. Thomas, I am so very sorry for your loss of Jim. He was a great person who liked people and cared about those around him so very much. Jim and I would talk about our time growing up in Ivanhoe, Redwood high School and Mustang cars when I would shop at OSH, which seemed like 2-3 times a week. I will miss Jim and his laugh. May God comfort you in the days and months ahead.

Sincerely
Nick Giotta
Visalia, Ca

Nick Giotta - November 13, 2014 at 11:19 AM

NG

“ Nick Giotta lit a candle in memory of Jim E. Thomas



Nick Giotta - November 13, 2014 at 11:07 AM

YS

“ Gale, may God comfort and carry you and your family through this difficult time, my heart, thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. Alot of people care about you, take good care of yourself and may God bless you.
Love, yolie Salinas

yolie salinas - November 13, 2014 at 06:55 AM

DS

“ *Diana Shropshire lit a candle in memory of Jim E. Thomas*



Diana Shropshire - November 11, 2014 at 03:47 PM

DS

“ *Am so sorry to hear about Jim's passing. He was always a good friend and helped me get through alot of the stuff that happened at the store. My prayers are with you all.*

Diana Shropshire - November 11, 2014 at 03:45 PM

JL

“ *Judy (Thomas) Lokey purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jim E. Thomas.*



Judy (Thomas) Lokey - November 11, 2014 at 11:57 AM

WB

“ *Wonda @ Bill sent a virtual gift in memory of Jim E. Thomas*



wonda @ bill - November 11, 2014 at 09:58 AM

WB

thank you for your service

wonda @ bill - November 11, 2014 at 09:59 AM

BC

“ *Bill, Lorie (Gilley) & Delaney Carroll lit a candle in memory of Jim E. Thomas*



Bill, Lorie (Gilley) & Delaney Carroll - November 10, 2014 at 08:09 PM

WC

“ *Wonda And Bill Criswell lit a candle in memory of Jim E. Thomas*



wonda and bill criswell - November 10, 2014 at 07:58 PM

JL

“ *Judy Lokey lit a candle in memory of Jim E. Thomas*



judy lokey - November 10, 2014 at 07:51 PM

DA

“ *Gale, I am so sorry for you and your family. Dan and I frequent OSH and i bet we met your husband and didn't even realize who he was! Prayers are being said.
Dan and Nancy Allain*

Dan and Nancy Allain - November 08, 2014 at 02:57 PM

JL

“ *R.I.P Uncle Jim. You were a awesome uncle and will be missed so much. Love you. From your niece Judy (Thomas) Lokey.*

judy lokey - November 08, 2014 at 11:17 AM