



## James Houston Thomas Jr.

January 1, 1946 - June 29, 2024

James Houston Thomas, Jr., resident of Hermitage Tennessee, died at Centennial Medical Center after a brief illness on June 29, 2024.

As the first baby of the new year in 1946, Thomas often told of the many gifts his mother received all because of his birth. After growing up in Old Hickory, Thomas joined the United States Air Force achieving rank of second lieutenant. Thomas felt lucky to be stationed throughout Europe during his service time 1966-1969. His involvement in the Air Force began Thomas' lifelong love of aviation with an avid collection of remote-controlled aircrafts. As a hobbyist, often Thomas visited local parks especially Peeler Park in Madison Tennessee to fly his planes. Thomas was a chemical engineer which led his career into the tool and die industry.

Thomas is survived by his sons: Bruce Anthony Thomas (Rachel) and Mark Peter Thomas, two grandchildren: Presley and Rhett and his companion and true love Jeanne Stephon and her two daughters Daphne Lawson and Angela Woosley (Ken).

Service arrangements will be announced at a later date. Offers of condolences can be made to Phillips-Robinson Funeral Home at 2707 Gallatin Pike Nashville, Tennessee.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I always remember Hugh for being a great person. During the two years that I got to know him at work at the Home Depot (#0733), he would always tell me stories about his past and it always interest me. I would from time to time mess with him, but at least he didn't take offense to what I would say. When I moved to another department, I would always walk by just to have a little chat with him and that was it. He was a great worker, a great person and I will miss him. R.I.P. Hugh and my condolences to his family.

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“ Hugh instilled a love of aviation in his sons. He built model RC planes with his young sons and took them flying at Percy Priest Dam. He built and crashed all kinds of models and hang gliders, but that's all part of the father son bonding. He was a Mr Fix It, and taught those skills to his sons. Hugh had a caring heart. His father, Jimmy, famous in Old Hickory for riding his bike to DuPont to work, lived to be 103. He spent his last few years in a nursing home and Hugh faithfully visited him daily. His was also devoted to his wife Shirley. As her health declined over the years, he was there at her side. May he rest in peace.



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