



James William Thomas Sr.

October 22, 1946 - November 7, 2011

THOMAS, James William, Sr. - of McEwen, TN passed away on November 7, 2011 at the age of 65. He is survived by his devoted wife of 41 years, Helen Thomas; children James Thomas, Jr. and Carrie Moss ; brothers Don and Howard Brown and sister Ada Mai Addington; and grandchildren Morgan Thomas, Matthew Moss, William Thomas, Sophie Thomas, Mason Moss and Corbett Thomas.

Born and raised in Nashville, Mr. Thomas was a loving husband, caring father and grandfather, dedicated friend, a man who loved music and to sing. He was a Vietnam veteran (3/17th Air Cav), proud to have served his country, and a man deeply committed to his religious faith. A longtime salesman then owner of Greene Appliance & Furniture in Nashville and accountant for the state of Tennessee, Mr. Thomas retired in 2010.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, November 9, 2011, from 10AM-8PM at Phillips-Robinson Funeral Home. A funeral service will be held on Thursday, November 10, 2011 at 11AM in the chapel of Phillips-Robinson with interment to follow at Spring Hill Cemetery in Nashville. Memorial contributions may be made to Oak Grove Baptist Church, 2182 Mt. Zion Road, McEwen, TN.

PHILLIPS-ROBINSON FUNERAL HOME is proud to be serving our 2nd year as a Nashville drop off location for the United States Marine Corps Reserve TOYS FOR TOTS program.

Tribute Wall



“ *James William Thomas Sr.*

October 14, 2022 at 08:02 PM



“ *So sorry we did not see Bill's obit nor knew about his passing until today. We extend our heartfelt condolences to the family and pray for you the peace that surpasses all understanding.*

Joe & Joyce Bush - January 17, 2012 at 01:44 AM



“ *To James William Thomas', Wife Helen and Family: It is with deep sorrow that I extend Prayers and Condolence during your time of loss, Helen.*

James joined the Delta Troop of the 3/17th as a 106 Recoiless Rifleman, where I met him. We served together during the 8 months of formation and training of the two Air Squadrons, then shipped out to Vietnam in late August of '67. James was a hard working, no nonsense trooper, that had the respect of all that came into contact with him. After deployment to Vietnam we all experienced the TET Offensive of 1968. Our first four months wore thin patience and innocence. But the TET had Baptized and Christened us, not only as Christians; but comrades for life.

His dedication to Family, Career, and Community demonstrate the wonderful qualities his up bringing and Honorable Service to Country cultivated in this wonderful man. God has given him Peace, has taken away his suffering, and opened Heaven's Door with life ever after.

David M. Sonnenburg - November 10, 2011 at 09:27 AM

KE

“ Please accept my condolences. I served with Bill before 3/17 went to Vietnam and in combat in Vietnam. He was a top notch soldier. You grandchildren can be very proud of your grandad. God bless you all.

Ken - November 09, 2011 at 10:58 PM

AM

“ Helen, I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your husband. I didn't know him personally and it has been years since I have seen you but I have heard what a wonderful man he was. My prayers will be with you and your family to help you through these very, very hard times and may God grant you and your family some peace to come. Love, Your 3rd Cousin, Arlene

Arlene (Crawford) Moore-Burris - November 09, 2011 at 10:41 PM

PS

“ Phillip and I were saddened to hear the passing of Mr. Thomas. We all know that he is in deed with Jesus today, and that's a given. We pray that the lord will have peace upon this family.

Phillip & Kathy Smith - November 09, 2011 at 10:09 PM

WS

“ Helen, Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family.

Wendell Smith - November 09, 2011 at 10:04 PM

PB

“ *Helen and Family,*

We are so sorry to hear of James' passing. We enjoyed our fellowship with you both at our house and the shows at the Renaissance Center, Dickson. If we can do anything for you or your family, we will. James will be missed.

Patricia & Micheal Bateman - November 09, 2011 at 09:34 PM

JH

“ *Helen,*

My thoughts and prayers continue to be with you and your family. He was a wonderful person, coworker, and friend, who will be missed.

Jean Haskins - November 09, 2011 at 06:16 PM

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Jean Haskins - November 09, 2011 at 06:15 PM

PB

“ *My thoughts and prayers continue to be with all of you. James will be missed very much. He was a fine Christian Gentleman. He loved his family and his country. He was also a very dear friend and mentor.*

Pam Burton - November 09, 2011 at 04:46 PM

SH

“ James was always a doting grandfather who loved to talk about his grandchildren. He was a man who was very proud to have served his country and not afraid to show it. Whenever you see a picture of an eagle or see one flying overhead, think of James. He is watching over you and his family.

Sandi Hamilton - November 09, 2011 at 04:00 PM

SR

“ Helen and family,
You are in my thoughts and prayers. May God Bless you in your time of need. Love, Sheila Rollins

Sheila Cochran Rollins - November 09, 2011 at 03:33 PM

DR

“ Ms. Helen,
I am deeply saddened to learn of James passing on to glory. I have stood where you stand and I know you will find comfort in your memories and your faith. It is not goodbye but rather see you in a bit! In christian love,
Dianne Ryan

Dianne Ryan - November 09, 2011 at 03:05 PM

CF

“ We are so sorry about the loss of James William. Such a sweet man. Our thoughts and prayers are with Helen & children and the family.

Chuck & Mattie Medley and family - November 09, 2011 at 02:04 PM

RT

“ *We love and will miss you Uncle Bill.
Love Roy & Barbara*

Roy & Barbara Taylor - November 09, 2011 at 02:00 PM

PY

“ *Helen, my thoughts and prayers for
you and your family.*

Peggy Smith Yarbrough - November 09, 2011 at 01:18 AM

NV

“ *For Helen Thomas and children. On behalf of the 3rd Squadron
17th Air Cavalry. We all "SALUTE" James (Bill) Thomas. Bill as we
knew him was an outstanding soldier and man. America has lost
another true patriot. We that knew him personally will never forget
his LAUGH and southern accent. Every detail that Bill was assigned
to, he did with complete devotion to his country.
Later on, during his life, he did the same toward his family. It was
always my wife this and my children that. I know that personally
because Bill was my friend and if Bill was your friend you were his
friend indeed.
James is now in the presence of his greatest friend where he will
spend eternity with JESUS CHRIST.
Thank you for you service to the United States of America and May
God Bless and be with your Loved ones.*

Nathan Holley 3/17Air Cav VP - November 08, 2011 at 11:08 PM

LI

“ *Bill Thomas was one of those cousins that will live with us the rest of our lives. He was so decated to his wife Helen, the children and grandchildren. I am so proud that I got to visit him and shared a great time together. His life is one that has touched so many. You will be missed here on earth but we will join in God time. Love to all of the family. Linda Smithey*

Linda - November 08, 2011 at 09:41 PM

JJ

“ *Did not know James William personelly, knew him from his service in the same Squadron.
As a member of the Squadron I morn his passing.
John Jenks, A Troup*

John Jenks - November 08, 2011 at 07:43 PM

TV

“ *To my dear friend Helen, daughter Carrie,the grandchildren, and all family members of Bill Thomas... Much love is in my heart for you right now. I have kept you all in my thoughts as you traveled this journey with Bill and am proud of the wonderful family I have had the blessing to call my friends. The angels are aware of the season to come, but know that our heavenly father sets his angels at the right and left of you covering you in the spread of their wings of comfort, grace, and mercy. We all have wonderful memories, sweet tender moments and thoughts of the times we were together. The physical presence of this wonderful man will be missed, yet he will remain in our hearts, our minds, and the stories that will be told to the tender young ones yet to understand. I love you all and will be on my knees in prayer for your peace and may joy once again fill your hearts. Many blessings! Tonya*

Tonya Vanterpool - November 08, 2011 at 07:18 PM

TS

“ Carrie, we are so sorry for your loss. Heaven is a little bit bigger now and sweeter too! You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers!
We love you, Tee and family

tawana spears - November 08, 2011 at 05:38 PM

KW

“ May God bless and comfort you and your family. He will be missed by all that knew him.

Kim Wright - November 08, 2011 at 04:41 PM

KQ

“ I had the privilege of working with James for many years on the State of Tennessee contract billing, and he was always so pleasant to work with, thorough and took the time to explain things. His geneology search he shared and he had a great deal of pride in his wife and family, he will truly be missed and was a WONDERFUL person.

Karen Quintanilla - November 08, 2011 at 04:32 PM

BS

“ In the Cavalry, there is a place where all good troopers go. I'll meet you there in Fiddler's Green.
Scouts
B Troop
68-69

Bill Smith - November 08, 2011 at 04:05 PM

E(

“ *Sincere Condolences to your family in the loss of James, I remember him as always being a gentleman.*
Betty Lewis (former OBF Secretary on front desk)

Elizabeth Lewis (Betty) - November 08, 2011 at 04:05 PM

MT

“ *Helen and Family,*

May God comfort your hearts today and bless you with endearing memories that your hearts will always treasure. James was a great co-worker, a dear friend, and I will miss him very much. You and your family are in my thoughts, my heart, and my prayers.

Mike Travis - November 08, 2011 at 04:03 PM

MR

“ *Helen and family,*

James was a good friend and I will miss him. I am sorry for the suffering that he had to endure. Now that is behind him with only good days ahead.

Marion Rochelle - November 08, 2011 at 02:11 PM

MW

“ *To the Thomas family, I send my deepest sympathies. James was more than a co-worker, he was my friend. Just know he will truly be missed. I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers.*

Margaret Walton - November 08, 2011 at 02:09 PM

JP

“ *Helen I am so sorry for your loss. Bill was a special person and he will be missed by all who knew him.*

Jennifer Pearson - November 08, 2011 at 01:43 PM

BD

“ *It is sad to know a cousin has left us but only to go to a better place. My memories of Bill are to many to tell. He was a wonderful person who loved his family. He carried a smile everytime you saw him. Just glad I can say I knew him & so thankful he knew my Lord also. Helen we love you and thank you for loving our cousin. Love Brenda*

Brenda (Carter) Durham - November 08, 2011 at 03:10 AM

JD

“ *May you rest in peace, and we will meet again, in the heavens above.
From one Scout to another, Farewell my fallen Brother.
D Troop 3rd Squadron 17th Air Cav.
John*

John F Dungan - November 08, 2011 at 01:02 AM