



Duane LeRoy Thomas

August 6, 1931 - June 15, 2024

Duane L. Thomas, age 92 of Kalkaska, passed away on Saturday, June 15, 2024.

He was born in Kalamazoo, Michigan to the late Leo H. and Anita E. (Russell) Thomas on August 6, 1931.

Duane married Virginia Ann Williams on September 22, 1956, in Fife Lake, Michigan. They have been married for 67 years.

He was very instrumental in the Athletic Fields of Kalkaska over the years. Duane enjoyed woodworking and hunting. He loved to spend time with his family.

Duane was a member of the Kalkaska Church of Christ.

Duane is survived by his loving wife, Virginia A. Thomas; his son James D. (Kathy) Thomas of Rexton, Michigan; daughter-in-law, Terry Reynolds Thomas of Kalkaska; four grandchildren, Jake (Pepper) Thomas of Ferndale, Michigan, Corey Lee Thomas of Mancelona, Kassi Burkam (Jim Dorman) of Kalkaska, and Ashley (Matt) Thomas of Howell, Michigan; great-grandchildren, Jolie Thomas of Ferndale, Cecilee and Blakelee Burkam of Kalkaska, Caden, Christian, Camden and Hope Thomas of Howell, Zacary Thomas of Mancelona, Skye Thomas of Burt, Kenny Cook of Kalkaska, Delilah and Trixie Thomas of Mancelona; great-great grandchildren, Levi Tobias of Burt; two sisters, Catherine Westra of Georgia, Norene (Don Hogerhyde) Jackson of Grand Rapids; and several nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Duane was preceded in passing by his son, Royce D. Thomas; great grandson, Ryan Boetefuer; three sisters, Colleen Kedrovicz, Marlene Wells, and Leitrus Thomas; six brothers, Basil Thomas, Darwin Thomas, Marvin Thomas, Bobby Thomas, Erwin Dale Thomas, and an infant Everett. A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, June 19, 2024, at Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home at 11:00 a.m. Pastor Andy Bratton will be officiating. The family will receive friends beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the funeral home on Wednesday.

Interment will follow in Evergreen Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Kalkaska Little League c/o Kassi Burkam, 106 S Cherry Street, Kalkaska, MI 49646.

Arrangements provided by Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home, our family serving yours.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Cemetery

Kalkaska, MI 49646

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 19. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home
106 S. Cherry
Kalkaska, MI 49646
(231) 258-5121
<https://www.wolfeoneill.com/>

Service

JUN 19. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Virginia,

Our sincerest condolences for the loss of your beloved spouse. We wanted to send words of comfort during your time of sorrow to you and your family. We have many loving memories of Duane as a wonderful man with a warm smile and kind chuckle whenever he interacted with our family, especially with our mother. May God bring you and your family peace and comfort during this incredibly difficult time. Sending all our love to you and your loved ones. In-Him, Andy & Keena & The Chew Family

Andy Chew - June 18, 2024 at 03:13 PM

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“ *Debplus@gmail.com lit a candle in memory of Duane LeRoy Thomas*



debplus@gmail.com - June 17, 2024 at 10:02 PM

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“ *Cindy Shipp lit a candle in memory of Duane LeRoy Thomas*



Cindy Shipp - June 17, 2024 at 02:26 PM

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“ Bruce Vanessa Craig Renae Chris Rich planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Duane LeRoy Thomas.

Bruce Vanessa Craig Renae Chris Rich - June 17, 2024 at 01:51 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Duane LeRoy Thomas.



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