



James Michael Thomas

July 4, 1950 - November 3, 2020

Obituary

Durand, IL/Harlingen, TX – James Michael Thomas, age 70, passed away while in Harlingen, TX on November 3, 2020. James was born on July 4, 1950 in Rockford, the son of Louis and Irene (Buerkle) Thomas.

James graduated from Durand High School in 1968. He enlisted and served in the United States Air Force for four years and later became an active member of the American Legion Post 676. He worked for the Illinois Secretary of State as revenue field-agent and as owner-operator of Jim's Auction Service, the Treasure Chest Gift Shop, and the Big Scoop Ice Cream Parlor in Durand. He also served his community as mayor and school board member.

James is survived by his mother, Irene Thomas; 6 siblings, Stephen Thomas, Jane Thomas, Julia (Jody) Kelso, Joel Thomas, Rodney (Lorna) Thomas, Jeremy (Darla) Thomas; and many nieces and nephews.

James was preceded in death by his father, Louis in 1974.

The family requests those who wish to express sympathy to consider making a donation to their favorite charity in Jim's name

A public visitation will be held at the DL Newcomer Funeral Home in Brodhead on Friday, November 13, 2020 from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM. A private family service will take place later with burial at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Durand.

www.dlnewcomerfuneralhome.com 608-897-2484

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of James Michael Thomas, please visit our floral store.

Tribute Wall

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“ *SPATHIPHYLLUM* was purchased for the family of James Michael Thomas by Durand Class of 1968. Send Flowers Please accept our condolences Durand Class of 1968

Durand Class of 1968 - May 10, 2021 at 10:43 AM



“ A GARDEN PATH was purchased for the family of James Michael Thomas. Send Flowers From your friends at Winnebago Motor Homes

May 10, 2021 at 10:43 AM

JF

“ A Memorial Tree was ordered in memory of James Michael Thomas by John & Lori Corwin & family. Plant a Tree With deepest sympathy John & Lori Corwin & family

John & Lori Corwin & family - May 10, 2021 at 10:43 AM

JG

“ You will always be alive to me my dear brother. I love you. Julia

Julia Green - November 17, 2020 at 12:10 PM

JB

“ Deepest sympathy to the Thomas family. Jim had the best smile and sunny disposition...he will be missed!

Jill (Haley) Beard - November 11, 2020 at 10:09 AM

MF

“ Jim was always there for us and would do anything for anyone. Was a great auctioneer at our son Scott's ALS benefit and helped make it a very special event for all of us!!! He also did a great job at my mother's grave side service. Just another example of Jim doing anything that needed to be done for anyone. He will be missed dearly at Winnebago Motor Homes as a employee but more as a friend. Terry & Melanie Franklin Mick Franklin & family Connie Franklin & family

Mick Franklin - November 11, 2020 at 09:08 AM

SJ

“ My heartfelt condolences to the entire Thomas family. Another soul gone too soon.

Sally (Langley) Johnson - November 10, 2020 at 07:57 PM

MC

“ That award winning smile and personality to match...a truly good guy! When a Junior at DHS to my mere Freshman status Jim was lots of fun in Boys Chorus (could be quite a jokester). He'll be missed by family, friends and fellow DHS Alumni. My heart-felt condolences to his Mom, Jane and the entire family.

Michael Mink, Palm Springs, CA - November 08, 2020 at 12:47 PM

LB

“ Our condolences to all of the Thomas family. Jim holds a special place in our hearts, remembering working auctions with him to doing antiques, his kidding around and that smile we all knew and loved. He was always there when you needed him and will be dearly missed. Give Dad and Ron a hug for me! God will welcome you with open arms my friend. RIP

Lisa Meier Bartelt - November 07, 2020 at 05:56 PM

GH

“ Rest in peace, Jim. You were such a hard working young man when I knew you.

Georgene Sarver Hickman - November 07, 2020 at 03:51 PM