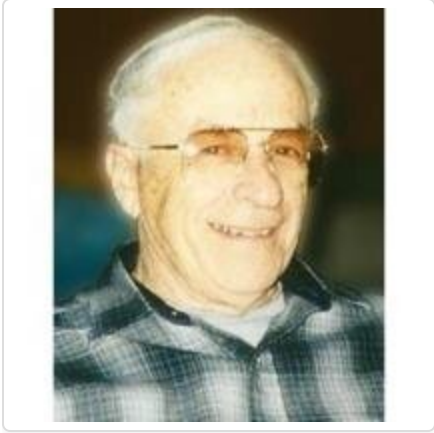




Carl E. Thomas

September 11, 1929 - September 20, 2011

RICHMOND, Ind. - Carl E. Thomas, age 82, of Richmond, passed away on Tuesday, September 20, 2011, at Reid Hospital. Born September 11, 1929, in Richmond to Carlos and Waneta Fowler Thomas, he lived most of his life in Richmond. Carl graduated from Richmond High School and then joined the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He retired from Belden Corp. after more than 32 years. Carl was a retired Wayne County Mounted Sheriff Reserve Officer, serving for several years. His hobbies included classic cars and serving as a Reserve Wayne County Mounted Patrol while riding his beloved horse, Cody. Carl founded the Eastern Indiana Cruisers and drag raced at the Muncie Dragway for many years. Survivors include his wife, Lois L. Updegraff Thomas; sister, Joanna (Ed) Allen of Richmond; daughter, Janet (Rick) Halcomb of Economy; son, Steven Thomas of Richmond; step-children, Karen (Jesse) Elizondo of Houston, Texas, Larry (Margaret) Shinn of Southport, N.C., and William (Gretchen) Shinn of Muncie; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; nieces; nephews; and cousin, Bob Thomas of Richmond. The family would like to thank all of the support received from the Wayne County Sheriff's Department. Visitation for Carl E. Thomas will be from 4-8:00 p.m. Friday, September 23, 2011, at Doan & Mills Funeral Home, 790 National Road West, Richmond. Funeral service will be at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, September 24, 2011, at Doan & Mills Funeral Home with Rev. Aaron Roberts officiating. Burial will be in Glen Haven Memorial Gardens with military honors by the Wayne County Honor Guard. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions

may be made to: Circle-U Help Center, P.O. Box 491, Richmond, IN 47375, or Help The Animals, 2101 West Main St., Richmond, IN 47374. Condolences may be sent to the family via the guest book at www.doanmillsfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Doan & Mills Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Carl E. Thomas*



Doan & Mills Funeral Home - September 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ *We want to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.*

The Thomas Family - September 26, 2011 at 12:19 PM

DH

“ *Sorry to hear of your loss. Your husband was always a jolly man. He would speak to me every time I seen him when I was going into work. I work with the Social Security Office. My prayers are with the family.*

Darla Hill - September 23, 2011 at 02:44 PM

RG

“ *I first met Carl years ago at car shows. He was a freat fellow. Always smiling and happy. My condolences go out to all the family. The Good Lord will take care of him.*

Ray Guffey - September 23, 2011 at 11:37 AM

TH

“ We so loved and enjoyed talking to Carl about our cars and the old days. I grew up with Janet and Steve and the whole family is just a joy to be with. You will be missed. Our hearts and prayers go out to the family. Rest in peace Carl.

Thomas & Kim (Gates) Howard - September 22, 2011 at 09:30 PM

DC

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family. Carl was a very thoughtful and loving person. Doug and I rode in the mounted patrol with him, and we always had a good time. He will be greatly missed!

Doug & Pam Colvin - September 21, 2011 at 06:11 PM

JT

“ I am so sorry to hear of Carl's passing. Carl worked with my parents (Jim & Grace Thomas) at the Belden and Carl and I had talked about us maybe being cousins. I am sorry that I won't be able to come to the funeral. My family, and I, are in Myrtle Beach, S.C. and are unable to get away. Please accept my condolences. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. Bob Thomas

James R. (Bob) Thomas - September 21, 2011 at 04:38 PM

DE

“ Lois, We are so sorry for your loss. The bond of marriage for so many years is something no one can take away. Carl is in a better place now and will truly be missed here on earth. Have faith in God, he will help ease the pain of your loss. Remember all those great times you spent together - those memories, you will have forever. Our prayers are with you.

Duane & Pam Estes - September 21, 2011 at 01:01 PM

PM

“ *Lois, I am so sorry for your loss... Carl will be greatly missed.. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family... Love you*
Patricia

Patricia Madden - September 21, 2011 at 09:45 AM

A(

“ *Janet, so sorry about the loss of your father. We couldn't believe it just two weeks ago when Andy had stopped to talk to him that we found out he was your dad. We used to live by your mom and dad in Richmond. They always enjoyed seeing Madelynn when we were out taking walks. My grandmother also lives near him so we still always would say "hello" when he was outside during the nice weather. Just two weeks ago Andy had the pleasure of talking to him for awhile on is way to work. We will always remember his warm smile and friendly wave. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Andy & Erin Grover (&kids) - September 20, 2011 at 05:39 PM

SW

“ *I will miss you Carl.*

Steve Williams - September 20, 2011 at 01:18 PM

GH

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.*

Gil Alford and the Staff of Doan & Mills Funeral Home - September 20, 2011 at 12:36 PM