



Rev. Robert E. Thomas Sr.

October 31, 1933 - October 20, 2012

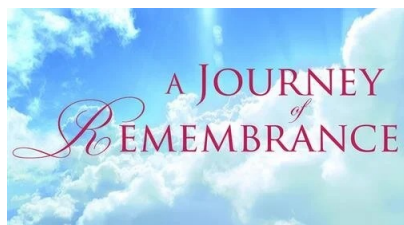
RICHMOND, Ind. – Rev. Robert E. Thomas Sr., age 78, of Richmond, died Saturday, October 20, 2012, at Reid Hospital. Born October 31, 1933, in Richmond, to Howard and Ruby Weatherly Thomas, he lived in Richmond for most of his life. Robert served in the U.S. Marine Corps and fought bravely during the Korean War. He earned an associate degree from Nazarene Bible College in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Robert was a minister, worked at Huffman Manufacturing, and retired from the Soldiers and Sailors Home in Knightstown, Indiana. He was a member of Lifegate Ministries. Survivors include his wife, Carol E. Wood Thomas, to whom he was married on October 11, 1952; three daughters, Pamela F. (Stuart) Holmes of Richmond, Linda (Bob) Saxon of Richmond, and Sharon L. (Brian) Miller of Spiceland, Indiana; son, Robert E. (Donna) Thomas Jr. of Connersville, Indiana; several grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter; two sisters, Joyce (Larry) Street of Fountain City and Barbara Taylor of Richmond; brother, Bud Thomas of Richmond; nieces; nephews; and many friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Mary; and brothers, Dick Thomas and Bill Weatherly. Visitation for Rev. Robert E. Thomas Sr. will be from 4 to 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 24, 2012, at Doan & Mills Funeral Home, 790 National Road West, Richmond. Funeral service will be at 1:00 p.m. Thursday, October 25, 2012, at Doan & Mills Funeral Home with Rev. Mark Thomas officiating. Burial will be in Earlham Cemetery in the Veterans Field of Honor with military honors provided by the Wayne County Honor

Guard. Memorial contributions may be made to: Lifegate Ministries, 100 North 9th Street, Richmond, IN 47374 or Help the Animals, Inc., P.O. Box 117, Richmond, IN 47375. 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 Rev. Robert E. Thomas Sr.*



Doan & Mills Funeral Home - October 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ *I first met Bob when him and Carol came to Arbor Trace to live. I will never forget his smile and his great sense of humor. I always enjoyed talking to him and he always made me laugh even when I was having a bad day. I will miss Mr. Thomas very much.*

Janet Carlin (Arbor Trace Receptionist) - October 25, 2012 at 07:38 PM

EM

“ *Carol and family; Words are to many and time is short, one of the many blessings as I walk the path toward home is knowing the friendship that you and your family has meant to me..Bob was and always was there for Ralph and I as we made our life together..Harder days are ahead but the reassurance that one day we will meet again is what keeps me going and it will for all of you..My Love and prayers will be with you Carol and your family I love all of you..so sorry that I can't be there for you but you are all in my thoughts and prayer during this time..Love Ellen*

Ellen Million - October 24, 2012 at 07:37 PM

MD

“ Pam & Stuart , We are so sorry for your Loss of Your Father, May GOD confort You and your Family in these time. Has Your Dad Knew GOD IS GOOD !

MIKE & Martie Drook - October 24, 2012 at 11:52 AM

RJ

“ Daddy, My Hero, my friend, my confidant. My heart is broken, my life will never be the same without you. I will never forget the times that we sat in the garage with the door up sitting on lawn chairs and watching storms and the rain pass by and talking about all sorts of things. I had so many questions and you had all the answers. To this day, I love storms and the rain. My heart will heal because you will always be there, answering questions and guiding me through each storm. I love you.

Robert (Bobby) E. Thomas Jr. - October 23, 2012 at 10:37 PM

AS

“ Grandpa Thomas, you were a fantastic person, a true man's man. You were a loving husband, father, and grandfather. You made sure there was never a dull moment with your quirky humor, and your smile could light up even the darkest of rooms. You were the biggest impact in so many people's lives and your presence will continue to be felt for many years to come. I know that you are looking down on us with your loving embrace and smiling. I love you grandpa, and you will never be forgotten.

Austin Saxon - October 23, 2012 at 08:17 PM

PH

“ *Being Daddy's girl was very special to me. I miss your love and kisses that were very special. I long to be with you. And as I whispered in your ear in your last final moments, I promised you would see me again and you will. My heart breaks for my Daddy. Be safe in God's arms to meet again. Love Pammy*

Pam Holmes - October 23, 2012 at 07:35 PM

LS

“ *Daddy where do I begin, to tell you all the things that's in my heart. I just can't imagine never having the opportunity to have our special talks. Just want to say it was such a pleasure to take care of you and love you. It truly will be missed. Until we meet again, rest safely in God's arms. Love Lin*

Linda Saxon - October 23, 2012 at 07:31 PM

BG

“ *I will always love my Grandpa for the steps he took for the faith of God and leading the next generation in. May the mantle that God placed on his life, continue to be passed down in the lives of His loved ones. From generation to generation, calling all into the light with a heavy burden of love, that not one will be lost. I love you Grandpa, I hope you are enjoying the most amazing experiences that we can't even fathom. Amen*

Barry W. Reffitt Jr. Grandson - October 23, 2012 at 11:44 AM

PS

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Pamela D. Shell - October 23, 2012 at 01:09 AM

LB

“ I worked with Bob at the Children's Home for 4 yrs and he was a joy to work with and fun to be around. He talked about his family and his wonderful wife. He loved you all so much. He made us all laugh and always had nice things to say. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

LIZ BAUMER - October 22, 2012 at 10:32 PM

WD

“ Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted. Matthew 5:4 KJV There's so little we can say to take away your sadness but in his own words, the Lord has promised you comfort. May you find peace through him. On behalf of the Whitewater Valley Detachment Marine Corps League we send our deepest sympathy to you and your family.

Whitewater Valley Marine Corps Detachment - October 22, 2012 at 06:54 PM

JF

“ Our deepest sympathies to the family as you cope with the loss of beloved Mr. Thomas. May the fond memories shared bring comfort during this time of grief and pain. (Isaiah 25:8)

Jackson Family - October 22, 2012 at 11:37 AM

BB

“ I love you so much grandpa. God sure is lucky to have a wonderful, gracious man like you up in heaven. You will forever be in my heart. I hope you know how much we all loved you, you were the light of this family. I'll miss you so much grandpa. I'll see you again some day up there. Save me a spot. I love you. Forever and always.

Brooke Ballard - October 22, 2012 at 11:33 AM

PT

“ Truly Uncle Bob, you are one of my greatest heroes. Had it not been for you I don't know that I would be who I am today! Thanks for sowing into my life! You will truly be missed by Myself, Jennifer and our children. Tell everyone in heaven we said hello, especially Jesus and until we meet again, know that you are loved!

Pastor Mark & Jennifer Thomas - October 22, 2012 at 10:12 AM

SM

“ I love you so much Daddy. You will forever have a special place in my heart. You were such a wonderful, loving, caring father. I'm so grateful to have you in my life. I'm going to miss you so much. Tell Grandma and Grandpa I said hello and Daddy I'll meet you in heaven some day but until then rest in the arms of Jesus.

Sharon Miller - October 22, 2012 at 08:17 AM

BW

“ Just wanted to let you know that we've been thinking of you and been praying. We care.

Bob & Faye Walls - October 21, 2012 at 08:38 PM

GH

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

Gil Alford & the Staff of Doan & Mills Funeral Home - October 21, 2012 at 02:07 PM