



Richard Charles Thomas, Sr.

April 20, 1935 - April 19, 2016

Richard Charles Thomas, Sr. passed away Tuesday morning, April 19, 2016 at his home in rural Tracy, at the age of 80 years, 11 months and 31 days.

A memorial service for Richard will be held at 2:00 P.M., Saturday, April 23, 2016 at the Harvey Assembly of God Church of Harvey, Iowa, with Pastor Mike Miller officiating.

Richard was born on April 20, 1935, at his grandparents' home in Knoxville. He is the son of John Leroy "Jack" and Lena (Vancenbrock) Thomas. Richard was raised in Flagler and also Knoxville. He graduated from Knoxville High School, Class of 1953. After high school, Richard served in the Iowa National Guard and was a dragline mechanic for Beard Coal Company.

On May 11, 1958, at the Nazarene Church in Knoxville, Richard and Doris Evelyn Richardson were united in marriage. Richard and Doris shared over 57 years together and they were blessed with three children; Rick, Sue, and Chad.

In 1966 Richard began working for Rolscreen (Pella Corp). During his 34 years he worked various jobs and retired in 2000 as a rip line operator on a computerized multi rip saw.

Richard was a devoted Christian who attended the Harvey Assembly of God Church. He enjoyed woodworking and was proud of his loving family.

Richard is survived by his wife Doris of rural Tracy; his three children, Rick Thomas and Michelle Hart of West Des Moines, Sue Thomas and Chris Houser of rural Bussey, and Chad (Stacy) Thomas of Oskaloosa; seven grandchildren, Chris Gist, Curt (Mel) Gist, Trent Thomas, Tia Thomas, Nick Thomas, Zakk Thomas, and Liam Thomas; and six great-grandchildren, Hunter, Jayden, Landon, Adrian, Aryana, and Freddie. Richard is also survived by two sisters-in-law, Ruth Pope and Linda Ver Woert both of Des Moines; and his brother, John Thomas of Bussey.

He was preceded in death by his parents, "Jack" and Lena Thomas; and three brothers, Donald, Robert, and Florent Thomas.

A memorial in Richard's name has been established to his family or to HCI Hospice of Central Iowa. Condolences can be sent to <http://www.winfieldfh.com>.

The Winfield Funeral Home of Knoxville is assisting Richard's family.

Events

APR	Service	02:00PM
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	Harvey Assembly of God Church	
	307 Wise St., Harvey, IA, US, 50119	

Comments



“ Rosie Reid lit a candle in memory of Richard Charles Thomas, Sr.



Rosie Reid - April 23, 2016 at 11:14 AM

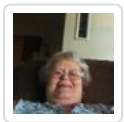


“ Sorry to hear of the passing of Richard. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Mary & Robert Pinegar



Mary & Robert Pinegar - April 21, 2016 at 08:53 PM



“ Crystal Arnold lit a candle in memory of Richard Charles Thomas, Sr.



Crystal Arnold - April 21, 2016 at 10:10 AM



“ Diane Hall lit a candle in memory of Richard Charles Thomas, Sr.



Diane Hall - April 20, 2016 at 10:45 PM



“ I remember his laugh. Growing up in the Knoxville AG church, he made me laugh. Always had encouraging words to say.

Carol Gullion Leonard - April 20, 2016 at 05:29 PM



“ Dan Sutherland lit a candle in memory of Richard Charles Thomas, Sr.



Dan Sutherland - April 20, 2016 at 01:37 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Charles Thomas, Sr..



April 20, 2016 at 01:12 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Richard Charles Thomas, Sr..



April 20, 2016 at 12:52 PM



“ I have so many memories of my dad. He was the best dad a girl could of asked for. He was a very loving dad, never a day went by that he didn't tell me he loved me. He had a very good, unique sense of humor that he passed down to me. He had it up until the day before he passed. When I was a little girl, he would carry me on his shoulders, I can still remember the day I moved to being carried piggy back, I was getting too heavy for the shoulders. Then I remember him telling me later it was time I walked, but he would always hold my hand. I held his hand just minutes before he went to see Jesus. In December of last year, I was able to dance with my dad for the first time. I will cherish that moment.

Sue - April 20, 2016 at 11:36 AM



“ Sorry for your loss prayers to you and your family.

sheila Thomas - April 20, 2016 at 12:37 PM