



James Richard Thomas

March 6, 1937 - January 26, 2025

James Richard Thomas, age 87, of Ashville, Alabama passed away on Sunday, January 26, 2025. He was a self made man that provided well for his family. Upon leaving high school he began his career working various jobs for Sonny Moore before starting his own business. He was the owner of Ashville Service Station located near the square in downtown Ashville and owner operator of Richard's Wrecker Service for many years. Richard was a member of Pine Forest Baptist Church and served on the cemetery committee.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 61 years, Evelyn Thomas, his parents, John Clyde and Stella Mae Thomas, one granddaughter, three great-grandsons, and his son-in-law, Dale Sumerel.

He is survived by his daughters, Nancy Lawley (Fred) and Rita Sumerel; grandchildren, Ashley Pharr (Colin), Matthew Brown (Jennifer), John Sumerel (Leah), and Scott Lawley (Joanna); great-grandchildren, Makinzee and Taylor Brown, Evelyn and Stella Pharr, Walker and Ty Sumerel, and Rowe Lawley; brothers, John C. Thomas and Charlie Thomas (Sandra); and several nieces, nephews and extended family.

The family will receive friends at a visitation held on Thursday, January 30, 2025 at 10:00 am to 11:00 am at Deerfoot Memorial Funeral Home. A graveside service and burial will take place at the Pine Forest Cemetery at 12:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Pine Forest Cemetery fund at: PO Box 501, Ashville, Alabama 35953.

The family would like to thank the staff and caregivers at Meadowview Nursing

Center for the care provided to Mr. Thomas with a special recognition of Nurse Kelley, Nurse Mary Lou, CNA Haley, and CNA Lisa (Cornbread).

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 30. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Deerfoot Memorial Funeral Home
5360 Deerfoot Parkway PO Box 118
Trussville, AL 35173

Graveside Service

JAN 30. 12:00 PM (CT)

Pine Forest Cemetery
Ashville, AL 35953

Tribute Wall

ML

“ *Marsha T Lynn lit a candle in memory of James Thomas*



Marsha T Lynn - January 31 at 07:15 PM

RR

“ *Ranson R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Richard Thomas.*

Ranson R. - January 28, 2025 at 05:26 PM

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“ *Ranson R. purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of James Richard Thomas.*



Ranson R. - January 28, 2025 at 05:26 PM

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“ *The Lawley Family (Scott, Joanna & Rowe) purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of James Richard Thomas.*



The Lawley Family (Scott, Joanna & Rowe) - January 28, 2025 at 12:33 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of James Richard Thomas.* ”



January 27, 2025 at 08:36 PM