

Dickey Ray Thomas

October 11, 1934 - June 26, 2017

Dickey Ray Thomas, 82, of Cape Girardeau died peacefully June 26, 2017 at Ratliff Care Center in Cape Girardeau with his family by his side.

He was born on October 11, 1934 in Cape Girardeau to Leonard and Mildred (Pickens) Thomas. He married Shirley Wright on December 18, 1954.

Together they raised two daughters.

Dick was a retired member of Local 1770 Carpenters Union. His hobbies included stock cars, camping, carving and dancing. He was member of the River Valley Wood Carvers Club. He and Shirley were known as the "Twirling Thomas's" to the kids of Alma Schrader School. He coached softball from 1973-1982 for the Optimist Club. Many girls called him Coach, especially those who played for McDonald Concrete.

He leaves behind his wife of 62 years, Shirley Thomas; 2 daughters, Gina Thomas and fiancé Cathy Amonds of Cape Girardeau and Kelly (Dennis) Kern of New Hamburg; 2 granddaughters, Lindsay Kern of New Hamburg and Alicia Kern and fiancé Eric Uhrhan of Scott City; 1 grandson, Thomas Kern of New Hamburg; 2 brothers, Ralph (Selba Jean) Thomas of Louisiana and Leonard (Joan) Thomas of St. Louis; numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Dick will always be remembered for the smile on his face. He was truly loved and will be missed by many. He was a selfless man that never met a stranger.

At his request, there will be no funeral service. Instead, he chose to donate his body to science to further the advancement of knowledge.

The family will host a celebration of his life at a later date.

This announcement courtesy of Crain Funeral Home in Cape Girardeau.

Tribute Wall



“ *Dickey Ray Thomas*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Me and Gina back in our Tool Gal days relied on her dad one fine day to help set us straight on a deck repair. I remember his kind gentle spirit. He gave to us that day much love and support. Hugs to the family for your loss.*

Lynn Gemmell - July 19, 2017 at 06:03 PM



Thanks Sweetie...I LOVE YOU!!!

Gina Thomas - July 20, 2017 at 05:45 PM



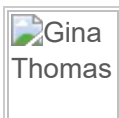
“ *Shirley,*

*I would like to extend my deepest sympathy for your loss of Dickey,
You will be in my thoughts and prayers.*

Sincerely,

Melba Ahrens Brase

Marilyn - June 28, 2017 at 11:25 AM



Thanks Babe...We Appreciate It Very Much... Gina

Gina Thomas - June 30, 2017 at 12:00 PM

GF

Shirley, so sorry for your loss. I will always remember the two of you dancing at all of the reunions. Sincerely Gretchen Haas Fee

Gretchen Haas Fee - July 02, 2017 at 09:01 AM

 Gina Thomas

Thanks Gretchen

Gina Thomas - July 19, 2017 at 09:52 AM

TT

“*Sorry for your loss, I remember meeting him at the softball feild !!!! When KGMO team played McDonald concrete and we beat and beat them every year !!!!! What fun we all had back then*



Tammy Terry - June 28, 2017 at 09:37 AM



Not mine and gina's yr lol. We were undefeated!

Julie Teater - June 28, 2017 at 07:25 PM

MS

“*Dick Thomas is my uncle. He was the best uncle you could ask for! I have so many fond memories of him. He cut up with us and made us laugh, danced with us twirling us till we were dizzy. And I thought he was the coolest with his hot rods. But I guess what I'll remember the most was his smile. He smiled all the time and it made his blue eyes twinkle. I know Jesus welcomed him into heaven saying, "job well done my son." I love you uncle Dick. I look forward to the day of reunion. 💕†💕*

Monique Smith - June 27, 2017 at 05:27 PM



*Awe Sweetie...Thank You So Much...
We Love You More Than You Know!!!
All Our Love- Gina*

Gina Thomas - June 30, 2017 at 12:02 PM



Like my sister said above Uncle Dick was the coolest Uncle ever. He used to play Wipe Out so I could do the "shimmy" (a dance). He built a go cart for Gina and we loved riding it. I love hearing dad tell childhood stories. Love you Uncle Dick and await until we see each other again

yvette thomas - July 20, 2017 at 12:44 PM