



Mr. Willie Ray Thomas

July 29, 1947 - October 6, 2021

Mr. Willie Ray Thomas, age 74, passed away, Wednesday October 6, 2021 in Mobile, AL. He was a lifelong resident of Century, FL. He was a member of the Century First Baptist Church, Century Masonic Lodge #213 and Scottish Rite. He served in the United States Army from 1964 until 1967. He was retired with the Escambia County Florida Sheriff's Department, with thirty-two years of service.

Mr. Thomas loved Dirt Track and Snowball Derby Racing. He loved spending time at the camp, Hubbard's Landing and fishing with his friends. He loved the grand dogs, Partner Toby, Tory, Bama, and Bailey

He is preceded in death by his parents, Verbie Thomas and Irene Hollingshead.

He is survived by his loving wife of fifty-one years, Gail Thomas, of Century, FL; two sons, Chris (Angie) Thomas, of Bay Minette, AL; Samuel Thomas, of Pensacola, FL; one daughter, Allyson (Brandon) Sharpless, of Mobile, AL; one brother, Benjamin C. (Mack) Hollingshead, of Foley, AL; three sisters, Lula Graves, of Flomaton, AL; Lorraine (Richard) Stuckey, of Atmore, AL; Hazel (Speedy) Brantley, of Flomaton, AL; two grandchildren, Cody Thomas, and Zachary Thomas, numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services will be held Monday, October 11, 2021 at 2:00 PM at the Petty-Eastside Chapel Funeral Home LLC with Rev. David Boyd officiating.

Burial will follow at Lambeth-Boutwell Cemetery.

Visitation will be held Sunday, October 10, 2021 from 6:00 PM until 9:00 PM at the Petty-Eastside Chapel Funeral Home LLC.

Pallbearers will be Steve Turner, Coy Campbell, Ed Hudson, Dusty Carnley, Josh Lambeth, and Aaron Sharpless.

Honorary pallbearers will be Art Gunn, Larry Gee, Louis Tharpe, and Vincent Milstead.

Petty-Eastside Chapel Funeral Homes, LLC. Atmore, AL. is in charge of all arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Lambeth-Boutwell Cemetery

Flomaton, AL

Previous Events

Service

OCT 11. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MR

“ *My condolences to Willie Ray's family. May your precious memories help ease your sadness for future years.*

Mary Rebber

Mary Rebber - October 11, 2021 at 01:54 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Willie Ray Thomas.*



October 09, 2021 at 07:15 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Mr. Willie Ray Thomas.*



October 08, 2021 at 11:42 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Mr. Willie Ray Thomas.*



October 08, 2021 at 10:10 PM

BB

“ Prayers for the family! I went to Century High School with Ray. He was a very nice person and I'm saddened to read this! RIP!

betty brockett - October 08, 2021 at 05:15 PM

WB

“ So sorry to hear of Ray's passing. Me and Preston talked with Ray back in August at Buster's Restaurant in Atmore. He had been at the camp. It was nice talking with him and asking each other about family members. I believe he said Gail had taken her sister to the Doctor. He will be missed.

Willene & Preston Bryan - October 08, 2021 at 04:07 PM

JC

Ray will be miss. We seem to be losing a lot of friends and classmates. Prayers and my thoughts go to the family at this time. June Capps

June Capps - October 08, 2021 at 06:47 PM

CH

So very sorry. Loved Ray he was such a sweet person. Prayers for all.

CAROLYN HARRIS - October 08, 2021 at 07:18 PM

DO

So sad to hear of Ray passing. We were good friends in school. I have many sweet memories of times spent in school together.

Doug Odom - October 08, 2021 at 09:11 PM

JW

So sorry to read about Willie Ray's passing. I met him several times while visiting my brother, Joe Wallace. He was always cordial and very helpful. I know that Joe thought very well of him and considered him a good friend. Rest In Peace Willie Ray. Judy Willoughby, sister of Joe Wallace.

judy willoughby - October 10, 2021 at 11:17 PM