



Chester Thomas

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Chester (Chet) Thomas, 83, passed away on January 14, 2025, at his residence in Wildwood, Florida. Chester was born on February 26, 1941, in Detroit, Michigan to his parents William Samuel Thomas and Eleanor June (Kraatz) Thomas.

Chet served in the United States Army for seven years, stationed in Germany for much of his active-duty service. He was self-employed for most of his career as an installer of aluminum siding and gutters (becoming known as “Tinman” by many). While he loved being his own boss, he went to work at the Auto Alliance Assembly Plant (Ford Motor Company) in Flat Rock, Michigan at the end of his career to provide more stability for his family. Chet and his late wife Linda moved to Wildwood, Florida 20 years ago from Canton, Michigan.

Chet was a skilled craftsman, meticulous about maintenance, who could build or fix just about anything. He also loved friendly competition, winning more than his share of “golf dollars” playing with friends and family at Deer Run Golf Course near the family cottage on Lake LeAnn in Michigan, and he took great pride when Tinman’s picks came out on top in the family football pool.

He is survived by loving daughters: Marci McCulloch (Ric) of Dexter, MI and Julie Gundry (Ed) of Wake Forest, NC; a sister: Louise Miller (James) of Southgate, MI; a brother: Samuel Thomas (Mickie) of Allen Park, MI; five grandchildren: Jacob Gundry (Caitlin), Katie Gundry, Abby Gundry, Owen McCulloch, and Stephen McCulloch; and many nieces and nephews.

Chester was preceded in death by his parents, his beloved wife, Linda, his brother, William Thomas, and his sister-in-law Fran Thomas.

A Memorial Service will be held at a later date in Michigan by the family.



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In lieu of flowers, for those wishing to make a donation to honor Chet, please consider the American Heart Association, www.heart.org.

Memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared on-line by visiting www.bankspagetheus.com.



Tribute Wall

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SH

Sarah Hutchsion posted:

Chet was my friend... He was kind, caring and always helped in any way he could. We laughed, we enjoyed watching football and movies together and even danced from time to time at his lodge. He shared his family with me. This I know, he loved his girls, Marci and Julie, his grandchildren, Jacob, Katie, Abby, Owen and Steven very much. As we get older, we become tired so Rest in peace, my friend. You are very much missed!

February 9 at 5:42 AM

MB

Millie Blankenship posted:

Chet was the best neighbor !! He was always helpful, thoughtful, caring & kind. He always ask me how I was doing & we talked about our medical problems. He would trim my palm tree of the dead brown leaves without me asking. And it looked so much better !! He said he would help me as much as he could. He would spray weeds in my driveway & said he couldn't stand weeds in driveway. He took great care of his yard pulling weeds & edging around driveway & flower beds. He loved taking care of his beautiful flowers. I will truly miss him.

February 2 at 9:11 AM

WF

Wanda & Family posted:

Sending our most sincere sympathy & prayers to Chet's family. Sarah's Wisconsin family are so very grateful for the friendship they shared, the generosity & compassion he showed her when she was ill and for the way he welcomed us all into his home when we visited last fall. He will be missed.

January 19 at 9:32 AM

CG

Charlotte Guimond sent a virtual gift in honor of Chester.

Thank you for your service

January 18 at 7:40 AM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Chester by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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