



James Earl Thomas Sr.

November 11, 1939 - November 7, 2018

James Earl “Leroy” Thomas, Sr., age 78, of Dayton, died early Wednesday morning, November 7, 2018, at his home. He was born November 11, 1939 in Chattanooga. Leroy was preceded in death by wife Linda (Campbell) Thomas; wife Frances Lee (Lawson) Thomas; son Curtis Eugene Thomas; parents Jesse Earl Thomas and Verna Lee (Long) Thomas; and step-granddaughter Ansley Fowler.

Leroy lived in Rhea County since 1996. He served his country with the US Air Force during the Viet Nam war. He was a sheet metal fabricator for TG Edwards in Chattanooga and was trained as a blacksmith by his father. Leroy attended the Vine Grove Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife of 22 years, Annie McCoy of Dayton; two sons, James Earl (Roberta) Thomas Jr. of Orlando, FL and William Scott Thomas of Dayton; daughter, Cathy (Chris) Lynn of Etowah; sister, Lynda Morgan of Dayton; and six grandchildren, Corey, Chandler, Scotty, Tessa, Sarah and Kendall.

Graveside services with military honors for Leroy will be held Thursday at 1:00 p.m. with Rev. John Allen Harwood officiating at Chattanooga National Cemetery.

Please share your memories of Leroy on his online guest register at www.vanderwallfh.com.

The family is being cared for by the Vanderwall Funeral Home in Dayton where they will receive family and friends Wednesday after 5:00 p.m.

Cemetery Details

Chattanooga National Cemetery

Chattanooga, TN

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 7. 5:00 PM (ET)

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Service

NOV 8. 1:00 PM (ET)

Chattanooga National Cemetery
Chattanooga, TN

Tribute Wall



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“ Please accept my family’s heartfelt condolences on the loss of your dear loved one, Mr. Thomas. May you find comfort in fond memories of him, and hope in God’s promise to restore those asleep in death to perfect life on a paradise Earth, fulfilling his original purpose for humans.

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“ I grew up with “Jim” as did my two sisters Norma and Jeanne. He was our 1st cousin. We all three looked up to him and he was the big brother we never had. As teenagers we spent time together enjoying the “rock and roll” era, listening to the music and hanging out. As adults we still kept in touch and when in Chattanooga we would pay him a visit. My heart is heavy and I will miss him greatly. My deepest condolences to Annie and Jim’s sons and family. May God bless you all in your time of grief.

Carol Atkins, Orange Park, Florida.

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