



Edward "Shorty" Thomas

January 19, 1950 - December 14, 2018

Edward "Shorty" Paul Thomas, age 68, of Albia, passed away on Friday, December 14, 2018, at his home surrounded by his loved ones, under the care of EveryStep Hospice.

Shorty was born on January 19, 1950, in Albia to Morgan and Ethel (Sandeem) Thomas. He grew up and attended school in Albia before attending Indian Hills Community College where he obtained his welding degree. On June 22, 1974, he was united in marriage to Gloria Adcock in Albia and to this union, two children were born, Amy and Zach. Shorty and Gloria shared 44 years of marriage.

Shorty worked for John Deere in Ottumwa for 31 ½ years, where he was also a union steward, prior to his retirement in 2005. He was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed fishing, hunting, and trapping. Shorty was an Iowa Hawkeyes and Denver Broncos fan. His true joy in life was spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. He loved to watch his children and grandchildren in sporting events. Shorty was a very generous and kind man who never knew a stranger and was always willing to help anyone in need. He was loved by all those who knew him and will be greatly missed.

Shorty is survived by his wife Gloria; his children, Amy (Jimmie Rhodes) Pottorff and Zach (Danielle) Thomas; 3 grandchildren, Cheyenne (Stephen

Allgood) Pottorff and Jack and Frankie Thomas; 3 brothers, Dave (Wanda) Thomas, Harry (Deb) Thomas and Roland (Martha) Thomas; a sister, Lois (Dan) Hall; and his beloved dog, Boots. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins, and good friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Morgan and Ethel; and 2 brothers, Gerold and Larry Thomas.

Visitation will be held from 11:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 19, 2018, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia with Shorty's family present to greet family and friends from 4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, December 20, 2018, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia. Following the services Shorty's body will be cremated and a private family burial will be held at a later date.

An open memorial has been established to the family to be determined at a later date.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **19**. 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Tharp Funeral Home
116 Benton Ave.
Albia, IA 52531
(641) 932-3129
<https://www.tharpfh.com/>

Funeral Service

DEC **20**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Edward "Shorty" Thomas*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *Edward "Shorty" Thomas*

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *PRAYERS TO ALL THE THOMAS FAMILIES,, MAY SHORTY REST IN PEACE,, SORRY DAVE HARRY AND ROLAND FOR YOUR LOST*



ED MCGINN - December 19, 2018 at 02:39 PM



LOIS ,,, ALSO PRAYERS FOR YOU , MADE GOD GIVE YOU STRENGTH AT THIS TIME

ED MCGINN - December 19, 2018 at 07:22 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Edward "Shorty" Thomas.*



December 19, 2018 at 12:00 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Edward "Shorty" Thomas.*



December 18, 2018 at 11:30 AM



“ *H?D & Family lit a candle in memory of Edward "Shorty" Thomas*



H?D & Family - December 18, 2018 at 10:28 AM



“ *Kim Davis lit a candle in memory of Edward "Shorty" Thomas*



kim davis - December 18, 2018 at 09:26 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Edward "Shorty" Thomas.*



December 17, 2018 at 06:50 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edward "Shorty" Thomas.*



December 17, 2018 at 04:47 PM



“ *Cathy C. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Edward "Shorty" Thomas.*



Cathy C. - December 17, 2018 at 09:55 AM



“ *Oh how we loved Shorty!!! Just a one of a kind awesome guy!!! Keeping all of you in my thoughts and prayers!!!*

Valerie Small - December 16, 2018 at 10:29 PM



“ *I when to school at Albia with Shorty. I was not a close friend but a good friend. I got to visit with Ed and a few relatives at the Hospital in Des Moines and glad that I did. Ed was his normal self as only he was. He will be missed by all of our classmates and anyone that knew him.*

David Abrahamson

David Abrahamson - December 16, 2018 at 09:36 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edward "Shorty" Thomas.*



December 15, 2018 at 07:44 PM



“ *I remember as a young boy i dont think i could have been even ten years old i was at shorty and glorias house hanging out with zach...i wanted to be a tough guy like shorty so i asked if i could eat some sardines...gloria agreed but i wasnt near as tough as uncle shorty...you will be missed...our thoughts and prayers are with everyone during these troubling times.*

Waylon Rhodes - December 15, 2018 at 04:48 PM



Prayers for Gloria,Amy and Zach..Shorty will be missed great friend. You are healed now.,💔

Gracie Demoss - December 15, 2018 at 08:05 PM

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“ *I remember my brother (Tony Sebben) hanging out with Shorty along with several others. He was a very caring man and will be missed by everyone that knew him. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and close friends*

diana brown - December 15, 2018 at 04:41 PM