



## Reese Thomas, Jr.

May 18, 1926 - June 4, 2016

Reese Thomas, Jr., age 90, of Albia passed away June 4, 2016, at Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines.

Reese was born May 18, 1926, in Monroe County to Reese Thomas, Sr. and Thressia (McKenny) Thomas. He was united in marriage to Lois Jean Cooper on February 13, 1947. To this union came four children, William, Jean, Terry, and Danny.

Reese started working in coal mines in Monroe County at the age of 15 along with his father. He was drafted into the US Army in 1944 and honorably discharged in 1946. He worked for Newman Brothers in Des Moines for many years, retiring in 1988 at the age of 62.

Reese loved to travel, taking his family on many vacations to Colorado. Upon his retirement, he and the love of his life enjoyed wintering in San Juan, Texas, in their fifth wheel camper.

He is survived by his wife, Lois; his four children, William (Deb) Thomas of Albia, Jean (Gary) Herr of Fremont, Terry (Cricket) Thomas of Eddyville, and Danny (Marla) Thomas of Oskaloosa; eleven grandchildren, Lori, Jason, Tammy, Rusty, Jon, Terry Jr., Angie, Candace, Ashley, Alicia, and Cody; twenty-two great grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents; six sisters, Hannah, Margaret, Ada, Ruth, Mary Ann, and Violet; and two brothers, Billy and Evan.

Visitation will be held from 11:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 7, 2016, at the Tharp Funeral Home with Reese's family present from 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, June 8, 2016, at 10:30 a.m. at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia. Burial with military rites provided by the American Legion of Albia, Lovilia, and Melrose will be in the Oak View Cemetery in Albia.

Memorials have been established to Circle of Life Hospice or to the American Cancer Society.

# Cemetery Details

## Oak View Cemetery

602 2nd Ave.  
Albia, IA 52531

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 7. 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

JUN 8. 10:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Reese Thomas, Jr.*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *Reese Thomas, Jr.*

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *I enjoyed watching Grandpa build things. He was a master carpenter and was a perfectionist. I also remember him taking me mushroom hunting and always getting my belly full at a good buffet. I will always cherish those memories with him and grandma Lois.*

**Russ McGee** - June 06, 2016 at 05:12 AM

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*My thoughts and prayers are with the Thomas family at this time sorry to hear about your dad Danny my heart is with you and your family and we hope that everything turns out on the good side God be with you at this time and God bless you*

**Kathy simmons** - June 06, 2016 at 06:10 PM

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“ *You & Lois and I have had a lot of good times together the teasing never stopped. I will miss you so much you were a great brother in law You held me when I was little. Love you*

**LaVonne Bills** - June 05, 2016 at 10:05 PM



“ *Blooming Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Reese Thomas, Jr..*



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June 05, 2016 at 08:41 PM



“ *As children we all played together in Reese and Lois yard. We vacationed to Texas to visit Reese and Lois once and had a very good time. We always hated when they put the statue away it meant winter, but we loved it coming out in the spring. Good memories of good neighbors. Reese you will be missed. RIP friend.*

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**Betty and Benji Thompson** - June 05, 2016 at 07:52 PM