



James William Thomas

October 14, 1943 - August 7, 2019

Memorials to Yutan Fire Dept.

James William Thomas was born on October 14, 1943 in Gary, Indiana to William James and Jeanette (Fleming) Thomas. He grew up in Crown Point, Indiana where he attended grade school and graduated from Crown Point High School in 1961. Jim briefly attended Valparaiso and Purdue Universities. As a young boy, Jim was in the high school band, mowed lawns and worked for the area neighbors.

Jim married Marian Lehnert on March 24, 1967 in Cedar Lake, Indiana and they were blessed with two daughters: Stephanie and Nikki. Jim and Marian lived in several Indiana towns before moving to Yutan, Nebraska in 1975.

Jim worked in the steel mills of Indiana and as a steam fitter for OPPD in Omaha from 1976 to 1995 when his health forced him to retire. He enjoyed working outside around the acreage, operating his ham radios and everything new that technology could imagine, especially computers. Jim and Marian were members of the Fremont and Omaha Ham Radio Clubs and enjoyed traveling together. They had the pleasure of visiting 49 states, only missing Hawaii. He was social, friendly and out-going with a tremendous sense of humor. Jim dearly loved his grandchildren and enjoyed attending their activities.

Jim passed away suddenly while on a family vacation cruise in Florida at the age of 75 years, 9 months and 24 days. He was preceded in death by his parents William and Jeanette. Jim is survived by his wife Marian; daughters Stephanie (Gerry) Bisailon and Nikki (Ed) Hobza; grandchildren Drake and Dryden Hobza and Kaitlyn and Lexi Bisailon all of Yutan;

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 16. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Reichmuth Funeral Home - Yutan
4th and Vine Street
Yutan, NE 68073

Family will receive friends

AUG 16. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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4th and Vine Street
Yutan, NE 68073

Service

AUG 17. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Yutan, NE
Yutan, NE 68073

Tribute Wall



“ *James William Thomas*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Carl Helsing - September 18, 2019 at 06:39 PM



Trip Jim and I took--somewhat impulsively---to go to Nebraska to get Marian--winter-1967

Carl Helsing - September 18, 2019 at 06:58 PM



On my Indiana farm---mother and brother-

Carl Helsing - September 18, 2019 at 07:01 PM



Car I later used to escort(pilot car)overdimension load's mostly across Illinois--and a few other state's--150,000 in 3 year's-

Carl Helsing - September 18, 2019 at 07:06 PM



(150,000 mile'sin 3 year's-on the road---in case you wondered--my mistake)

Carl Helsing - September 18, 2019 at 07:12 PM

CH

Jim and Marian used to stop over at Sauzer's truck stop in Schereville to talk to me once in a while--That was our escort office---where I waited for various load's U.S.-routes 30 and 41--once known as the world's busiest intersection-

Carl Helsing - September 18, 2019 at 07:16 PM

CH

“ Jim and I did a few thing's together. In january 1967 I bought a brand new Oldsmobile 442-(high performance Oldsmobile.)--I happened into a bar in Cedar Lake-Indiana-the owner of the bar was a member of a band my brother and I had in our own saloon in the town of Hebron-Indiana-Jim began to discuss the idea of having to go to Omaha to bring his wife back to Crown Point-Indiana. Well--we had \$20 cash between us there at !:a.m. in the morning---So I said--"let's go"---and off we we went to Omaha to get marian at her folk's farm. We traded off driving on I-80--about 2 hour's at a time--we got to Omaha --Council Bluff's early in the morning--(I remember it being a sunday)We stopped for a "pick-me-up drink at a bar there--then on to Yutan----Later of course--we went back to Indiana with Marian--we had slept overnight at Marian's folk's house---An old bartender's true story---Marian will verify it for you--

Carl Helsing - September 18, 2019 at 02:06 AM

DK

“ Our condolences to the family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Charles and Doris Karloff

Doris Karloff - August 17, 2019 at 02:56 PM



“ *Mrs. Fields Nibblers® Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of James William Thomas.*



August 16, 2019 at 07:15 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James William Thomas.*



August 16, 2019 at 08:04 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of James William Thomas.*



August 16, 2019 at 07:55 AM



“ *Joan, Doug, Carol, Daryl, PJ and Sherry purchased the Tranquil Seas for the family of James William Thomas.*



Joan, Doug, Carol, Daryl, PJ and Sherry - August 16, 2019 at 12:44 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of James William Thomas.



August 15, 2019 at 04:22 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of James William Thomas.



August 15, 2019 at 03:25 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of James William Thomas.



August 15, 2019 at 03:23 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet* was purchased for the family of James William Thomas.



August 15, 2019 at 01:48 PM

PW

“ Peter and Christine Windschmitt purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James William Thomas.



Peter and Christine Windschmitt - August 15, 2019 at 12:15 PM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of James William Thomas.



August 15, 2019 at 10:44 AM



“ Love's Tapestry was purchased for the family of James William Thomas.



August 15, 2019 at 10:42 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James William Thomas.



August 15, 2019 at 07:59 AM

MD

“ *Marcia Donahue purchased the Pretty Please for the family of James William Thomas.*



Marcia Donahue - August 15, 2019 at 07:48 AM

DL

“ *Daryl Lehnert purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of James William Thomas.*



Daryl Lehnert - August 14, 2019 at 08:38 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of James William Thomas.*



August 14, 2019 at 07:14 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James William Thomas.*



August 14, 2019 at 05:22 PM

BM

“ Jim was always a fun loving person. He took a lot of teasing about his sheep. Yutan was known as Ewetan in ham radio circles. I remember the time he hit a deer while driving to work in his new Ford Festiva and hitting a deer. As luck would have it, Jim was driving to work again in the newly repaired car and guess what? He hit another deer!. We enjoyed spending many hours with Jim and Marian at many ham radio functions, picnics and celebrating the Fourth of July fireworks at Rosenblatt Stadium in our backyard with friends. Jim was a one of a kind person and will never be forgotten. His favorite saying was "Trust Me". Rest In Peace, dear friend. Bill (KE0XQ) and Pat McCollum (KB0FSI), Omaha, NE.

Bill McCollum - August 14, 2019 at 10:07 AM