



James Joseph Thomas

March 10, 1950 - April 21, 2024

James Joseph Thomas, age 74 of Mattoon, IL passed away on Sunday, April 21, 2024, at his residence in Mattoon, IL.

A memorial service in his honor will be held at 11:00 AM, Saturday, May 25, 2024, at Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938. J. Thomas Olmsted is officiating. The visitation will be held from 10:00 AM until the time of service at the funeral home.

James was born on March 10, 1950, to the late James R. and Myrna M. (Janes) Thomas. He married Norma Dianne Thomas on December 9, 1979, in Mattoon, IL. She preceded him in death on January 22, 2020. He is survived by one son, James W. Thomas of Washington, IL; one sister, Marie (Thomas) Olmsted and husband Tom of Mattoon, IL; one granddaughter, Savannah Thomas of Washington, IL; one half-sister, Patricia Beals of Texas; one half-brother, Curtis Thomas and wife Sherry of Etna, IL; and several cousins.

James was a faithful member of Etna United Methodist Church of Etna, IL. He retired from Connor Company in Mattoon, IL. Prior to that he worked at Morton Buildings in Mattoon, IL. He was a member of Sons of The American Legion and the Dirt Track Racing Team.

An avid sports enthusiast, James stayed true to his home state of Illinois. He was a diehard Chicago Bears, Chicago Cubs and Fighting Illini fan. He was a dog lover and enjoyed playing his guitar, fishing, and playing in his pool league.

A loving father, grandfather, brother, cousin, and friend, James will be dearly

missed.

Please visit www.mitchell-jerdan.com or www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome to light a virtual candle in his honor or share a memory with the family.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 25. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ 27 files added to the album Life Tributes



Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home - May 18, 2024 at 08:24 PM

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“ This is Brent Schroeder. I worked with JT at Connor Company, and I think Central Wholesale. He was really liked by our customers, and he did a great job. He was so easy to talk to and be around. A good memory was all of us at Connor Mattoon branch went to St. Louis for the last game in the old Busch Stadium. JT was wandering how we could take a stadium seat, but that did not work out. He played some guitar, and I play the harmonica. We jammed after work a time or two. I will always remember JT with honor and respect, and a friend. God rest your soul JT. And God Bless JT`s family.

Brent Schroeder - May 04, 2024 at 11:05 AM

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“ May God Bless All of the Family . Jim And Dianne was such a good hearted couple I was Honored to know them. JOYCE Jackson Standley

Joyce Standley - April 26, 2024 at 09:37 AM