



## Larry "Joe" Thomas

November 4, 1945 - October 21, 2016

Mattoon, IL – Larry “Joe” Thomas, age 70, of Mattoon, IL, passed away at 11:55 p.m., Friday, October 21, 2016, at Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana, IL.

The funeral service in his honor will begin at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, October 27, 2016 at Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938, with Reverend Dr. John Calio officiating. Burial will take place at Dodge Grove Cemetery. Visitation will be Wednesday evening from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m., at the funeral home.

Born November 4, 1945, in Lerna, IL, Joe was the son of Vernon and Florence (Hightshoe) Thomas. He is survived by three children: Angela (Jim) Wood of Payson, IL, Joey (Heidi) Thomas of Cooks Mills, IL, and Nick (Mandy) Thomas of Mattoon, IL; two brothers, Bob (Barbara) Thomas of Charleston, IL, and Jim Thomas, also of Charleston, IL; one sister, Linda (Fred) Tapscott of Decatur, IL; eight grandchildren: Andrew and Megan Thomas of Mattoon, IL, Halli (Patrick) Tumilty of Oswego, IL, Joshua Wood of Lincoln Park, IL, and Benjamin Wood of St. Louis, MO, Joey (Christina) Thomas of Guam, Allec Thomas of Parkersburg, WV, Brianna Trainor of Cooks Mills, IL; and three great-grandchildren: Ryan, Caroline, and Cameron Tumilty; a sister in law, Connie Thomas of Florida; and a brother-in-law, Alan Hall of Florida. He also leaves many nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Vernon “Bud” Thomas; and one sister, Donna Hall. Joe was owner and operator of Joe’s Welding on North 33rd St. in Mattoon,

IL. He was also formerly employed by Blaw-Knox, Associated Springs, Trailmobile, Clinton Power Plant and had been a professional truck driver. He was a member of the Mattoon Moose and Eagles.

In addition to Joe's personal accomplishments and achievements, he enjoyed working on and repairing all things mechanical, gardening, and especially spending time with his family. He also enjoyed riding motorcycles and was an avid fan of NASCAR

Please visit [www.mitchell-jerdan.com](http://www.mitchell-jerdan.com) or [www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome](http://www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome) to light a virtual candle in his honor or share a memory with his family.

# Cemetery Details

## Dodge Grove Cemetery

917 North 22nd Street  
Mattoon, IL 61938

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **26**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home Ltd.  
1200 Wabash Ave  
Mattoon, IL 61938  
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## Service

OCT **27**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Larry "Joe" Thomas*

October 08, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“ *Randy Ingle lit a candle in memory of Larry "Joe" Thomas*



**Randy Ingle** - November 02, 2016 at 01:03 PM



“ *Joe has a great guy grew up with his kids across the field. So sorry for your loss prayers and thoughts send your way. Karen Hendrix*

**Karen Hendrix** - October 29, 2016 at 06:07 PM



“ *Your Unit purchased the Fruits and Blooms Basket for the family of Larry "Joe" Thomas.*



**Your Unit** - October 26, 2016 at 01:13 PM

TO

“ Joe Thomas was the kindest man one could ever meet. I met him some thirty years ago and the one thing that really sticks out in my mind is when we were dry walling his upstairs and trying to mud the seams. He made it look so easy, but when I tried it, oh my. I also remember helping him with a fish fry. We cooked a lot of fish that evening but it was fun. I am gonna miss that smile and those crystal blue eyes. My sympathy to the family and may he rest until we all meet again.

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**Terri Grim Oakley** - October 26, 2016 at 08:36 AM

BS

“ Barb, Charlene, Debbie, Patty, Jane A., Sandy, Syd purchased the Figurine - Angel of Grace for the family of Larry "Joe" Thomas.



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**Barb, Charlene, Debbie, Patty, Jane A., Sandy, Syd** - October 25, 2016 at 11:02 AM

LW

“ I'm Really Gonna Miss This Guy..We Had A lot Of Fun Together Over the Years ..Riding Motorcycles..Meeting For Breakfast At Millcreek And Then Go Riding..Joe Helped Out Each Year Getting The Meat Ready For the Labor Council Picnic..Going To The Races In Springfield..I Could Fill 10 Pages And Couldn't Cover It All..Gonna Miss Him..Great Guy..!!!

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**Lowell Wells** - October 25, 2016 at 06:27 AM