



Robert D. Thomas

May 16, 1928 - January 16, 2017

Dodgeville – Robert D. "Bob" Thomas, age 88, of Dodgeville, passed away on Monday, January 16, 2017 at Bloomfield Healthcare & Rehab Center.

He was born on May 16, 1928 in Dodgeville, the son of the late Willie H. and Emily (Jones) Thomas. He graduated from Dodgeville High School in 1945 and served in the U.S. Army from 1951-53. On August 27, 1955, he married Twila Helgeson. Bob took great interest in local government. He served as Ridgeway Town Chairman for 32 years, Iowa County Towns Association and as a Director of the Wisconsin Towns Association for 16 years. He was a 50 years member of Dodgeville Masonic Lodge, Past Patron of Eastern Star and a member of Mounds View Shrine.

When Bob retired from farming, he built and operated Tom's Campground in Dodgeville, where he enjoyed meeting and visiting with campers from all over. As a member of the tourist business, he served as a Director of the Hidden Valley Association.

Robert is survived by his wife Twila; his six children Mary (Jeff) Rohlinger of Fitchburg and their 2 children Spencer and Sterling; David Thomas of Blanchardville and Cindy Halma Thomas of Dodgeville and their children Dylan, Dalton and Dakota; Sarah (Mark) Weier of Dodgeville and their children Carl, Jillian and Tony; Joe (Diane) Thomas of Dodgeville and their children

Hannah, Kyle, Josiah and his daughter, Olivia and Allison (Kyle) Spease and their son, Clark; Nancy (David) Bradshaw of Oakdale, MN and their sons Will and Robert (Shakira); Katie (Pat) Ihm of Dodgeville and their children Emily (Nic) Kuehneman and their daughter Elsie, CJ and Ted; his sister Lois (Bob) Knudson of Mineral Point; other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his brothers Bill (Gladys) Thomas, Gordon Thomas and Spencer Thomas.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 21, 2017 at GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH in Ridgeway. Rev. Jim Droste will officiate. Burial will be held in East Side Cemetery in Dodgeville with Military Graveside Rites accorded by the Ridgeway American Legion. Friends may call from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Friday at the GORGEN-McGINLEY & AYERS FUNERAL HOME in Dodgeville where a Masonic Service will be held at 8:00 p.m. under the auspices of the Dodgeville Masonic Lodge No. 119 and from 10:00 a.m. until time of services on Saturday at the church.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorials be made to Grace United Methodist Church, Bloomfield Healthcare Center or The Masonic Dyslexia Fund.

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert D. Thomas*

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“ *Katie and family, Our deepest sympathies on the passing of your father. We won't be able to make it to wake or funeral but wanted you to know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Jack and Debbie Davis - April 28, 2018 at 01:29 AM



“ *I work with Josiah*

Mark Flannery - April 28, 2018 at 01:29 AM



“ *Twila and family, Won't be able to attend the service but wanted to extend our sympathy on Bob's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.*

Gunther Straubhaar - April 28, 2018 at 01:29 AM

RG

“ We'll remember Bob as he served the State be being a director on the board of directors for the Wisconsin Towns Association. He was a good friend

Richard and JoAnn Gimler - April 28, 2018 at 01:29 AM

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“ So sorry to hear of bobs passing. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and love him.

Jane Pfeiffer (nichols) - April 28, 2018 at 01:29 AM

BA

“ I am so blessed to have known both Bob and Twila serving on the Hidden Valleys tourism board. Bob was a true example of what community service truly is. I learned so much from him as I began to work in tourism. He lead by example and has left a beautiful legacy to all of us.

Bernie Arena - April 28, 2018 at 01:29 AM

MR

“ Katie and family--Our sympathy to you all during this difficult time. Fond memories of camping with our young boys at Tom's Campground and seeing a magical symphony of fireflies as darkness fell. Peace....

Mark and Luci Ramthun - April 28, 2018 at 01:29 AM

DN

“ So sorry to hear the news. Thinking of you and your family during this time.

Dana Neil - April 28, 2018 at 01:29 AM

DK

“ We are so sorry to hear of Bob's passing, will always remember the help he gave at the campground when we camped at the Tom's Campground many years ago. He always made sure we got our campers parked in the correct spot and set up. He was a very nice camp host and so friendly, always stopping during our stay to visit. Will be missed very much. Our prayers are with you at this time, Debbie, Sully and Sharon.

Debbie Kieffer - April 28, 2018 at 01:29 AM