



Robert "Bob" Eugene Thomas

January 26, 1932 - November 24, 2016

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Robert "Bob" Eugene Thomas, 84, of Brownstown, passed away unexpectedly at 10:22 a.m. Thursday, November 24, 2016 at his home. He was a veteran of the US Navy and a member of the Brownstown Presbyterian Church. He owned and operated Bob Thomas Chevrolet in Brownstown for 37 years. He was a member of the VFW of Seymour, a 55 year member of the Masonic Lodge of North Vernon and a member of the Shriner's in Indianapolis. He was a past member of the board of directors of The People's Bank and a past President of the Welfare Board of Jackson County. He graduated from North Vernon High School and attended University of Louisville for 2 years. He enjoyed auto racing and was a member of Al Unser, Jr's winning 500 team.

Mr. Thomas was born January 26, 1932 in North Vernon, IN to the late William Russell Thomas and Pearl Nocks Thomas. He married Ethel Holland Pierce on August 12, 1956 in North Vernon, IN and she preceded him in death on December 16, 1988. Together, they moved to Jackson County in 1968. Survivors include children, Margo Burnside of Freetown, Clifton Thomas of Vallonia, and Anne (Weldon) Carlin of Brownstown; grandchildren, Courtney Burnside, Jason & Ryan Burnside, Kara Thompson, Megan & Caitlin Thomas, Brooke, Hunter, & Chloe Carlin. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, and a sister, Winnie Buell.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, November 30th at 1:00 p.m. at the Brownstown Presbyterian Church. Friends may call Tuesday, November 29th at JOHNSON FUNERAL HOME from 5-9 p.m. and at the CHURCH Wednesday from noon until service time. Burial will take place at the Vernon Cemetery. Full Military Graveside

rites will be conducted. Memorial contributions may be given to the Donor's Choice.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.Johnsonfh.net

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Tribute Store - November 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM



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We sure will miss Bob! He was such a great man! I can remember going to the Chevy dealership with my Grandpa as a little girl, then buying my own cars from Bob to selling him motorcycles! Always enjoyed his great humor and spirit! Our thoughts and prayers to all of Bobs family!
Beth Mann and the Mann Family.

Beth Mann - November 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM



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Dear Cliff, Margo, and Annie,

Pearl and Russell were among my grandparents best friends. I sat with them in church hundreds of times as young lad and Russell shoed all of our ponies when we had a pony farm. I worked for Russell at the city park concession stand as a teenager.

I also knew Ethel Pierce before Bob did. The story was that when he returned from the Navy he asked my Dad (Gabby) who the available girls were and Gabby sent him in Ethel's direction. The rest was a real love story from my viewpoint. I remember when they married and moved to the Child's Addition where I grew up and then departed to college. I remember when each of you were born. Didn't have much contact from then until I graduated from law school and your Dad hired me as a young inexperienced attorney. I won't say that was a smart move but it was loyal as hell and we were always loyal to one another. I recall the last time I saw your parents together and I remember how happy they seemed.

Bob changed after your mother's death and I think he lived silently with a broken heart for a long time. We continued to see one another over the years and always loved one another's company because he could tell old war stories about our families. He never missed a Greathouse-related funeral regardless of the weather.

I shall miss his funeral as we will be away from the area and I will always and forever miss his love of our family and ours for his. I will never forget your father as I sit here alone and weep for the three of you and myself.

Sincerely,

Larry Greathouse



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