



Paul E. Thomas

January 14, 1925 - April 7, 2014

Paul Edward Thomas of Elmore City, Oklahoma was born to James and Allie (Brown) Thomas on January 14, 1925 in Branch, Arkansas and passed from this life on April 7, 2014 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma at the age of 89 years.

Paul grew up during the Great Depression in rural Oklahoma and attended school at Pernell and Burris High. It was during his early school years that he met Joanna Cross. On November 17, 1945, Paul married Joanna in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma. They would remain soul mates for the next 68 years.

At the age of 17 Paul joined the U. S. Navy to serve his country during World War II and remained in the military for 16 years. During the war he served onboard a sub chaser in the South Pacific, seeing action in numerous battles. After the war he was selected to serve onboard the Presidents Yacht during the Truman presidency. He served onboard a cruiser during the Korean war. As a communication specialist, Paul took his expertise to the U. S. Air Force for four additional years of service to his country.

After military life, Paul's career including working in the oil fields, manufacturing, agricultural, and construction trades. In the 1970's Paul started a storm cellar business and built seamless storm cellars across southern Oklahoma, which oddly enough was disrupted by a tornado that hit the family home and business in 1977.

Paul again moved back into public service as the director of transportation for the Pernell, Perry and Woodward school systems, ensuring safe and reliable transportation for thousands of students over 16 years. He retired from public

service in 1989.

Family was always a priority for Paul and Joanna, raising eight children including teachers, preachers, medical, military, and other service roles. The family now includes 22 grandchildren and 29 great-grandkids. Through these many years, Paul was a man of many talents. He was an inventor, musician, song writer, and writer. In his spare time he enjoyed fishing, trapping, hunting and Astrology.

Mr. Thomas is survived by:

His Wife: Joanna Thomas of the home

4 sons: David Thomas and Debbie of Velma, Oklahoma

Douglas Thomas and Debbie of Lone Jack, Missouri

Gregory Thomas of Perry, Oklahoma

Stanley Thomas and Melinda of Abilene, Kansas

3 daughters: Donna Rhea of Perkins, Oklahoma

Barbara Hardy and Mike of Round Rock, Texas

Saphronia Whaley and Bill of Newcastle, Oklahoma

1 sister: Pearl Odema Tomlinson

22 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild

Mr. Thomas was preceded in death by:

Son: Paul E. Thomas, Jr.

Daughter: Joanna Elaine Thomas

Parents: Jim and Allie Thomas

3 brothers: James Perry Thomas, Quillon Thomas and Glenn Thomas

Grandson: Tony Richardson

Great-Granddaughter: Brittney Pierce

Funeral services are scheduled for Saturday, April 12, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in the Shady Grove Church with Bill Whaley and Joe Terrell officiating. Interment will be in the Elmore City Cemetery under the direction of Wooster Funeral Home. You may send a condolence to the family at www.woosterfuneralhomes.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **10.** 10:00 AM - 4:30 PM (CT)

Wooster Funeral Home and Cremation Services (Elmore City)

105 S. Main

Elmore City, OK 73433

(405) 238-7574

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Visitation

APR **11.** 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Service

APR **12.** 2:00 PM (CT)

Shady Grove Church

6 miles West of Elmore on Hwy 29...go to Hwy 76 Y...at 4 lane, turn left, go 2 miles, turn right

at

Pernell, OK

Visitation

APR **12** 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Paul E. Thomas*

November 12, 2022 at 02:44 AM



“ *Barbara, I am sad to learn of the passing of your father. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Unfortunately, I cannot make the service but please let me know if I can do anything to help.*
Jeanetta McGee

Jeanetta McGee - April 11, 2014 at 09:44 AM



“ *Jeanetta McGee lit a candle in memory of Paul E. Thomas*



Jeanetta McGee - April 11, 2014 at 09:43 AM



“ *2 files added to the album New Album Name*



David Thomas - April 10, 2014 at 02:08 PM

LB

“ *LIZ WRIGHT BRENNEIS lit a candle in memory of Paul E. Thomas*



LIZ WRIGHT BRENNEIS - April 10, 2014 at 01:24 PM

AB

“ *To the family, sorry for your loss, you are not alone today, for other hearts feel sorrow, too, and search for words to comfort you. John 5:28,29 is very comforting. It says: " All those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out" God hates death, He views death as an enemy, 1 Corinthians 15:26 says: " He will bring the enemy death to nothing" so we have a hope and a promise of seeing our love ones again.*

Audrey Brown - April 10, 2014 at 08:07 AM

SW

“ *Saphronia Whaley lit a candle in memory of Paul E. Thomas*



Saphronia Whaley - April 09, 2014 at 09:55 PM

WW

“ *Wally Winter lit a candle in memory of Paul E. Thomas*



Wally Winter - April 09, 2014 at 06:45 PM

WW

“ Sorry I can't be there for the funeral I am in the Philippines for 2 months and will not return till late May, please know your in my thoughts and prayers today as you say your farewell to Paul. Love Cousin Wally

Wally Winter - April 09, 2014 at 06:45 PM

DR

“ Debbie Rodriguez lit a candle in memory of Paul E. Thomas



Debbie Rodriguez - April 09, 2014 at 04:10 PM

BM

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you. May God's love surround you with comfort.

Barbara Martin



Barbara Martin - April 09, 2014 at 03:50 PM

RT

“ ROY AND DESSIE TOMLINSON lit a candle in memory of Paul E. Thomas



ROY AND DESSIE TOMLINSON - April 08, 2014 at 05:10 PM