



Roger Lee Thomas

August 5, 1968 - January 31, 2022

Roger Lee Thomas, age 53, of Beacon, passed away Monday, January 31, 2022, at Mahaska Health Partnership in Oskaloosa.

Roger Lee Thomas, son of Jerry Lee and Lida Mae (Rumbaugh) Thomas, was born August 5, 1968, in Oskaloosa, Iowa. He attended Oskaloosa High School, where he graduated in 1987. One of his first jobs was at Pamida in the '80s. Later he was hired on at Mahaska Bottling. However, it was his job at Vermeer Corporation in Pella that gave him the most joy. Roger had 28 years of service as a saw operator there. Roger truly loved the people with whom he worked.

Roger's favorite hobby was collecting. He loved the excitement of a good deal. Roger was drawn to auctions, garage sales, and the Wal-Mart clearance aisle. The thrill of finding rare items led him to be a collector of all things, including cars, Penn fishing reels & equipment, and knives. His best find to date was a telescoping deep sea fishing pole with a giant 10" wide reel.

Roger also loved his family. He adored his grandbabies, who knew him by the name of "Papa." Roger was always spoiling them with cake and popsicles. He will be greatly missed.

Roger's family includes his daughter, Julia Thomas of Oskaloosa; granddaughters: Alex Johnston & Kayla Thomas of Oskaloosa. He is also survived by his brother, James (Cassie) Thomas of Beacon; step-siblings: Shannon Kridelbaugh of Pella, Echo Kridelbaugh of Oskaloosa, Shane Kridelbaugh (Shari Turk) of Harvey, MaryAlice (Ted) Green of Phoenix, AZ, Ricky Kridelbaugh of Beacon, and Treva (Dave) Sizemore of Mountain Grove, MO; Step-Mother, Diane Thomas of Oskaloosa, as well as many nieces and nephews; and a special friend, Kasey Fisher of Oskaloosa.

In addition to his parents, aunts, and uncles, Roger was preceded in death by his brother, Jerry Dean Thomas.

Funeral Services for Roger will be held at 10 a.m., Friday, February 4, 2022, at Langkamp Funeral Chapel in Oskaloosa, with Chaplin Kevin Glesener officiating. Burial will be in Beacon Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 2 p.m., Thursday at Langkamp Funeral Chapel; the family will be present from 4-6 p.m. to greet visitors. Memorials may be made in Roger's name for his grandchildren.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 3. 2:00 PM (CT)

Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory
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Family and Friends

FEB 3. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral

FEB 4. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Roger Lee Thomas*

October 05, 2023 at 11:57 PM

DR

“ *Dena Johnson Roorda lit a candle in memory of Roger Lee Thomas*



Dena Johnson Roorda - February 08, 2022 at 12:49 PM

JL

“ *Roger you will be missed, your positive attitude your life in general, he even has kids he like to joke around then as I was in maintenance department at Vermeer , He would always flag me over to adjust up on his machine and or just give me crap!*

*Rest in peace little man, now just sit back and guide us ! Through our journey of life you are definitely an Angel now that will help us all
Miss you Bro!*

Joe Lahvic - February 04, 2022 at 03:07 PM

IW

“ *Just started in plant 1 about six months ago. He made me feel like I belonged there by teasing like he does... Did... Told him he was my favourite one there just last week.*

Glad I got the chance.

Ian Westercamp - February 04, 2022 at 09:18 AM

LK

“ *Linda King lit a candle in memory of Roger Lee Thomas*



Linda King - February 03, 2022 at 08:36 PM

CC

“ *Carla Chambers lit a candle in memory of Roger Lee Thomas*



Carla Chambers - February 03, 2022 at 04:34 PM

JL

“ *Roger you are a nice sweet funny and joking person.... you will be greatly missed 🥺💔 Thinking of you. 🥺*



Jean Luzadder - February 03, 2022 at 02:33 PM

HL

“ *Roger was a good friend you could always count on. Alot of good memories. Gone but not forgotten.*



Harry & Loretta Luzadder - February 03, 2022 at 12:33 PM

BD

“ *Bud And Debbie lit a candle in memory of Roger Lee Thomas*



Bud and debbie - February 03, 2022 at 11:24 AM

AS

“ *My condolences to the family. I worked with Roger At Vermeer plant 1 I can honestly say There was never a dull moment talking and jokin with him. We could crack eachother up clear across the plant. After Leaving Vermeer I would often find him all over town on weekends at garage sales, auctions, tool or gun events from Greenway to the Speedway And even down at the county fair “mutton bustin” We would chew the fat for hours it seemed like. Well buddy I’ll miss you!!! i’ll still keep my eye out for BB guns and other good deals for you. Until we meet again my friend 🥺BBBBBBAAAAAAAAA🐏🐏🐏BBBBBBBAAAAAAAAA*

Adam Stanzel - February 03, 2022 at 03:00 AM

PS

“ *Paulette Schneider lit a candle in memory of Roger Lee Thomas*



Paulette Schneider - February 03, 2022 at 01:20 AM

TK

“ *I worked with Roger for several years . We all had a lot of good times together. A lot of laughs and smiles. He will be missed . Plant 1 won't be the same with out him. Praying for his family at this time.*

Tim Kauzlarich - February 02, 2022 at 09:10 PM

AF

“ *I really enjoyed working with Roger at Vermeer. He would always greet me with a smile and we joked and teased each other all the time. He was really good at his job and would do anything for anyone. I was saddened when I found out of his unexpected passing, he will be greatly missed. A great man. My deepest sympathies to his family. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*



Ann and Jimmy Flesher - February 02, 2022 at 08:12 PM

DP

“ *Debra Parton lit a candle in memory of Roger Lee Thomas*

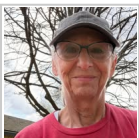


Debra Parton - February 02, 2022 at 05:47 PM

DP

Sending prayers for his family. So sorry for your loss.

Debra Parton - February 02, 2022 at 05:48 PM



“ *Roger will be missed at Vermeer! We had great fun together always kidding each other and lots of laughs. But whenever I needed him to do a rush job for me I could always count on him. I miss seeing him at work, we worked together for so many years. My sympathy to his family.*

Beth Dieleman - February 02, 2022 at 05:30 PM

SK

“ *I am so truly sorry for your loss he was a great man prayers to you and the family* ”



Stefani kell - February 02, 2022 at 01:59 PM

BD

So sorry Julia prayers for u and the girls

Bud and debbie - February 02, 2022 at 03:44 PM