



David Thomas

June 15, 1928 - May 30, 2012

Conway...David A. Thomas, age 83, of 11th Avenue, died Wednesday, May 30, 2012 surrounded by his loving family.

Mr. Thomas was born in Phoenixville, PA, a son of the late David B. Thomas and Caroline T. Wood Thomas. He was an Air Traffic Controller and Instructor for US Army Air Corp during WWII. Mr. Thomas received a BS in Forestry from Pennsylvania State University and was on the Indoor/Outdoor Track Team. He was employed with the United States Plywood Corporation from 1952-1969 as Production, Sales and Plant Management in Orangeburg, SC, Galveston, TX, and Charleston, SC. Mr. Thomas was Chief Juvenile Probation Officer and Personnel/Purchasing Manager for Horry County from 1969-1983, and worked with Grand Strand Water and Sewer Authority from 1983-1993 as Personnel/Purchasing Manager.

He was a member of First Baptist Church of Conway where he was a Deacon and Deacon Chair, Sunday School Director for 29 years, Sunday School Teacher for 16 years, and President of the Senior Adult Organization (B.A.L.L. Club) for 15 years. Mr. Thomas was a member of the Conway Lions Club where he was secretary for 29 years, President, Director and Membership Chair. He was also a member of South Carolina Lions where he was District Governor Dist. 32-C from 1997-1998, President of SC Lions in 2001. Mr. Thomas worked with the Waccamaw Center for Mental Health from 1996 to present, Board member for 15 years, Board Chair for 6 years, and also the SC School Districts from 1980-2000 as Contract Due Process Hearing Officer. He

was preceded in death by three brothers, Arthur W. Thomas, George H. Thomas, and Robert D. Thomas; and one sister, C. Beverly McIntyre. Surviving are: his wife of 58 years, Elva Forehand Thomas of Conway; two sons, Gary M. Thomas of Conway and Kenneth L. Thomas and wife Mary of Little River; one daughter, Betsy Thomas Greene of Conway; one sister, Fran Thomas of Surfside Beach; two grandchildren, Haydn and Ian Thomas. Funeral services will be held 11:00 AM Saturday at First Baptist Church with Dr. Robert Guffey and Rev. J. Anderson Bass, Jr. officiating. Burial will be private.

The family will receive friends after the service in the fellowship hall at the church.

Memorials may be sent to Leader Dogs for the Blind (Lions Club), 1039 S. Rochester Rd, Rochester Hills, MI 48307-3115 or to Lovell Weekday Ministry c/o First Baptist Church, 603 Elm Street, Conway, SC 29526.

Sign a guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Lakeside Cemetery

401 Lakewood Drive
Conway, SC 29526

Previous Events

Service

JUN 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church
Conway, SC

Tribute Wall

EH

“ You are in my thoughts and prayers. I loved David very much.
Love, Evelyn Hammond

Evelyn Hammond - June 14, 2012 at 03:15 PM

HG

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire family as your go through this period of adjustment. Lion David was an outstanding Lion leader and he will certainly be missed

Ann and Henry Gibson

Henry E gibson - June 05, 2012 at 03:39 PM

BN

“ We are very sorry for your loss. Dave was such a wonderful neighbor to us for these last years, unfailingly gracious, uplifting, and helpful. We will miss him.
Brian Nance & Eliza Glaze

Brian Nance - June 03, 2012 at 10:13 AM

GM

“ Gene & Alice McDowell lit a candle in memory of David Thomas



Gene & Alice McDowell - June 02, 2012 at 06:44 PM

BB

“ *Betsy, I'm so very sorry for your family's loss. Your dad sure knew how much you loved him and you'll always have precious memories. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
Love, Bonnie*

Bonnie Boehlke - June 01, 2012 at 02:20 PM

MC

“ *I an very sorry for your family's loss. I spoke with Dave on the phone several times during Fran's disability last year, but never had the pleasure of meeting him face to face.
With great sympathy, mildred cunningham*

mildred cunningham - June 01, 2012 at 01:11 PM

BS

“ *We learned with sadness of David's passing and send our deepest sympathy to the Thomas family. David was a servant leader at the highest level and he will be missed by all who knew and admired him. We are presently out of town and unable to attend the services. You are in our thoughts and prayers.
Betty and Bob Squatriglia
Conway*

Betty and Bob Squatriglia - June 01, 2012 at 12:43 PM

NB

“ Our deepest sympathy to you, Elva, and the whole family. Dave will be missed, but I am so glad that we had the privilege of calling him "friend." Our paths have crossed on several levels as I worked with him as he served on the Waccamaw Center Board and had the privilege of serving as a Board member with him after my own retirement from WCMH. And then there were all those good Sunday School lessons that he brought to our class -- the Sunshine Class of FBC. Also, my daughter, Kerry, worked with Dave at Grand Strand Water and Sewer and then I've had the privilege of singing with you, Elva, in FBC choir. So, I am feeling blessed to not only by Dave's friendship, but also by yours. Your faith is strong and I know God will provide the strength you need during the difficult days ahead.
Love & hugs, Ned & Jerry Black

Nedra Spears Black - May 31, 2012 at 10:31 PM

PT

“ Dear Aunt Elva - Please know how sorry we are to hear of Uncle Dave's passing. It has been so many years since we last saw you and I remember how we had a love of animals - and how we laughed at our cats. I'm also glad I spoke to him last year when I called you - it was a lovely conversation and I will never forget.
Love to you and your family.
Pat (Patty) & Tom Scaringi

Patricia Thomas - May 31, 2012 at 09:48 PM