



Russell Thomas

January 12, 1949 - February 1, 2024

Coleman Funeral Home of Olive Branch

William Russell Thomas, 75, passed away Thursday, February 1, 2024 at his home. Friends are invited to a visitation with the family on Friday, February 9, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. with a memorial service to follow at 11:00 a.m. at Coleman Funeral Home in Olive Branch. Pastors Casey Young and Tom Van Kempen of Compel Church will officiate. The interment will be held at West Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery at a later date.

Russell was born January 12, 1949 in Forrest City, AR. He honorably served our country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. After serving, he moved to Memphis, TN. He later opened his own company called Advance Automotive and ran it for twenty-three years. Russell was known as "Doc", because he was someone who could always fix things. He met and married the love of his life, Rosanne, and they were happily married for forty-four years. They were members of Compel Church in Southaven. Russell was a big Ole Miss fan and an avid league bowler for over forty-five years. Russell's passion was fishing. He was a member and former president of the Memphis Bass Club and St. Jude Bass Classic Tournament Director. Russell lived life to the fullest and will be missed by all who knew him.

Russell leaves behind his loving wife, Rosanne Thomas of Olive Branch; son,

Stephen Russell Thomas (Natalie) of Olive Branch; daughter, Stephanie Stevens (Michael) of Marion, AR; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; one sister and one brother.

Russell was preceded in death by his parents, Pete and Mary Thomas and one sister.

In lieu of traditional flowers, memorial contributions can be made in honor of William Russell Thomas to Desoto County Dream Center (<https://www.desotodreamcenter.org/>).

In honor of his service to our country, the flag of the United States Army will be flown at Coleman Funeral Home the day of the service.

Online condolences may be made on his Tribute Wall at www.colemanfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford created a Tribute Video in memory of Russell Thomas



Coleman Funeral Home - February 07, 2024 at 03:16 PM

MT

“ Mitchell and Tonya Thomas purchased the Full O f Love Bouquet for the family of Russell Thomas.



Mitchell and Tonya Thomas - February 09, 2024 at 09:41 AM

RB

“ Ransome and Debi Berry purchased the Peacefu l White Lilies Basket for the family of Russell Thomas.



Ransome and Debi Berry - February 08, 2024 at 04:09 PM

WR

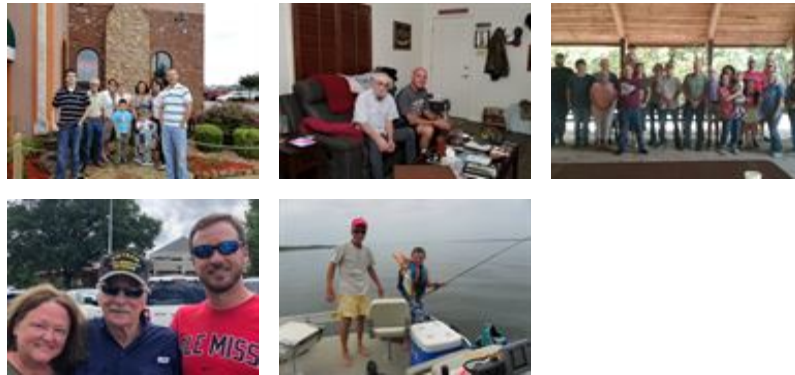
“ Wanda C. & Lisa R. purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Russell Thomas.



Wanda C. & Lisa R. - February 07, 2024 at 08:33 PM



“ 93 files added to the album Life Tributes



Coleman Funeral Home - February 07, 2024 at 03:19 PM

SM

“ Suzanne, John, Slater and Marlee purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Russell Thomas.



Suzanne, John, Slater and Marlee - February 07, 2024 at 09:13 AM

SM

“ Suzanne, John, Slater and Marlee planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Russell Thomas.

Suzanne, John, Slater and Marlee - February 07, 2024 at 09:13 AM

RS

“ Several of my fondest memories of Doc was that he and his family loved to go eat Mexican food at Cinco de Mayo. Whether it was Mexican Monday or Taco Tuesday, the whole family was there eating and laughing and having a good time. He loved his family and they loved him. So sorry for your loss. I'm out of town but hope to see y'all soon with a great big hug.

Rita Schelly - February 03, 2024 at 09:19 PM

WC

“ Rosanne, Heartbroken to hear this. Will keep you and the family in our hearts & prayers 💕

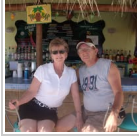
Wanda Christian - February 03, 2024 at 05:12 PM

WC

“ Wanda Christian sent a virtual gift in memory of Russell Thomas



Wanda Christian - February 03, 2024 at 05:08 PM



“ Roseanne... John and I are so sorry to hear this. I will never forget when we met you guys at Winchester Bowl. Y'all needed a bowler and I was there supporting John on his team. One of the first things Russell ever said to me was 'will you show up every week?' I told him I wasn't very good, but he didn't care. That was the beginning of a wonderful friendship that we will always cherish. We hate that we lost touch over the years but you guys will forever be special friends. Love, John and Sheila Bialek

Sheila Bialek - February 02, 2024 at 11:42 PM