

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

*He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he
leadeth me beside the still waters.*

*He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of
righteousness for his name's sake.*

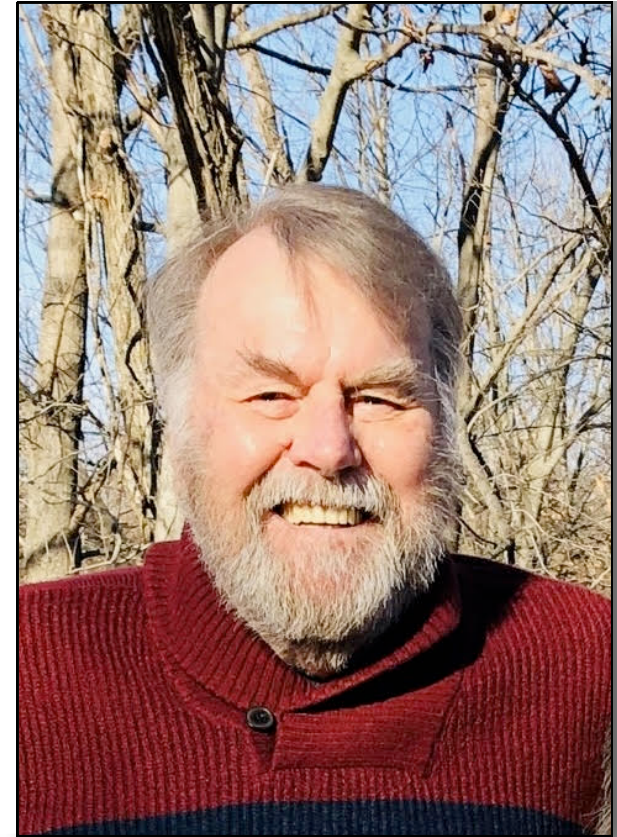
*Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of
death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod
and thy staff they comfort me.*

*Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine
enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup
runneth over.*

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the
days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the
Lord forever.*



CELEBRATING
the wonderful life of



Jimmy Denton Thomas
April 22, 1935 - January 24, 2024



Obituary

Jimmy Denton Thomas, of Okmulgee, Oklahoma, passed away at his home on Wednesday, January 24, 2024, at the age of 88. Jim was born on April 22, 1935 in Paris, Arkansas alongside his twin brother, Benny, to Robert Fay and Norma Pansy (Cooper) Thomas.

At the age of 4, Jim's journey took his family from Arkansas to California where he spent most of his formative years, eventually returning to Paris, Arkansas where he graduated high school.

Jim's life was marked by a deep sense of duty and he proudly served our country in the United States National Guard at Fort Chaffee, AR.

An avid lover of all things sports, Jim can be remembered as having coached his son's little league baseball teams, refereeing the high school basketball games, running the chains during the high school football games, as well as playing softball well into his 50s. Additionally, Jimmy was a proud lifetime member of the Okmulgee Elks Lodge.


Jim's career started with the United States Forestry Service and continued as a surveyor for the United States Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service where he retired after 30 years. He then went to work for the State of Oklahoma Conservation Commission Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation (AML) Program as a field inspector until he again retired.

Jim found love with his wife of over 40 years, Lillian F. Thomas, whom he married on February 12, 1982.

In his retirement, through his wife Lillian, he became involved in various activities and organizations within the Muscogee (Creek) Nation including volunteering to work at the Senior Citizens Gift Shop, driving the van for the Elder Services field trips, volunteering at several Education Services challenge bowls, and participating with his wife in the walking program. In addition, he had a host of friends at the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Nutrition Center where he and Lillian ate lunch daily.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Robert Fay and Norma (Cooper) Thomas, his twin brother, Benny Lenton Thomas, and his eldest son, Dean Keith ("Deke") Thomas.

He leaves behind a legacy of cherished memories with his devoted family, wife Lillian Thomas, son Michael Thomas and his wife Teresa, daughter Renae Raburn and her husband Perry, daughter Shelley Aary and her husband Doug, daughter Roberta Lynn "Robbie" Thomas, step-daughter Natalie Garrett, step-daughter Lila Garrett, grandchildren Jeremy Thomas, Chris Thomas, Eden Pettus and her husband Dustin, Jesse Bear, Sean Raburn, Haley Raburn, J.T. Binning, Elliott Garrett, and a host of great-grandchildren and other loving relatives.



In Loving Memory

Jim Thomas

ENTERED INTO LIFE

April 22, 1935

Paris, Arkansas

ENTERED INTO REST

January 24, 2024

Okmulgee, Oklahoma



FUNERAL SERVICE

1:00 PM, January 29, 2024

Schaudt Okmulgee Funeral Service Chapel

220 S Alabama Ave
Okmulgee, OK 74447

OFFICIANT

Pastor Jordan Kanuho

INTERMENT

Okmulgee Cemetery

MUSIC

Students from the Creek Language
Master Apprentice Program at the Tribal College



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