



Tommy Dean Thomas

May 30, 1947 - June 24, 2025

Tommy Dean Thomas, 78, of Rose Hill, Virginia, passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by family on June 24, 2025. He was born on May 30, 1947, in Irvine, Kentucky, to the late Gardner Thomas and Stella Clay Hambrick Thomas.

A devoted husband, Tommy, shared 57 wonderful years of marriage with his cherished wife, Modena Edmonson Thomas. Together, they built a loving family and a life grounded in faith and service. He was a proud father to Jennifer (David) Allen, Anthony (Becky) Thomas, and Micah (Lisa) Thomas. His legacy continues through his grandchildren—Kayla (Robert) Lair, Corey (Latasha) Allen, and Alexander Allen—and great-grandchildren Rex Thomas Lair, Tanner Warren, Brantley Warren, and Leighton Lopresto.

Tommy dedicated his life to serving others, both as a pastor and a social worker. He was ordained into the ministry at Providence Baptist Church in 1974 and remained faithful to God throughout his life, serving as Pastor of numerous churches. He also had a very fulfilling career with the Virginia Department of Social Services, from which he retired at the age of 72. He pursued his theological education at Clear Creek Baptist Bible College and furthered his studies at Lincoln Memorial University (LMU), earning his Bachelor of Social Work Degree.

A proud veteran, Tommy served his country honorably in the United States Army from 1966 to 1969.

In addition to his wife, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, he is survived by his siblings: his twin brother Tony (Joyce) Thomas, of Irvine, KY, his brothers, Gardner Thomas Jr. of Louisiana, Tracy Thomas of Irvine, KY, and Travis (Carol) Thomas of Nicholasville, KY, his sisters Carolyn Stepp, Alice Webb, and Marlene Webb, all of Irvine, KY, his sister-in-laws Brenda King of Rose Hill Virginia and Joanne Thomas of Hamilton, Ohio, brother-in-law Paul Cowan of Port Orange Florida, and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brothers Wayne, Elmer, and Charles Thomas, his sister Thelma Cowan, his sisters-in-law Patricia, June, and Opal Thomas, and his brothers-in-law Bill Stepp and Roy Webb.

Tommy wanted everyone to hear the good news about Jesus Christ and longed for everyone he met to come to know the Lord as their Savior. He also came to understand the importance of donating blood during his treatment journey and would ask if you could donate; please do so as often as possible to help the numerous others requiring those lifesaving donations.

Tommy will be remembered for his unwavering faith, his kind and generous spirit, and the deep love he had for his family and church. His life was a testament to service, humility, and grace.

Services will be held at Providence Baptist Church in Irvine, KY. A visitation will be held on Saturday, June 28, 2025, from 12:30 PM to 2:30 PM, with funeral services immediately following at 2:30 PM. He will be laid to rest in Turpin Cemetery.

Online condolences may be sent by visiting, www.RobinetteFuneralHomes.com.

Robinette Funeral Home of Rose Hill, VA and Toler Funeral Home of Irvine, KY are serving the Thomas family.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **28**. 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Providence Baptist Church
1115 Winston Road
Winston, KY 40336

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

PA

“ Prayers for the Tommy family.



Patsy Adkins - June 27, 2025 at 05:02 PM

BM

“ Tommy Thomas was a past pastor at Macedonia Baptist Church at Levee several years ago. He was always so nice. First pastor I ever had to wear cowboy boots to Church. Nice Guy and nice family. Sorry for your loss. Brenda Murphy



Brenda G Murphy - June 27, 2025 at 12:17 AM

GT

“ Gardner Thomas, Jr and Frank Thomas purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Tommy Dean Thomas.



Gardner Thomas, Jr and Frank Thomas - June 26, 2025 at 04:36 PM

GT

“ Gardner Thomas, Jr and Frank Thomas planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Tommy Dean Thomas.

Gardner Thomas, Jr and Frank Thomas - June 26, 2025 at 04:36 PM

SW

“ He was my family's pastor for a short period of time and we really thought a lot of him and his family!!

Sarah Willoughby - June 26, 2025 at 04:04 PM

RT

“ He was our neighbor for 15 years. We couldn't ask for a better one. When it would snow he would plow me out. Our loss is Heavens gain. Love and prayers for Modena and family.

Rose Taylor - June 26, 2025 at 12:33 PM

PC

“ So sorry for you loss! Tommy and I worked together!

Paulette Calton - June 26, 2025 at 07:39 AM

SL

“ Such a blessing to have been granted the honor of knowing this sweet man. Prayers to his family and friends at this difficult time. Tommy will be missed.

Sally Lewis

Sally Lewis - June 25, 2025 at 09:36 PM

TD

“ Such a great privilege to know and work with this man. He was precious. Prayers for his family and friends.



Tamara Deirth - June 25, 2025 at 05:05 PM

LB

“ *Worked with Tommy at social services. so sorry for your loss.*

loretta Blanken - June 25, 2025 at 05:05 PM

TA

“ *Tinker Anderson lit a candle in memory of
Tommy Dean Thomas*



Tinker Anderson - June 25, 2025 at 04:42 PM