



Elton Thomas

October 18, 1933 - November 13, 2007

Elton Thomas, age 74 and a resident of Franklinton died at 1 AM Tuesday, November 13, 2007 at his residence. Elton was a well-known businessman, a cattleman, and owner of Circle T Farm Supply Company in Franklinton for over 20 years. He was a former employee of Crown Zellerbach Corporation in Bogalusa, as well as S and M Fertilizer and Seed Company in Franklinton. He was a member of Bethel Baptist Church, a former Board Director of Hancock Bank, a member of the Franklinton Chamber of Commerce, treasurer of the Washington Parish Cattleman's Association, and an active member of MCCA Mardi Gras Krewe of Bogalusa. He was a Past Master of the Center Lodge No. 244, having recently been honored by receiving his fifty-year pin at a ceremony held in Bogalusa. He was a Past Master of Masonic Lodge 101 in Franklinton and Past District Deputy of Grand Lodge, State of Louisiana. Survived by: Wife: Violeta Samamud Alvarez Thomas of Franklinton, 1 Son and daughter in law: Byron Dean and Becky M. Thomas of Franklinton, 1 Daughter and son in law: Judy Thomas and Dr. Bill Devillier of Hattiesburg, 4 Grandchildren and spouses: Kevin and Jenny Routzahn, Kyle and Angela Routzahn, Crystal and William Barber, Patches Thomas, 4 Great grandchildren: Brittany, Shelby Lynn and Tommy Routzahn, Madison Barber, 3 Step Grandchildren: Austin, Tyler and Whitney Varnado, 2 Brothers and sisters in law: Edward and Paula Cothorn of Georgia, Gary D. and Betty Thomas of Bogalusa, 3 Sisters and brothers in law: Frankie Thomas and Ben Nichols of Bogalusa, Linda Thomas and Milford Walker of Geismer, LA, Betty

Thomas and Frank Morgan of Baton Rouge, Special Aunts and Uncles: Mabel George, Vernon Thomas, George Earl Thomas all of Bogalusa, Numerous nieces and nephews

He was preceded in death by his parents Archie and Zula Thomas, grandparents Meacy and Ephriam Thomas and a brother Wilbur Holden.

Visitation will be at Crain Funeral Home from 5 PM until 9 PM Wednesday, November 14, 2007 with a Masonic Service to be held at 7 PM. Visitation will continue after 9 AM Thursday, November 15, 2007. A funeral service will be held at 2 PM Thursday, November 15, 2007 in the funeral home chapel with Rev. Kyle Routzahn and Rev. Gene Whitley officiating. Burial will follow in the Plainview Baptist Church Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Community Care Hospice, Hospice of St. Tammany or Bethel Baptist Church.

Tribute Wall

PA

“ Dear Dean and Family: I am so sorry to hear about your father. Mr. Elton was a wonderful person. May God bless you and your family during this time.

Pam Ashby - November 17, 2007 at 02:49 PM

SB

“ The breakfast gatherings will not be the same without Elton and even though I was not always there, never did a Sunday go by that at that certain time I knew "the boys" were gathering at Aunt Mabel's home. May God wrap his loving arms around you at this time of sorrow. Love, Sylvia, Binky, Walt and Becky Braud

Sylvia Braud - November 17, 2007 at 01:39 PM

SB

“ Elton Thomas

Sylvia Braud - November 17, 2007 at 01:34 PM

HT

“ I'll always have fond memories of visiting with Elton on Grandma's front porch in Plainview. Of course, there were also the cows and the turnips! Pam and I send our deepest sympathies to the rest of the family on this very sad occasion.

Harry and Pam Thomas - November 16, 2007 at 01:52 PM

MG

“ Our Uncle Elton will be missed. His big heart, his kind gentle nature and a remarkable resemblance to my grandpa Archie will always be remembered. He is thought of wearing a big smile with a funny story to share and as a little girl a big charming man who bit me on the ear!

Austen and I will always cherish the memories of our recent trip "home" and the time that we shared with our Thomas family. Austen will never forget his first time behind the wheel of a car, an experience that was made possible by his Uncle Elton.

Our fond memories will shine on our faces and in our hearts. This man of statue, our uncle "The Mayor" will always hold a special place. Our hearts break for Violetta and the Thomas (our) family. You are all with us! We love you! Michelle, Austen and G

Michelle, Austen and G - November 15, 2007 at 02:52 PM

RI

“ Dean & Family, May God be with you during this difficult time. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Love, Rickey & Karen

Rickey & Karen Ingram - November 14, 2007 at 08:08 AM

BM

“ Violeta, although no words of sympathy can ease the loss you bear. May the Lord's hands of compassion and love and his guiding light from above. shine down upon you and give you strength during this time.

Bill and LaDonice Meyer - November 13, 2007 at 05:15 PM

WK

“ Dear Violeta, Judy and Dean, We are deeply grieved over the loss of Elton. He meant so much to so many. He had a way of making you think you were the most important person in the world when he greeted you. He will be sorely missed in the whole parish. May God keep you and comfort you in your time of great sorrow. We love you.
Love,
Wayne, Sallie & Russell

Wayne & Sallie Knight and Russell Knight - November 13, 2007 at 04:41 PM

KA

“ Remembering you in our thoughts and prayers.

Kevin & Cindy Allen - November 13, 2007 at 02:37 PM

LS

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family,

Lib Scheuermann - November 13, 2007 at 12:30 PM

TL

“ Violeta,
Bridgett and I express our deepest condolences for your loss. We enjoyed Elton's company and hospitality during our ten years in Franklinton. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Tom & Bridgett

Tom & Bridgett Lewis - November 13, 2007 at 11:01 AM