



Thomas Thonebe

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Lakeland - Thomas August Thonebe 85 was reunited in heaven with the love of his life Judy on March 30, 2021.

He was born on November 16, 1935 to Margaret Helen Beal & August Thonebe in Hempstead, NY. He moved to Lakeland, FL as a young boy. He received diplomas from Lakeland Sr High School, Polk Community College, and St. Leo University. He was twelve credit hours shy of receiving his master's degree in Criminal Justice from Rollins College.

Throughout his college years he remained on the Dean's honor roll. Thomas met his wife Judy of 63 years in ninth grade, after high school graduation they married on Sept 2, 1955 and began their married life.

He joined the Army National Guard in December of 1952 and served for eight years. In July of 1961 he began his career as a City of Lakeland Police Officer, where he was a Sergeant and later on promoted to Sr Sergeant.

During his time with LPD he trained with the FBI in Hostage Negotiation & Civil Defense in Radiological Monitoring & Hazardous Waste Operations & Emergency Response.

As a LPD officer he was very involved and cared deeply for the community and citizens of Lakeland which he served proudly. Thomas retired from LPD in June of 1990 after serving with great pride & dedication for 30 years. After retiring from LPD he worked as a security officer at Lakeland Regional Medical Center from 1994-2010.

He became a crossing guard for the Polk County Sheriff's Department in January 2014 until his death. He was a member of First United Methodist Church, Perpetual Member of Masonic Lodge Polk #345 F. & A.M. & Lakeland Lodge # 91, Scottish Rite, YorkRite, Egypt Shrine Temple, &



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Lakeland Elks Lodge #1291. He served proudly as a Scout Master of the Crystal Lake area and was VP of Lakeland High School Football Booster Club from 1982-1984.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his loving wife Judy passed in May of 2019. He is survived by his loving family, children, Douglas Thonebe (Lisa), Cheryl Thonebe Whitt (Eric); grandchildren, Kristin Thonebe Brockman (Jayme) Kody Thonebe; great granddaughter Madison; sister-in-law Rosemary Haworth. Along with many nieces, nephews, cousins and loving friends.



Events

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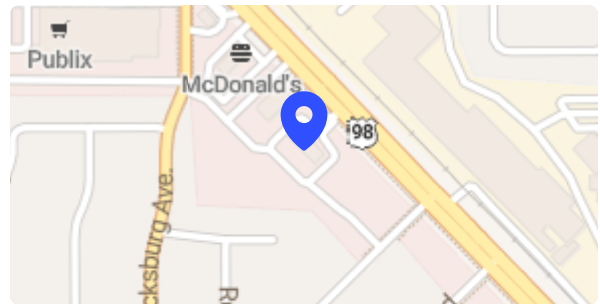
Visitation

 **Tuesday**, April 13, 2021

 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

 **Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - Southside Chapel**

1727 Bartow Road, Lakeland FL 33801



Funeral Service

 **Wednesday**, April 14, 2021

 11:00 AM ET

 **First United Methodist Church**

72 Lake Morton Drive, Lakeland FL 33801





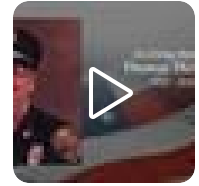
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Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes shared a **Video**.

April 8 at 1:02 PM



Anonymous sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Thonebe family.

April 14 at 3:20 AM



Anonymous sent a Days of Sunshine Bouquet to the Thonebe family.

April 13 at 8:04 AM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Thonebe family.

April 12 at 4:48 PM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Thonebe family.

April 12 at 1:45 PM



Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Thonebe family.

April 12 at 1:33 PM





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SU

Susan sent a Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant to the Thonebe family.

April 12 at 12:40 PM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Thonebe family.

April 12 at 9:34 AM



YF

Your Pratt & Whitney Family sent a Sacred Duty Spray to the Thonebe family.

April 12 at 4:29 AM



RB

Rick Beale posted:

On behalf of the Beale family, I want to express our condolences on the loss of a fine man. Our fathers worked together for many years, and we all grew up near one another along with others in the LPD family, in the Lake Bonny Heights neighborhood.

April 10 at 7:26 AM

JF

Janet Hughes Franson posted:

To the family- Sgt. Thonebe always watched out for me, even when I didn't like it! I was very independent ! Later tho, I realized he watched over all his "troops" and we were glad for it. Rest easy BROTHER, your work here is done

April 9 at 6:05 AM

CH

Carole Histed April 11 at 3:43 PM

Bob and I had such wonderful times with Tom and Judy over the years. We attended many meetings together, such as meetings of the Order of The Eastern Star and Masonic gatherings. I played the piano for their 50th wedding anniversary and the song they chose was, "The Boy Next Door," which was their song. I just returned home three days ago from rehab after falling and breaking my hip and elbow on Feb. 19. I will be thinking of the whole family. Carole Histed



Media

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Thomas by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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