



Leon E. Thomas Sr.

November 26, 1938 - April 8, 2019

KNOX-Leon E. Thomas Sr., 80, passed away Monday, April 8, 2019 at Porter Regional Hospital, Valparaiso, IN.

Leon was born November 26, 1938 in LaPorte, IN to Ora and Edna Mae (Shinabarger) Thomas and lived in the area all of his life.

On October 16, 1986 in Hamlet, IN, he was married to Marianna Shingledecker, who preceded him in death in 2006. He was also preceded in death by his parents; son, Daniel; step-son, Evan Fain; granddaughter, Stephanie Thomas; great-grandson, Zachary Bielinski; one brother; and one sister.

Survivors include one son, Leon (Tieesha) Thomas Jr. of South Bend; three daughters, Elizabeth Beauchamp of Knox, Debra (Ed) Cunningham of Knox and Ritta (Tim) Brettin of Sherrills Ford, NC; five step-children, Rick (Cheryl) Fain of Missouri, Ron (Karen) Van Dusen of Plymouth, Chuck (Cassandra Avery) Green of Hamlet, Bruce Hubbard of Knox and Misty Goetz of Valparaiso; 29 grandchildren; and 35 great-grandchildren.

Leon was retired from Bethlehem Steel at Burns Harbor. He was a member of the Power of the Past Tractor Club of Valparaiso and a former member of the Valparaiso Moose Lodge.

Funeral services will be Friday, April 12, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. CDT at Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel. Burial will follow at the Fletcher Cemetery, Hamlet. Visitation will be Friday at the funeral home from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. CDT. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to Rannells

Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Fletcher Cemetery

700 E
Hamlet, IN 46532

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 12. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Rannells Funeral Home - Hamlet Chapel
102 W. Davis Street
Hamlet, IN 46532
(574) 867-3321
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<https://www.rannellsfuneralhome.com>

Service

APR 12. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ To Elizabeth and family, my Sincere condolences on the loss of your dad. Thinking of you, and keeping you in my prayers.
I went to school with Liz. :)
Susie Rowles



susie Rowles - May 02, 2019 at 09:06 AM

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“ I will always love you G.P. i will miss you RIP

ambria - April 15, 2019 at 10:37 AM

TF

“ We are sorry to about Leons passing and your family are in our thoughts. Mike & Tracie Flagg and Edward Grush

Tracie Flagg - April 13, 2019 at 04:08 PM

JB

“ It was an honor to work with you. We had a lot of laughs over the years. Rest in peace my friend.

John (Smiley) Burton - April 12, 2019 at 09:12 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Leon E. Thomas Sr..



April 11, 2019 at 08:12 AM