



## Ronnie Thomas

July 10, 1946 - April 5, 2019

Ronnie Thomas, age 72 of Rensselaer, passed away Friday, April 5, 2019 at home. He was born July 10, 1946 in Corsicana, TX the son of Willie O. and Hazel M. (Herring) Thomas.

After high school, Ronnie proudly served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam. He married Brenda Aldrich on October 10, 1980 in Hammond, Indiana. Ronnie was a sales representative at Vineyard Furniture, from which he retired. He attended the Nazarene Church in DeMotte, was a member of the DAV, and supporter of the NRA.

Ronnie is survived by his father: Willie Thomas of Bossier City, LA; wife: Brenda Thomas of Rensselaer, IN; children: Ginger Ragan of Urbanna, VA; Jennifer (Ryan) Dillard of Kansas City, MO; Justin (Rachael) Thomas of Lakeland, FL; 2 grandchildren: Caleb Dillard and Noah Thomas; sister: Connie (Doug) Williams of Haughton, LA.

Ronnie was preceded in death by his mother, 5 children, and one brother.

Friends may call on Sunday, April 14, 2019 from 12:00 to 2:00 PM at the First Church of the Nazarene, DeMotte. A Celebration of Life will follow at 2:00 PM with military honors.

Memorial contributions may be made to Operation Heal Our Patriots at PO Box 3000 Boone, NC 28607. To share a memory with the Thomas family, please visit [www.jacksonfuneral.com](http://www.jacksonfuneral.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 14. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

DeMotte First Church of the Nazarene  
5780 IN-10  
DeMotte, IN 46310  
(219) 987-5225

## Celebration of Life

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Ronnie Thomas*



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**Jackson Funeral Chapels** - April 11, 2019 at 03:28 PM

BP

“ *Brenda and family, I am so sorry for your separation from Ronnie, for a season. I know you are holding tightly to our Saviour's hand and his promise that you will see him again. Remember, God said that the death of his saints is precious. God is and always will be your strength in your sadness, and the rest of your life. What a blessing it will be when you are finally reunited in God's beautiful heaven. I love you my friend and am so blessed by our Lord to have you as my friend and precious Sister in Christ. I am praying for you and your family. You are a blessing to me and for many years to come.* 🙏🙏🙏🙏

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**Beverly Phillips** - April 21, 2019 at 09:19 PM

JB

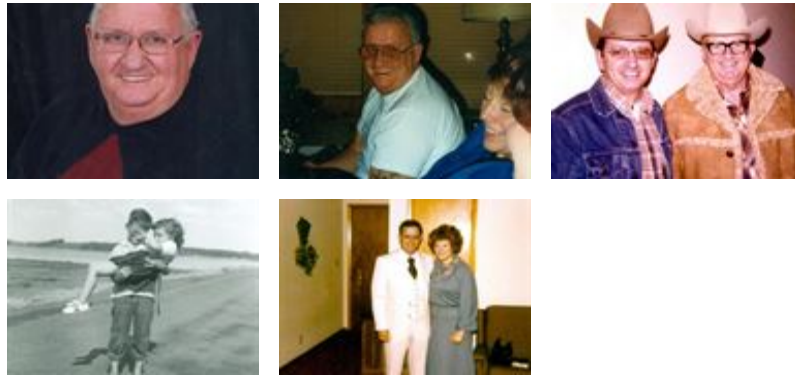
“ *Dear Brenda. Mary Boles and Sherry Powell send you all our love and prayers. We cherish our memories of you and Ronnie. Love you very much.*

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**james boles** - April 15, 2019 at 12:33 PM



“ 63 files added to the album Life Tributes



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**Jackson Funeral Chapels** - April 11, 2019 at 01:53 PM

TC

*As a year has passed since Ronnie left behind, I think of Ronnie often and miss our camaraderie. Until we meet again Brother, we carry on the Brotherhood.*

*Our love to the family. Tom and Marcy Cooper.*

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**Tom Cooper** - April 05, 2020 at 07:56 AM

TC

“ *As a past commander of Disabled American Veterans and a member of Dr. Ballenger's VA PTSD group with Ronnie, we had many memorable conversations and get togethers.*

*I will miss our frequent phone calls. Rest in peace my Brother, until we meet again.*

*Prayers for the family.*

*Tom and Marcy Cooper*

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**Tom Cooper** - April 11, 2019 at 08:22 AM



“ 1 file added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Jackson Funeral Chapels** - April 10, 2019 at 01:21 PM

KH

“ After making gravy (others brought biscuits) for Father's day at church a few years ago, I received a call from Ronnie to get the recipe for the gravy he had enjoyed.

*After telling him the biscuits were frozen ones and the gravy came from Gordon Foods and you just add water, he said, "I am so surprised at you!"*

*Still makes me laugh. Then he talked about his 'soppin' gravy from his childhood.*

*Hoping you get real 'soppin' gravy in heaven!*

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**Kathy Hancock** - April 09, 2019 at 10:51 PM

BP

“ Brenda, sweet friend, I am praying for you and Jen and the children. May God comfort and hold your hands through this tough time and give you his peace and love as only he can do. May you take comfort in the faith you have in Jesus, that he is with him and in a little while, you all will be together again. I love you my friend, and I am only a phone call away, if you need to talk and someone to listen. Continued prayers that Jesus will be your peace and comfort now and always. 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏

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**Beverly Phillips** - April 09, 2019 at 12:17 PM

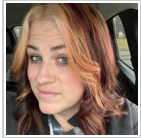


“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ronnie Thomas.*



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April 09, 2019 at 11:19 AM



“ *Thinking of you Mrs. Thomas, Jenn, Justin, and family.*



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**Caressa Ruthenberg** - April 08, 2019 at 10:11 PM



“ *Sending our Love, hugs and prayers....Arlonne & Stan Strength for you Brenda....*

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**Arlonne Livengood** - April 08, 2019 at 08:09 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ronnie Thomas.*



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April 08, 2019 at 07:09 PM