



Thomas Walter Ricketts

March 14, 1943 - June 14, 2025

Thomas Walter Ricketts 82, of Lake Village, Indiana passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family. He was born on March 14, 1943, to Thomas and Harriet Ricketts in East Chicago, Indiana. Thomas married Diane Beyers in 1971. They had a loving 53 years together.

As a devoted husband to Diane, their love and companionship were the foundation of their family. Together, they raised 2 children, instilling in them values of integrity, hard work, and faith. He was an avid outdoorsman and enthusiast. Hunting, RC flying, drag racing, and NASCAR were some things he had a passion for. When Thomas was not hunting or racing he also loved attending classic car shows and bluegrass festivals. He shared his home with many dogs over the years, each one a cherished companion and part of the family. Thomas was a devoted member of the Pentecostal Church of God in Wheatfield, living his faith daily and inspiring those around him with his kindness and honesty.

Thomas will be remembered for his big personality, guitar picking, unwavering loyalty, and the love he shared with his family and friends. He leaves behind a legacy of courage, passion, and unwavering faith.

He is survived by his wife, Diane Ricketts; children, Brad(Paula) Ricketts, and Sarah (Ronnie) Gray; grandchildren, Elizabeth, Taylor, Alex, and Devin,

greatgrandchildren, Kinslee and Oaklynn

Thomas was preceded in death by his parents Thomas and Harriet Ricketts, his daughter Kathleen, and grandson Joshua.

A visitation will be held at Jackson Funeral Service in Demotte, Indiana on Thursday, June 19, 2025 from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM. Funeral services will begin at 11:00AM Friday, June 20, 2025 at Pentecostal Church of God in Wheatfield, with burial to follow at Wheatfield Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the family.

Cemetery Details

Wheatfield Cemetery

12285 N In 49
Wheatfield, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **19**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Service of DeMotte
200 3rd Street, SW
P.O. Box 681
DeMotte, IN 46310
(219) 987-5300
info@jacksonfuneral.com
<https://www.jacksonfuneral.com>

Funeral Service

JUN **20**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Pentecostal Church of God - Wheatfield
11150 State Rd. 49
Wheatfield, IN

Graveside Services

JUN **20** (CT)

Wheatfield Cemetery

12285 N In 49

Wheatfield, IN

Tribute Wall



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



Jackson Funeral Chapels - June 16, 2025 at 02:50 PM

SZ

“ *Sarah Zak lit a candle in memory of Thomas Walter Ricketts*



Sarah Zak - June 19, 2025 at 12:02 PM

SG

“ *Sarah Gray lit a candle in memory of Thomas Walter Ricketts*



Sarah Gray - June 18, 2025 at 01:57 PM

TB

“ *The Gray's and Becker's purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Thomas Walter Ricketts.*



The Gray's and Becker's - June 17, 2025 at 01:03 PM



“ *2 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Jackson Funeral Chapels - June 17, 2025 at 09:20 AM



“ *111 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Jackson Funeral Chapels - June 16, 2025 at 02:49 PM