



George E. Thomas

January 16, 1931 - December 24, 2017

NORFOLK -- Memorial service for George E. Thomas, 86, of Norfolk will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, January 6, 2018 at the Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk with a private family burial at a later date. Officiate will be Rev. Terry Buol. Military rites will be conducted by American Legion Tomek Otto Post 72 of Pierce and the U.S. Army Honors Guard.

George died Sunday, December 24, 2017 at the Elms Health Care Center in Ponca.

Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk is in charge of the arrangements.

Born Jan. 16, 1931, in Plainview, he was the son of George and Freda (Hladik) Thomas. He attended school at Dixon and graduated from Dixon High School.

In 1949, after high school, George enlisted in the U.S. Army and served during the Korean War from Feb. 15, 1951, to March 23, 1954. After the service, he moved to Dixon, where he met Jean Patten. They married on May 28, 1955, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Neola, Iowa.

George and Jean moved to Lincoln, where he worked for the post office, sorting mail on the train from Lincoln to Alliance. He later became foreman at the Lincoln post office and retired in 1978.

George enjoyed carpentry work and remodeled the different homes they lived in and also his shop. He enjoyed tinkering with machinery to meet his needs. George was good at building and fixing almost anything he put his mind to. He

taught his children how to work. He was a good listener and always had good advice for his children.

He was a member of Victory Road Assembly of God in Norfolk.

Survivors are his spouse, Jean Thomas of Norfolk; five children, Rita Raile of Norfolk, Brian Thomas of Norfolk, Steve Thomas of Norfolk, Glen (Jody) Thomas of Norfolk and Betty Thomas of Norfolk; nine grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Joyce Coleman of Norfolk.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Freda Thomas; his siblings, Ruth and Jim; and a sister-in-law, Ethel Thomas.

Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com.

Previous Events

Service

JAN 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *George E. Thomas*

October 05, 2023 at 03:46 AM



“ *Sending you sympathy for your loss. May time heal your hurt. Cleon Schwede*

Cleon Schwede - January 03, 2018 at 09:02 PM



“ *Jean & Family - We were sorry to read of George's passing. You all are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Don & Betty Dammast - January 03, 2018 at 07:48 PM



“ *My sympathies to Rita, Jean and the rest of the family. From Donna (Raile) Habrock and family*

Donna Habrock - January 03, 2018 at 01:47 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. My sympathies to the whole family.*

Barb Oppliger - January 03, 2018 at 01:01 PM



“ *Our sympathies to your family. From Linda and Emma Otterpohl.*

Linda Otterpohl - December 30, 2017 at 05:30 PM