



James Thomas

August 6, 1927 - May 23, 2025

James Thomas passed to his Heavenly Father on the morning of May 23, 2025. He was born in Gary to Greek immigrant parents; James lived a long and full life. He is survived by Lillian Thomas, his beloved wife of 68 years. Loving father of Jim and Greg, proud Papou of Stacey, Jimmy, Gregory, Lexi, Teresa, and Matthew, and joyful Great Papou to Natalie and Wyatt. He loved his gained family members, Denise, Virginia, and Samantha, as if they were his own. James peacefully passed in his home surrounded by his devoted family. As a devout Greek Orthodox Christian, his profound faith guided him in life. He embodied grace, humility, strength, and charity in both his personal and professional life and was a beacon of hope to those around him. His generous and loving soul is now with God. Go Blue! Visitation will take place Wednesday, May 28, 2025, from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. at Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 8000 Madison Street, Merrillville, IN. Funeral will be held on Thursday, May 29, 2025, at 12 p.m. at Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Cathedral. Interment Calumet Park Cemetery, Merrillville, IN. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to IOCC (International Orthodox Christian Charity) or to Saints Constantine and Helen Food Pantry. [www. burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com).

Cemetery Details

Calumet Park Cemetery

2305 W. 73rd Ave.
Merrillville, IN 46410

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 28. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

SS. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Cathedral
8000 Madison St.
Merrillville, IN 46410

Funeral Service

MAY 29. 12:00 PM (CT)

SS. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Cathedral
8000 Madison St.
Merrillville, IN 46410

Tribute Wall

LD

“ On behalf of my parents that passed years ago, I just want to say that Jim was a very dear close friend to us and he deserved his long and successful life. God bless his family. Mr. Loreto Delturco from the Savoy Supper Club.

Loreto Delturco - August 19, 2025 at 07:37 PM

DV

“ My heart grieves the lose of a friend of 63 years. There isn't enough space to describe how much Jim meant to me as a mentor and friend. The Lord blessed me with Jim's way of living a life that I was able to grow into through our friendship. I find this extremely hard , living in Florida and finding out thru the grape vine of Jim's passing. God truly has His angel in His presence.

Dan Vinovich

Daniel Vinovich - June 10, 2025 at 08:36 PM

TF

“ The Bettenhausen Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of James Thomas.



The Bettenhausen Family - May 28, 2025 at 10:19 PM

TF

“ The Bettenhausen Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Thomas.

The Bettenhausen Family - May 28, 2025 at 10:19 PM

ET

“ Eric, Mike & The JP Morgan Team purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James Thomas.



Eric, Mike & The JP Morgan Team - May 28, 2025 at 02:02 PM

CO

“ Capital One purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James Thomas.



Capital One - May 28, 2025 at 11:44 AM

VM

“ Our deepest condolences to all of Mr. Thomas Family Virginia Molck and Tom(Tbone) Hayes

virginia molck - May 28, 2025 at 11:15 AM

MC

“ Michael C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Thomas.

Michael C. - May 28, 2025 at 10:59 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Thomas.

May 28, 2025 at 10:35 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray* was purchased for the family of James Thomas.



May 28, 2025 at 10:35 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of James Thomas.



May 28, 2025 at 10:28 AM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray* was purchased for the family of James Thomas.



May 28, 2025 at 09:49 AM



“ The LeComptes planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Thomas.

The LeComptes - May 27, 2025 at 10:04 PM

TL

“ *The LeComptes purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of James Thomas.*



The LeComptes - May 27, 2025 at 10:04 PM

BF

“ *Borislava & family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of James Thomas.*



Borislava & family - May 27, 2025 at 09:12 PM

BF

“ *Borislava & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Thomas.*

Borislava & family - May 27, 2025 at 09:12 PM

AF

“ *Anjoo, Michael and family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of James Thomas.*



Anjoo, Michael and family - May 27, 2025 at 09:07 PM

TF

“ *The Summar Family purchased the Blue Caribbe an Bouquet for the family of James Thomas.*



The Summar Family - May 27, 2025 at 08:12 PM

FT

“ *Fr Nephon Tsimalis purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of James Thomas.*



Fr Nephon Tsimalis - May 27, 2025 at 06:23 PM

EF

“ *Emmanuel Lionikis Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of James Thomas.*



Emmanuel Lionikis Family - May 27, 2025 at 06:14 PM

ED

“ *Elaine D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Thomas.*

Elaine D. - May 27, 2025 at 04:58 PM

BZ

“ *Becky, Luke, Stella, & Gail Zeheralis purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James Thomas.*



Becky, Luke, Stella, & Gail Zeheralis - May 27, 2025 at 03:46 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Thomas.*



May 27, 2025 at 12:14 PM

MG

“ *Marina Garassino planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Thomas.*

Marina Garassino - May 27, 2025 at 11:48 AM

MG

“ *Marina Garassino purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of James Thomas.*



Marina Garassino - May 27, 2025 at 11:48 AM

RT

“ Richard and Carol Trok purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of James Thomas.



Richard and Carol Trok - May 27, 2025 at 08:42 AM

PF

“ Paul and Melissa Albear and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Thomas.

Paul and Melissa Albear and family - May 26, 2025 at 06:26 PM

PF

“ Paul and Melissa Albear and family purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of James Thomas.



Paul and Melissa Albear and family - May 26, 2025 at 06:26 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of James Thomas.



May 26, 2025 at 06:14 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Thomas.

May 26, 2025 at 06:14 PM



“ The Osearo and Baltensberger Families purchased the *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* for the family of James Thomas.



The Osearo and Baltensberger Families - May 26, 2025 at 03:54 PM



“ The Heartbeats planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Thomas.

The Heartbeats - May 26, 2025 at 12:10 PM



“ The Heartbeats purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of James Thomas.



The Heartbeats - May 26, 2025 at 12:10 PM

LF

“ Love, the Scully family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of James Thomas.



Love, the Scully family - May 26, 2025 at 11:18 AM

LF

“ Love, the Scully family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Thomas.

Love, the Scully family - May 26, 2025 at 11:18 AM

RG

“ Ron and Cheryl Gallo purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of James Thomas.



Ron and Cheryl Gallo - May 26, 2025 at 01:44 AM

DN

“ Danny O'Bannon and Janelle Najjar purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of James Thomas.



Danny O'Bannon and Janelle Najjar - May 25, 2025 at 07:47 PM

TF

“ *The Martinez Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of James Thomas.*



The Martinez Family - May 25, 2025 at 04:46 PM

KF

“ *Ken & Kim Browne and family. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of James Thomas.*



Ken & Kim Browne and family. - May 25, 2025 at 04:39 PM

SB

“ *Sam and Itxel Bell planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Thomas.*

Sam and Itxel Bell - May 25, 2025 at 03:39 PM

SB

“ *Sam and Itxel Bell purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of James Thomas.*



Sam and Itxel Bell - May 25, 2025 at 03:39 PM