



## Mr. Donald L. Thomas

February 1, 1953 - March 28, 2022

Br. Donald L. Thomas, went to be with the Lord, after passing away peacefully at his home in Pleasant Groves, Alabama, surrounded by his loving family, Monday, March 28, 2022.

Donald's battle after receiving his recent diagnosis of cancer showed his courage in facing life's challenges with a smile and sense of humor. Despite the pain Donald became a winner and stayed strong until the end. He took great pride in being a dedicated husband, daddy, granddaddy, great granddaddy, and pet parent. He was born to Ray and Ilene Thomas in 1953, graduated from Pisgah High School, then went to work at Benhams, where he meet his wife of 47 years, Rita. Together they had two daughters Brandy and April. Donald spent 33 years working for the Good Year and AKZO corporations. Donald truly enjoyed his current job at JDM farms, where he looked forward to going to work on the farm and enjoying the time he got to spend with the families that came to visit there.

Donald enjoyed the simplest pleasures of life being a devoted husband, working hard to provide for his family, loving and making sure his wife, daughters and grandkids had what they needed and wanted. Donald often stopped what he was working on to teach his grand kids how to hunt, fish, work on cars and fix things that were broken even if it was with zip ties, silicone, and duct tape.

Donald gave his life to the Lord on July 27, 1980 by receiving the gift of the Holy Ghost at Hytop Free Holiness church. This day brought Great joy to Donald, he was so overcome with happiness that Rita had to drive home while holding their 3 month old daughter while Donald praised the Lord, Donald even rolled down the window to tell some men picking up garbage about the wonderful Holy Ghost he had received. He was member of Pleasant Groves Free Holiness Church for 37 years and was a current member of Plevna Free Holiness Church. Donald had a great love for the Lord. Donald was a great example as he lived his daily life to teach his kids and grand kids how to work and live for the Lord.

Funeral service will be held 2pm Thursday, March 31, 2022 at Pleasant Groves Holiness Church, with burial following in the church cemetery. Visitation will be held at the church on Wednesday, March 30, 2022 from 3-9 p.m.

Mr. Thomas is survived by his wife, Rita West Thomas; daughters: Brandy Thomas and April (Walter) Knight; grandsons, Chandler (Auburn) Thomas, Cameron Knight, Thomas Conner Knight and Gavin Knight; great granddaughter, Olivia Thomas; sisters, Polly Hutcheson, Loretta (Sonny) Allen and Linda (Greg) Loveless; brothers, Leon Thomas and Harold (Laverne) Thomas; sisters-in-law, Phyllis (Steve) Golden and Donna West; and brother-in-law, Tommy Dalton.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Glendon Ray and Lillie Ilene Kennamer Thomas; mother and father-in-law, Thomas Duke and Betty West; sisters-in-law, Myrtle Thomas, Bonnie West, Helen West and Brenda Dalton; and brothers-in-law, Ray Hutcheson, Hubert West and Larry West.

Arrangements Entrusted to Scottsboro Funeral Home.



# Cemetery Details

## Pleasant Groves Cemetery

Pleasant Groves Rd.  
Woodville, AL 35776

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 30. 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Pleasant Groves Holiness Church  
Pleasant Groves Rd.  
Woodville, AL 35776

## Funeral Service

MAR 31. 2:00 PM (CT)

Pleasant Groves Holiness Church  
Pleasant Groves Rd.  
Woodville, AL 35776

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Donald L. Thomas*

October 05, 2023 at 01:26 AM



“ *Jessica Sealey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald L. Thomas*



**Jessica Sealey** - April 07, 2022 at 01:08 AM



“ *Iris Gilliam lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald L. Thomas*



**Iris Gilliam** - March 31, 2022 at 06:40 PM



“ *Kristen and Ryan West purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mr. Donald L. Thomas.*



**Kristen and Ryan West** - March 31, 2022 at 04:44 PM



“ *Mary Horton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald L. Thomas*

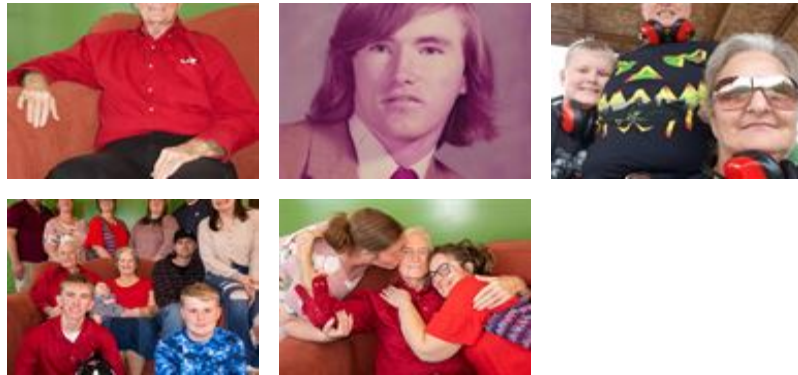


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**Mary Horton** - March 30, 2022 at 08:17 PM



“ *39 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Scottsboro Funeral Home and Pinehaven Memorial Gardens** - March 30, 2022 at 10:35 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Donald L. Thomas.*



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March 30, 2022 at 07:01 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Mr. Donald L. Thomas.*



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March 29, 2022 at 06:50 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Donald L. Thomas.*



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March 29, 2022 at 05:28 PM