



Jack R. Thomas

October 17, 1932 - July 14, 2011

Jack R. Thomas, age 78, of Laurie, passed away Thursday, July 14, 2011, at the Laurie Care Center. He was born October 17, 1932, in Kansas City, Kansas, the son of the late Thomas Earl and Lula Evelyn Adkins Thomas.

On November 19, 1961, in Miami, Oklahoma, he was united in marriage to Shirley A. Morris, who survives of the home.

Jack was a truck driver for Yellow Freight, and was a BA for the Teamsters Union in Kansas City, Missouri.

He was a United States Army veteran, a member of the Kent Memorial Lutheran Church in Sunrise Beach, the American Legion Zack Wheat Post 624 in Sunrise Beach, was a Provost in the Ararat Shrine in Kansas City where he was a member of the Pistol Team, and was a 32nd Degree Mason.

Jack enjoyed fishing and driving his boat.

In addition to his wife Shirley, he is survived by his sons, Timothy A. Thomas of Raytown, Missouri and Michael D. Thomas and wife Kimberly of Olathe, Kansas; his daughter, Theresa A. Thomas Heckman and husband James of Raytown, Missouri; two grandchildren, Nathan Minshall and Tia Marie Heckman; his sister, Beverly Williams of South Haven, Mississippi; and many

other relatives and friends.

Funeral and Masonic services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, July 19, at the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel with Chaplain Ray Bassett officiating. The family will receive friends from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to the charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 19. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home - Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel
417 Silvey Rd.
Laurie, MO 65038
(573) 374-7688

Service

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“ *I have known Jack for many years and had the pleasure and honor of working with him as a Business Agent for Teamsters Local Union No. 41 in Kansas City for some 12 years during which time we became good friends as well as fellow employees. Jack was always there for me and the other agents and staff. He was a good Agent with the members best interest at heart and always did what he thought was best for our members. I valued him as a good friend. My sincere and heartfelt sympathies go out to the family in this time of sorrow.*

*C. B. "Doc" Conder
Overland Park, KS*

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“ I met Jack when we were in Army basic training at Ft. Riley Kans. in 1953. We were both from Kansas City. We became good friends and on weekends, when we could get a Pass, we drove back and forth to K.C. in an old 46' Ford convertible that I had at the time. One weekend Jack introduced me to a neighbor of his (Patty Newell). We were married after I completed my military service and this month marks our 55th year together. I have Jack to thank for all of these wonderful years.. We stayed in touch for several years after our Army stint was over but sadly lost track of each other in later years. I'm sorry for this as Jack was a true friend and a wonderful person.

*Bert West
Blue Springs Mo.
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