



James "Jim" Philo Thomas

December 3, 1922 - May 6, 2012

Traverse City - James Philo Thomas, 89, of Traverse City, passed away Sunday, May 6, 2012 at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City.

Born, James Philo Thomas Jr., on December 3, 1922 to the late James and Myrtle (Froman) Thomas in Saginaw, MI.

Jim answered the call of duty proudly serving with the United States Army Air Corp. as a fighter pilot during World War II. He even flew several missions over Normandy including D-day.

On March 7, 1953 Jim entered into marriage with the former Robin Rambow in Saginaw, MI.

Jim grew up in the Saginaw area before entering Michigan State College with a scholarship for swimming. Jim's talents swimming the butterfly allowed him to excel and swim for the team all the way through school. Jim went to work for Consumers Energy making his living and working his way up to division manager, retiring after 37 years. Jim enjoyed hunting and fishing and in younger years spent many hours on the golf course enjoying a round with friends. He had a passion for playing cards and would take any opportunity to play. Jim could be found playing poker, hearts, or cribbage, to name just a few, with many dear friends or family. He will be deeply missed.

Jim is survived by his loving family, his wife of 59 years, Robin Thomas of Traverse City, two sons, Todd Thomas of Traverse City, and Michael (Ruth) Thomas of Virginia, two grandchildren, Trena and Jim and many other loving family members and friends.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, and three siblings.

A brief memorial service with military honors will take place at 11:00 AM on Friday, May 11, 2012 at the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home, followed by a time sharing for friends

and family. The Rev. Justin Grimm will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Cherryland Humane Society and VFW Garland post old mission

Please share thoughts with the family at Jim's online guest book at www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com

The family is being served by the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Events

MAY **Memorial Service** 11:00AM

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Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home
305 Sixth St, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684

Comments



“ My condolences to Robin and family on the loss of Jim. He was a fine man, a loyal friend and an excellent leader for the West Wayne Division staff.

Dave Voigt - West Wayne 1969-1971

David Voigt - May 11, 2012 at 09:34 AM



“ I remember when Uncle Jim and Aunt Robin came down to Stanton for the opening of deer season when my son Charlie was born (13 1/2 years ago). Charlie was about 2 weeks old and my husband got a buck opening morning. I bundled the baby up in the camo bunting my mother-in-law had crocheted and took him out to see Daddy's deer. Uncle Jim saw us and said "what in the heck are you doing bringing that baby out by the deer" He thought we were crazy but he still took a picture of the three of us by the deer. That was a great time- the guys hunted and my mom (Mary Lou) and Aunt Robin spent the days spoiling Charlie. Charlie, Larry and I will all miss Uncle Jim.

Patty Buskirk - May 10, 2012 at 08:10 AM