



## James "Jim" Thomas

December 20, 1960 - April 8, 2021

James P. "Jim" Thomas, 60, of Grand Island passed away on Thursday, April 8, 2021 with his family at his side.

Memorial service and celebration of Jim's life will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday at Trinity United Methodist Church. Reverend Kelly Karges and Pastor Murray Jones will officiate. Burial of ashes will follow in Grand Island City Cemetery.

A gathering of family and friends will be one hour prior to service time at the church.

Memorials are suggested to Jim's family for future designation.

All Faiths Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements.

Jim was born December 20, 1960 in Aberdeen, S.D., the son of Anton and Mary (Heinz) Thomas.

He grew up in Aberdeen, graduating from Central High School, class of 1979. Jim entered the United States Army in 1980, serving until 1983, and spent the majority of that time in Germany. He enjoyed his time in Germany, with stories of skiing the Swiss Alps and sampling the beer.

On December 29, 2006, Jim married Sally Peterson in Grand Island. They made their home in Grand Island.

Jim drove a truck his entire life, with numerous trucking companies, including Midwest Express, Country General and was currently employed by Chesterman Coca-Cola Company as a transport driver.

His family was an important part of his life. He was always willing to help out.

He loved attending the birthdays and events of his nieces and nephews and loved seeing and hearing of all the activities of his grandchildren.

Jim took many road trips with Sally on their motorcycles. He was a Husker football fan; and enjoyed woodworking and muscle cars, especially Mopar.

Those who will cherish his memory include his wife, Sally; son, Justin Maack (Sierra Marte); six grandchildren, Riley, Jayden, Caiden, Kasyn, Jahnae and Dominic; his siblings, Sherry (Rob) Sperle, Don Thomas (Ruth Mikkonen), Daryl Thomas, Marylou (Doug) Robinson and Lori Thomas; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Angie Ehnes.

# Cemetery Details

## Grand Island City Cemetery

Grand Island, NE

# Previous Events

## Gathering of friends and family

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

Trinity United Methodist Church  
511 N. Elm Street  
Grand Island, NE

## Celebration of Life Service

APR 19. 11:00 AM (CT)

Trinity United Methodist Church  
511 N Elm St  
Grand Island, NE 68801-4599  
(308) 382-1952

# Tribute Wall



“ *James "Jim" Thomas*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss! Thoughts are with you*

**James Lykke** - April 22, 2021 at 09:46 AM



“ *I got to know Jim working with him for a short time. I grew up in Aberdeen and knew the Thomas family. Jim was a wonderful person that I enjoyed working with. Rest In Peace old friend.*

*Tom Oliver*

**Tom Oliver** - April 21, 2021 at 07:43 AM



“ *I will always remember you Jim, you and Sally were a team, always a smile on your face. You will be missed more than you will ever know.*

**PAULA EWOLDT** - April 18, 2021 at 07:40 PM



“ *PAULA EWOLDT lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Thomas*



**PAULA EWOLDT** - April 18, 2021 at 07:38 PM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Thomas.*



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April 16, 2021 at 06:39 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Thomas.*



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April 16, 2021 at 04:09 PM



“ *Joe Lesa Haley and Lilly Matlock purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James "Jim" Thomas.*



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**Joe Lesa Haley and Lilly Matlock** - April 16, 2021 at 02:17 PM

MA

“ So sorry about Jim’s passing. I grew up 2 houses away from Thomas’s when he lived in Aberdeen. He was a few years younger than me but know the whole family, played with Marylou, got rides to Central from Don(Duck) and my brother Moody lives in GI and saw Jim often before he retired and my niece Jennie works at hospital and talked and took care of Jim a bit. Again so sorry for your loss 🙏  
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Marlys(Naasz)Brick - April 16, 2021 at 10:52 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Thomas.



April 15, 2021 at 11:08 AM



“ With Distinction was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Thomas.



April 15, 2021 at 09:13 AM

AR

“ Sorry to hear of your loss. Sending you & family hugs & prayers.

Angela Rathbun

Angela Rathbun - April 15, 2021 at 09:06 AM

LT

“ so sorry for your loss

Lana Hartze Thompson - April 14, 2021 at 08:55 PM

RS

“ Sally - I am so sorry to hear about your loss. You are in my prayers.

Rick Sekora - April 14, 2021 at 01:26 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Thomas.



April 14, 2021 at 10:16 AM

MC

“ We had alot of fun and laughs back in the day. Always had a smile on your face . One of the nicest gut I new RIP Jim until we meet again Ride on.

Mike Cunningham - April 13, 2021 at 07:28 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Thomas.



April 13, 2021 at 03:50 PM

ZB

“ Living away from GI, I cannot say I knew him well. We would meet at family get togethers and say a few words, and share things on Facebook. Can't remember a single time when there wasn't a smile on his face. I know he will be greatly missed. My sympathy to all his family, Sally and Aunt Sandra. Jane Bolter

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**Zelma Jane Bolter** - April 12, 2021 at 10:27 PM