



## William "Hoss" Thomas

November 23, 1947 - May 27, 2023

William Edward "Hoss" Thomas, age 75, of Paris, MO and formerly of Louisiana, passed away May 27, 2023 at the Moberly Regional Medical Center in Moberly. Funeral services and Firefighter honors will be held at 12:00pm Monday, June 5, 2023 with Pastor Bill Hobbs officiating at the Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana, MO. Burial will follow in Riverview Cemetery in Louisiana. Visitation will be held from 10:00am until time of services on Monday at the funeral home.

Hoss was born November 23, 1947 in Iola, KS, the son of William and Evelyn Ledford Thomas and in 1968 graduated school in Festus, MO. On November 30, 1968 he married Mary Lawrence and together they had three children. He later married Christina Spangler on March 31, 1994 until May 5, 2022.

Hoss obtained a degree in auto mechanics from Bailey Tech Center based in St. Louis. He was a cub scout and boy scout leader for many years. He served as an engineer/firefighter for the Louisiana MO Fire Department, and as a Fire Chief for the Buffalo Township Fire Protection District. He played Smokey the Bear for many years, teaching area youth the importance of fire safety.

He was a lifetime member of the Elks Lodge in Louisiana. He drove a school bus as well as a semi-truck for many years. He enjoyed being a mechanic, racing, attending flea markets, fishing and derbies.

Hoss is survived by his children Joe Thomas (Liz) of Bowling Green, Scott

Thomas (Jamie) of Bowling Green, and Tina Green (Bobby) of Louisiana; Step-children Amiee Peery (Joe) of Mexico, MO, T.C. Kinkade (Dawn) of Waverly, IL, Ben Kinkade (Tammie) of Paris, MO; many grandchildren, step-grandchildren, great grandchildren and step-great grandchildren; siblings Sharon Kersten (Glen) and Doug Thomas (Penny).

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Judy and Deanna; and stepson Wess Wheeler.

Memorials may be made to the Thomas and Green Families in care of Collier Funeral Homes. Online condolences may be left at [www.collierfuneral.com](http://www.collierfuneral.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Riverview Cemetery

N. B Street  
Louisiana, MO

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 5. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Collier Funeral Homes, Inc.  
117 Barnard Dr  
Louisiana, MO 63353  
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## Funeral Service

JUN 5. 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

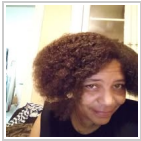
LW

“ I remember Hoss when he lived in Louisiana. He is always friendly and willing to help you if he could when you had trouble. I knew his daughter Tina real well and she is just like him in the female version. He will be greatly miss. My heart and prayers goes out to the family.



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**Lawanda J Willis** - June 11, 2023 at 09:31 PM



“ Nicole Dyke lit a candle in memory of William "Hoss" Thomas



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**Nicole Dyke** - June 07, 2023 at 10:07 AM

PP

“ Keeping all of you in our thoughts and prayers. The Powelson's

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**Paulette n Tom Powelson** - June 04, 2023 at 04:15 PM

JD

“ Thinking of the family at this time as I remember the many ways Hoss was involved with the Elementary School when I was teaching. Your dad was one of the best.

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**Judy Davenport** - June 02, 2023 at 09:17 PM

CO

“ *Cindy Poyser Osborne lit a candle in memory of William "Hoss" Thomas*



**cindy poyser osborne** - June 02, 2023 at 08:38 PM

AK

“ *Angie Knapp lit a candle in memory of William "Hoss" Thomas*



**Angie Knapp** - June 02, 2023 at 07:10 PM

DW

“ *Deborah Wheeler lit a candle in memory of William "Hoss" Thomas*



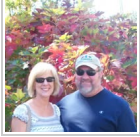
**Deborah Wheeler** - June 02, 2023 at 06:50 PM

TJ

“ *TOMMY & RUTH JOHNS lit a candle in memory of William "Hoss" Thomas*



**TOMMY & RUTH JOHNS** - June 02, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ *Richard Harden lit a candle in memory of William "Hoss" Thomas*



Richard Harden - June 02, 2023 at 02:23 PM



*May God bless your dad and your family. Amen*

Richard Harden - June 02, 2023 at 02:25 PM

JS

“ *Jim & Lila Stone lit a candle in memory of William "Hoss" Thomas*



jim & lila stone - June 02, 2023 at 07:23 AM

AS

“ *Aunt Net, and Myrna Simpson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William "Hoss" Thomas.*

Aunt Net, and Myrna Simpson - June 01, 2023 at 03:11 PM

AS

“ *Aunt Net, and Myrna Simpson purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of William "Hoss" Thomas.*



Aunt Net, and Myrna Simpson - June 01, 2023 at 03:11 PM

DR

“ Dear Tina and Family,  
Sending Prayers and Heartfelt Sympathy.

*Donna & Wally Reich*

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**Donna & Wally Reich** - June 01, 2023 at 12:12 PM

TL

“ The Lilleys lit a candle in memory of William  
"Hoss" Thomas



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**The Lilleys** - June 01, 2023 at 04:08 AM

MD

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of Hoss, he was one of the first  
people I met when I moved to Louisiana, MO in 1984. He will be  
missed in his river side town!

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**mary kathryn douglas** - May 31, 2023 at 10:40 PM

SM

*Sorry for your family's loss he was a very good friend and will be  
missed*

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**Sammy meyers** - June 01, 2023 at 12:09 PM