



David E. Thomas Jr.

June 29, 1920 - April 27, 2021

David E. Thomas, Jr., 100, of North Towanda, PA passed away Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at his home.

David was born at Six Mile Run, PA, Bedford County, on June 29, 1920, the son of David E. Thomas, Sr. and Varian Marie Johnson Thomas. He graduated from Broad Top High School in Defiance, PA in 1936 at age 16, and attended California State Teacher's College in Pennsylvania. David was among the first troops drafted in the United States Army on November 19, 1941. On May 28, 1942, Thomas left Charleston, SC to serve in India as part of an anti-aircraft battery. He was stationed in different areas there, and was later flown to Yunnan, China where he helped the nation battle Japanese forces along the Salween River. David returned home to marry the former Naomi Marie Warden in Cumberland, MD on April 6, 1945 and was subsequently stationed in Ashville, North Carolina, and Fort Ord in California. In 1948, he graduated from Penn State University with a degree in Agricultural Engineering. David worked for New Holland in Bellville, PA; New York Life Insurance as an insurance agent; and Sylvania Electric in Altoona, PA in 1950. David was transferred to Towanda and then to Skaneateles, NY. He retired in 1986 and moved back to Towanda in 1987. David was a member of the Woodbury Lodge; Masonic Lodge; Scottish Rite; Bradco Shrine Club; Towanda VFW Post No. 1568; Towanda American Legion Post No. 42; and the Towanda Country Club. He loved playing golf, gardening, working in his yard, and studying trees. In honor and recognition of his 100th Birthday, a

surprise celebration and parade was held at his home in North Towanda organized by his friends and members of the community. For his 98th Birthday, David was honored by being cloaked with the Quilt of Valor presented by Northeast Bradford Memorial VFW Post No. 6824 Auxiliary and the Bradford County Quilt of Valor Foundation for his service and sacrifice for his nation.

David is survived by his children, Gary W. Thomas and wife, Lorraine of Centerville, MD,

James P. Thomas and wife, Lisa of Mechanicsville, VA, Gregory V. Thomas and wife, Judy of Chesterfield, SC; seven grandchildren; six great grandchildren, several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In addition to his parents, David is preceded in death by his wife, Naomi on October 29, 2015 and his brother, Dan Thomas.

A private interment service will be held at Bradford County Memorial Park, Burlington Township, PA with full military honors accorded.

The family suggests that contributions may be directed to the Monroeton Public Library, P.O. Box 145, Monroeton, PA 18832 in David's memory.

Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting www.bowenfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Bradford County Memorial Park

20452 Route 6
Towanda, PA 18848

Tribute Wall



“ *David E. Thomas Jr.*

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ *David E. Thomas Jr.*

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ *David E. Thomas Jr.*

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ *David E. Thomas Jr.*

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ *David E. Thomas Jr.*

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM



“ *Being in Colorado I don't always know what is happening in Towanda, but today I missed a phone call from Lorraine and decided to check the Daily Review and here I am posting on Dave's obituary. Dave was my friends father, my Dad's neighbor and an absolute nice man. He will be missed. Paula Thomas Vogt*

Paula A Vogt - May 06, 2021 at 06:48 PM

AD

“ So sorry for your loss. The Davis family had many a grand time at the Thomas house in Monroeton with our dad Gordon. We had some pretty wild rummy games, and Dad was always up for heading out for golf with your dad. Remembering him fondly and know that your memories will bring you smiles. With sympathy and love, Dee (Dee) Davis

Adelaide D Davis - May 06, 2021 at 03:33 PM

VS

“ Please accept our deepest sympathy.

VFW Post 1536, Sayre - May 05, 2021 at 10:36 AM

JF

“ Sincere condolences to Dave's family. Worked with Dave at GTE and went on several sales calls with him. Not only was Dave beloved by his coworkers, his customers also loved the man. Dave knew how to make/keep friends and was ready with a hearty laugh.

John Fedorchak - May 01, 2021 at 12:54 PM

JR

“ Our deepest sympathy to the entire Thomas family on the loss of Dave. Both he and Naomi were loved and respected by many people in the Monroeton - Towanda area. We are so glad we got to know them for so many years.

Love,
Jim & Sandy Ross and Family

Jim & Sandy Ross - April 30, 2021 at 05:28 PM

MB

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Michael Barrett - April 30, 2021 at 01:17 PM

KJ

“ To Uncle Dave's sons and their families,
Our sympathy to all of you. I have fond memories of some time I spent with all of you at your home in Monroeton one summer when I was about 13 and of a visit my daughter and I made the summer of 2010 to visit your parents just after the passing of my Mom. Uncle Dave sure enjoyed playing golf, and it was a blessing he got to play for so many years. I am thankful Gary called my sister to let us know of Uncle Dave's passing.

Karen Warden Jacobs and family

Karen Jacobs - April 30, 2021 at 10:58 AM

MB

“ To the Family of Dave Thomas, My condolences for Dave's passing. He was a friend of my father's, Bob Barrett. They played a lot of golf together and attended Penn State football games. A better friend one could not have in Dave. I do not live in the area, but got to know Dave in the last 10 years. He shared so much history about WW2 with me and in the last year we shared books on the history of the war. His mind was incredibly sharp. I enjoyed his company. I feel so blessed that I was able to visit with him two weeks ago. RIP Dave on an incredible life. Prayers to the family.

Michael Barrett - April 30, 2021 at 07:20 AM