



Gary Lynn Thomason

October 23, 1952 - April 28, 2020

Gary Lynn Thomason was born on October 23, 1952 son of A.D. Thomason and Beryldean Merritt Thomason of Bald Knob, Arkansas. Gary was a cancer survivor for thirteen years until cancer returned once again and was diagnosed in February, 2020. Gary passed away at home on April 28, 2020. Surviving Gary is his wife, Patricia Alane Schmidt Thomason of Judsonia, Arkansas, Three sons, Shannon Thomason, Daniel Thomason and Aaron Thomason along with grandchildren, Tayler Thomason, Harley Thomason, Maura Thomason, Calder Thomason, Seth Thomason, Finn Thomason, Hattie Thomason Odin Thomason and Ryker Thomason, all of Arkansas. Gary Thomason was a husband, father and grandfather, affectionately known as "POPPY". His grandchildren were the joys in his life and they loved to simply be near him, sitting on the arm of his chair and just keeping his company. Gary was a member of Local 150 Operating Engineers for over 45 years and worked in the pipeline industry across most of the United States and many countries around the world. In the early years he worked on the Alaska pipeline and the most recent years as an inspector over pipeline construction. He loved his work on the pipeline, He loved to travel and experience new places. Gary was exceptional at his craft and taught many others along his way. Gary was a fearless, giving and a loving man of many skills. As a boy he learned to become a very good cook from his Aunt Vida, fish and hunt from his Dad and when he grew older he learned to build houses with his Uncle Mervel. He was a good provider for his family and could fix almost anything.

When Gary was old enough in his teens he went to work on the pipeline with his Dad, A.D. Thomason and learned to operate heavy equipment, Bore Roads, Tie In and Lower In pipe. Gary worked in many countries in his lifetime including: Saudi Arabia, Indonesia, Trinidad, Cote D' Ivoire, Chad, Cameroon, Algeria, Nigeria, Thailand, Iraq and Tbilisi, Georgia. Gary made many friends around the world in his travels and he will surely be missed but not forgotten. Visitation will be at Powell Funeral Home, Bald Knob on Friday, May 1, 2020 from 1:00 – 2:00 P.M. followed by a graveside service at 2:00 P.M. at Shady Grove Cemetery. Arrangements under the direction of Powell Funeral Home, Bald Knob-Judsonia. www.powellfuneralhome.net.

Previous Events

COVID-19 (Drop-in Visitation)

MAY 1. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services (Bald Knob)

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Graveside Service

MAY 1. 2:00 PM (CT)

Shady Grove Cemetery

Bald Knob Lake Road

Bald Knob, AR 72010

Tribute Wall

EM

“ *Ellen Boyce Massey lit a candle in memory of Gary Lynn Thomason*



Ellen Boyce Massey - April 30, 2020 at 09:36 PM

DH

Prayers !

diana reynolds hollandworth - May 01, 2020 at 11:22 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Gary Lynn Thomason.*



April 30, 2020 at 09:04 PM

BK

“ *So sorry to hear of Gary's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, may God hold you in the palm of his hand and comfort you all as only He can. Bruce and Yvonne King*

Bruce and Yvonne King - April 29, 2020 at 08:22 PM

BP

So sorry to hear of Gary's passing. RIP, fly high. Peace and comfort to family. 🙏🌸

Beverly Payne - April 29, 2020 at 10:51 PM

LW

So sorry for your loss, Gary was a good pipeliner and will be dearly missed by friends & family.

Lavon & Beverly Wsrđ - April 30, 2020 at 12:07 AM

PR

“ *Pee Wee & Cat Raub purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Gary Lynn Thomason.*



Pee Wee & Cat Raub - April 29, 2020 at 04:17 PM

PR

“ *We are so very sorry for your loss. So sad to hear this, as he was a good friend and pipeliner. He will be missed more than words could ever say. your family will be in our thoughts and prayers. PeeWee and Cat Raub*



PeeWee and Cat Raub - April 29, 2020 at 04:04 PM

JM

“ *We are sorry for your loss. Johnny said he and Gary had been all around the world, pipelining together! He shared good memories of their times. We're thinking of y'all!*

Johnny/Carla Mason - April 28, 2020 at 11:22 PM

SA

“ *I am very sorry Linda, and family, for your loss of Gary.*



sharon newberry ary - April 28, 2020 at 08:37 PM