



## Tommy Thomas

June 15, 1935 - December 27, 2017

Tommy (Tom) Thomas, 82, of Little Cedar, Iowa, passed away following an illness in Yuma, Arizona, on December 27, 2017.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 am Thursday, January 4, 2018 at New Life Church in Kearney. Pastor Roger Wendt will be officiating. Interment will be at the Kearney Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5pm-7pm on Wednesday, January 3, 2018, at the O'Brien-Straatmann-Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney, Nebraska. There will be an additional memorial service held later in January at Prairie Lakes Church in Osage, Iowa.

Memorials are suggested to Gideon's, Hospice Services, or your local church building fund. Condolences may be shared online at [www.osrfh.com](http://www.osrfh.com).

Tom was born on June 15, 1935, in Hastings, Nebraska, to Cletus Asa Thomas and Evelyn Jessie (White) Thomas. He grew up in Hastings and graduated from Hastings High School in 1954. Tom entered the United States Army on July 1, 1957, and served 2 years during the Korean War and was honorably discharged.

He was united in marriage to Barbara Ann Norman on July 26, 1964. They resided in California where they owned and operated the Ye Ole Meat Shoppe. In 1979, they moved closer to family and settled in Kearney,

Nebraska, where Tom worked in meat and food product sales. Tom was an active member of New Life Church for many years and served on the Elder Board of the Board of Trustees. He also served as an RV MAPS ministry member. Tom and Barb celebrated 39 years of marriage prior to her passing.

On June 19, 2004, Tom married Gloria Joyce Milton at Stonecroft Conference Center in Hollister, Missouri, where they both volunteered. During the summers, they reside on a farm located in Little Cedar, Iowa, and are active members of Prairie Lakes Church in Osage, Iowa. Tom served as a chaplain in the church and volunteered on several committees. During the winter months, they reside in Yuma, Arizona, and attend Stoneridge Church. Tom spent time working in an orphanage in Mexico and was involved in small group ministries. Tom was known for always keeping busy, living life, genuinely loving others, and leading others to Christ. Tom and Gloria celebrated 13 wonderful years filled with love, joy, and dedication to serving the Lord.

Survivors include his wife, Gloria Thomas of Little Cedar, Iowa; children, Cathy (Thomas) and Jeff Heckenlively of Anchorage, Alaska, Julann (Milton) and John Sindelar of Ridgeway, Iowa; David and Marsha Milton of Little Cedar, Iowa; Mark and Mary Milton of Mankato, Minnesota; 11 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his siblings, Coreen (Thomas) and Steve Paul of Sierra Vista, Arizona; Calvin and Carol Thomas of Lincoln, Nebraska; Don and Sharon Thomas of Hastings, Nebraska; and sister-in-law Connie Thomas of Dallas, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his parents, first wife, and brother Lon Thomas.

# Cemetery Details

## Kearney Cemetery

4400 Avenue I  
Kearney, NE 68847  
(308) 233-3244

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 3. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations  
4115 Ave N  
Kearney, NE 68847  
(308) 234-3500  
info@osrfh.com  
<https://www.osrfh.com>

## Funeral Service

JAN 4. 10:30 AM (CT)

New Life Church  
2715 W. 39th St.  
Kearney, NE

# Tribute Wall



“ O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Tommy Thomas



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**O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations** - January 04, 2018 at 05:29 PM



“ *Tommy Thomas*

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January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy to Tommy's family. I worked with him at Brown's Quality Foods in Kearney in 1979-1980. He always had a smile and was so kind. I enjoyed knowing him..he was a true gentleman.*

*Lori McCammon O'Brien*

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**Lori O'Brien** - January 02, 2018 at 01:25 PM



*Lori - thank you for sharing with our family. It means so much to us.*

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**Cathy Heckenlively** - January 02, 2018 at 08:47 PM

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“ GM Contracting Inc (Henry/Sue Harazin, Mike Urban) purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Tommy Thomas.



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**GM Contracting Inc (Henry/Sue Harazin, Mike Urban) -**  
January 02, 2018 at 12:39 PM

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“ Your TCHAP family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Tommy Thomas.



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**Your TCHAP family -** December 29, 2017 at 09:22 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Tommy Thomas.



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December 29, 2017 at 04:18 PM