

James F. Thomas



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James F. Thomas, 60, of Grinnell died Monday, May 23, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

A funeral service will be held Friday at 10 a.m. at the Grinnell Christian Church with the Rev. John Epperson officiating. Casket Bearers will be Eric Kingery, Chuck McAtee, Forrest (Frosty) Mitchell, Gary Rhodes, Ray Tokle, and Steven Westphal. Burial will be in the Booneville Cemetery. The family will receive relatives and friends at the Booneville United Methodist Church beginning at 1:30 p.m. Friday.

Friends may call at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell beginning 12 noon Thursday, with family present from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Memorials may be directed to the

Grinnell Christian Church or to the Booneville United Methodist Church, or sent in care of Greg Thomas, 10620 Clark Street, Clive, IA. 50325.

Jim was born June 10, 1944, near Booneville, to Raymond and Thelma Sayre Thomas. He was reared on the family farm and graduated from Van Meter High School with the Class of 1962. He attended the American Institute of Business in Des Moines.

In May of 1965, he was married to Constance Meagher in Van Meter. The couple lived in Des Moines, Adel and Keokuk, where he managed Goodyear Tire Companies. In 1972 the family moved to Grinnell and he worked for the Miracle Recreation Company. In the late 1970s he purchased the local Goodyear Tire Store and operated it until 1990. For the past 15 years he was a sales representative for Olderog Tire Company in Iowa.

He was a member of the Grinnell Christian Church and worked with youth programs in his church and the Grinnell AAU basketball teams.

He is survived by one daughter, Christine Parker of West Des Moines; two sons, Greg Thomas of Clive and Matt Thomas of West Des Moines; three grandchildren; one sister, Raeann Thomas of Van Meter; and three brothers, George Thomas of Jeffersonville, Ind., Ronald Thomas of Leon, and Curtis Thomas of Dunkerton.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Joe and Ross Thomas.