



Elmer G. Thomas

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Elmer G. Thomas, age 75, passed away peacefully on June 30, 2025. Born on July 15, 1949, Elmer was the beloved son of the late Dewey and Rosie Mae Thomas.

Elmer was the devoted husband of Diane Thomas (née Bartow), with whom he shared 53 wonderful years of marriage. He was a proud and loving father to his son, Christopher Thomas. He was the cherished brother of Frank Spurgeon (deceased), Joe (Eleanor) Spurgeon (deceased), Bill (Thelma, surviving) Spurgeon (deceased), James (Clara) Thomas, William Walter "Big Bill" (Lynne) Thomas, Gary (Nadine) Thomas, Steve (Colleen) Thomas, Arthur Thomas (deceased), Martin Carol (John) Bentley (deceased), Fanny Arlene (Buck) Stanley, and Karina Thomas. He also leaves behind many cherished nieces and nephews.

Known for his outgoing and friendly nature, Elmer never met a stranger. He had a gift for conversation and was well liked by everyone who had the pleasure of knowing him. He enjoyed talking with neighbors in the evening on his front porch.

For over 25 years, Elmer ran a successful mechanic business, specializing in construction equipment. His dedication to his craft and his strong work ethic earned him the respect of many in his community.

Outside of work, Elmer had a passion for car racing and car restoration. He also enjoyed hunting and playing Horseshoe, hobbies that brought him joy and camaraderie throughout his life.

Elmer's legacy is one of kindness, hard work, and a life well lived. He will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and all who knew him.

Visitation is Tuesday, July 8, 2025, from 11 AM – 1 PM at Sunset Legacy Funeral Home, 6265 Columbia Road, North Olmsted, Ohio 44070, where his funeral service will follow at 1 PM.




Events


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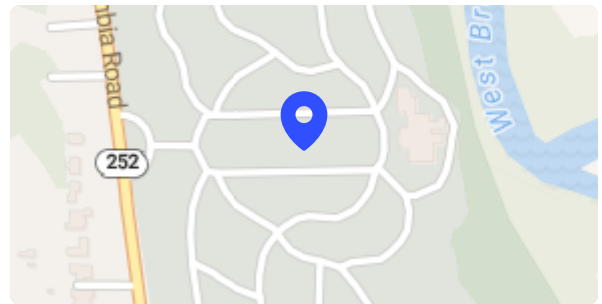
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Visitation


 **Tuesday**, July 8, 2025

 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM ET


 **Sunset Legacy Funeral Home**
6265 Columbia Road, North Olmsted OH 44070

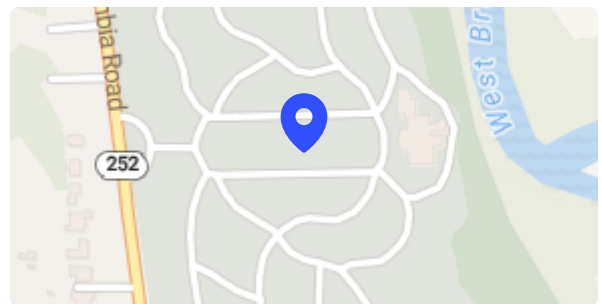


Funeral Service

 **Tuesday**, July 8, 2025


 1:00 PM ET

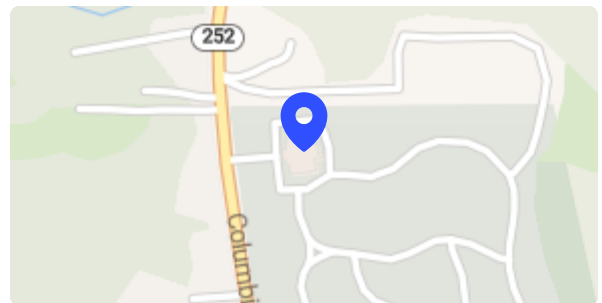
 **Sunset Legacy Funeral Home**
6265 Columbia Road, North Olmsted OH 44070



Cemetery Details

 **Sunset Cemetery**
6265 Columbia Road, North Olmsted OH 44070

 **(440) 249-6256**





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Letha Bartow posted:

I met Elmer when he was 17 year old and has been in my family since then. So he is more like a son to me was always there when we needed him. R.I.P you will be missed for ever.

July 10 at 12:43 PM



Sharon Bartow posted:

I want to also mention that Big Elmer is still a legend as the owner of his Family Affair, a car which he raced at Quigley. Folks still talk about him!! us SALUTE us

July 6 at 1:14 AM



Sharon Bartow posted:

Once my brother in law , a title I've never stopped using, is a kind, funny, loving, and intelligent soul. To share just one memory is impossible, for there were many. A great human indeed!! A few of my favorites, a late night gabfest when the family went camping, where he shared some stories from his time as a United States Warrior serving in Vietnam. He was happy to hear 98.5s Bill Lewis. Annually play Treetop Flyer and say Happy Birthday to him over the airwaves!! He deserved so much more!!Going with him and Diane and Chris to see The Vietnam Traveling Wall!!! So very proud of him. And after he and Chris finished restoring his car. I went to see it completed and he got a kick out of watching me get down on the ground and slide under the car, to view all the hard work!! Hahal loved Big Elmer, and was honored to know him. Our world is dimmed with his physical absence, but he will not be forgotten. Elmer lives on in the hearts and minds of all that knew him. My deepest condolences, love, and prayers to Diane and Chris, and all family. R.I.P. TREETOP FLYER 🎧 ❤️ 📺 💙

July 6 at 1:10 AM



Sharon Bartow lit a candle in honor of Elmer.

Sharon Bartow lit a candle in memory of Elmer Thomas

July 5 at 3:49 PM





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MP

Margaret Prokay lit a candle in honor of Elmer.

It's amazing just how many times my heart can be broken. My Richard and Elmer always enjoyed family get togethers as it provided an opportunity to discuss trucks, tools, their latest joke, memories from Waco, etc. You know all of the weird topics that draw men together!! Lol 😊 Sadly, over the years, the get togethers became very infrequent. But every time they were in the same room, the spark of friendship/family ignited itself once again. The last time was at the wedding of Heather and Matt, September 24, 2022. Richard's memory had changed over the years, but when Elmer came and sat down next to him, I saw the spark again. My heartfelt ♥ sympathy to Diane, Chris and all of us who loved and respected a good man who never forgot his friend. ☐ 😊



July 4 at 2:05 PM

PL

Patty Lahood posted:

Elmer always had a smile on his face. Elmer and Diane would walk up through the field to get his corn. It was always a pleasant visit. I remember my Dad and him talking for hours. He will be missed by all.

July 4 at 9:33 AM

RM

Richard M. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Elmer.



July 4 at 8:44 AM



Michelle Zehe Schillace posted:

We are deeply saddened and our hearts ache for Diane & Chris, Elmer holds a special place in all of our hearts. Our most sincere heartfelt condolences. We love you and are here for you during this difficult time!

July 3 at 11:11 PM

WS

With Love, The Schillace's sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Thomas family.



July 3 at 11:00 PM



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Heather Rusin shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

So many memories with Uncle Big Elmer, myself him and Chris riding Huey helicopter with him hands down one of best memories in my life. What an honor to experience that ride with my favorite Vietnam Vet and my cousin. Being at Myrtle Beach and him saying oh those gocarts not that far we can walk lol. If you were there you know. Just a couple from my 44 years of knowing you as a great uncle who called me baby love. Forever in my heart RIP



July 3 at 8:31 PM



Michelle Zehe Schillace lit a candle in honor of Elmer.

We are deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Elmer, he holds a special place in all of our hearts, we have the fondest memories to hold onto forever, his obituary says it perfectly, he is very kind, caring, funny and a great man! Heaven has gained a special angel. Diane and Chris our hearts break for you as you transition through this difficult time, know that we are always here for you, we love you! Damian ❤️ Michelle ❤️ Savannah ❤️ Schillace



July 3 at 8:22 PM



Ronald Morgan posted:

We were friends and neighbors to Elmer & Diane for over 46 years. Elmer was always happy and ready to help his neighbors. He was always happy to help his neighbors whenever they needed him. He will be missed everyday. We were blessed to have him in our lives. The Morgans

July 3 at 7:27 PM



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July 3 at 8:31 PM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Elmer by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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