



Louie "Marvis" Thomas

May 12, 1944 - August 1, 2020

Louie Marvis Thomas, 76, of Sopchoppy, passed away unexpectedly, on August 1, 2020, at home.

Marvis was born and raised in Panacea where he was a member of the Panacea First Baptist Church.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran and served on the USS Forrestal from 1962-1965. After the Navy he and Leonard Crum owned and operated Crum/Thomas Service Station in Panacea and during that time they were instrumental in starting the Panacea Volunteer Fire Department. He also attended Tallahassee Junior College and drove a school bus for the Wakulla County School System. While in college he was introduced to multi-level marketing, which became his passion. After his father's death, he took-over the family seafood business, J.L. Thomas Seafood, in Panacea. As an affluent member of the Southeastern Fisheries Association, his business continued to grow into one of the largest seafood businesses in the state. During this time he became a Real Estate Broker and decided to turn over the seafood business to his brothers. Together with business partner Walt Dickson, he formed Jer-Be-Lou Development Corporation and Apalachee Realty. Never forgetting his passion for multi-level marketing, in 1994 he was introduced to Excel Telecommunications, quickly advancing to an Executive Senior Director and becoming one of the top 10 money earners with the company. In 1997, he retired and moved to Buckhorn Creek in Sopchoppy. He had a passion for the outdoors and was an avid fisherman and hunter, but his family was his

greatest love.

Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Sandra Louise Thomas; children Gregory Marvis Thomas (wife Kristi), Amy Louise Carraway (husband Rick); grandchildren (his five boys) Zachary Marvis Thomas, William Rolland Thomas, Austen Blane Willingham, Adison Harvey Carraway and Avery O'Neill Carraway; sisters Bessie Gilbert (husband Cecil), Linda Camp (husband Buddy), Eva Duggar (husband Early), and brother Isaac Thomas (wife Elizabeth).

He was predeceased in death by his parents, Joseph (J.L.) Thomas and Geneva Thomas Whisenant (step-father Arthur), brothers Delma, Odell, Hixon and Junior.

Graveside services will be held at West Sopchoppy Cemetery on Tuesday, August 4, 2020 at 10 a.m. with internment immediately following. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in honor of Marvis Thomas to the Sopchoppy High School Restoration Fund, PO Box 43, Sopchoppy, FL 32358.

Breanna Green and Kimberly Crum with Bevis Funeral Home of Crawfordville are assisting the family with arrangements. (850-926-3333, www.bevis.com)

Cemetery Details

West Sopchoppy Cemetery

Sopchoppy, FL

Previous Events

Funeral Service

AUG 4. 10:00 AM (ET)

West Sopchoppy Cemetery
Sopchoppy, FL

Tribute Wall

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“ *Division of Medical Quality Assurance Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Louie "Marvis" Thomas.*



Division of Medical Quality Assurance Family - August 03, 2020 at 01:05 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Louie "Marvis" Thomas.*



August 03, 2020 at 11:40 AM

CB

“ *Love you Uncle Marvis, had some of the best times in my life fishing with you!*



Chase Besczezynski - August 03, 2020 at 06:23 AM

AW

“ *Marvis and Louise Thomas have been mighty fine friends of ours since about 1996 or so. We met through the Excel Telecommunications program. Marvis and Louise were always willing to help people from anywhere at any time. Together, they made a great team, whose leadership qualities were easy to recognize. The key was that they LOVED everyone that they met. Marvis and I have shared emails, daily, for a very long time. His love of life and his life of love were never questioned. We have lost a wonderful friend, temporarily. We will meet again, when we follow his pathway to our eternal Heavenly Home, just as Marvis has recently done.*

My most sincere condolences to Louise, their family members, neighbors and friends, who have all been dealt a severe blow. May God's Grace, and His Holy Spirit, be sufficient to comfort, strengthen and under gird you, during your time of grief and beyond.

*Allen & Barbara Way
Orange Park, FL*

Allen & Barbara Way - August 02, 2020 at 10:03 PM

MK

“ *Prayers of comfort for Louise and the family.*



Michelle Kirby - August 02, 2020 at 09:47 PM

AC

“ Audrey Crum lit a candle in memory of Louie "Marvis" Thomas



Audrey Crum - August 02, 2020 at 09:02 PM



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August 02, 2020 at 06:57 PM

PR

“ Pamela Reynolds lit a candle in memory of Louie "Marvis" Thomas



Pamela Reynolds - August 02, 2020 at 06:51 PM

LC

“ Buddy and I are so very sorry for the loss of a wonderful husband, father and grandfather to immediate family. Love my brother so very much and will miss him dearly. He was the most wonderful brother in the world always willing to help his family or friends in need. I am going to miss all the phone calls. He new all the Thomas Family History, Fly High my Angel brother, Marvis in Heaven.

Linda Camp - August 02, 2020 at 06:06 PM