



Ken Thomas

September 26, 1947 - December 9, 2021

Funeral services for Ken Thomas, age 74, of Early, will be held at 10:00 AM, Monday, December 13, 2021, in the Heartland Funeral Home chapel with Pastor Jim Maxwell of Freedom Fellowship Church officiating. Interment will follow in Eastlawn Memorial Park. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Sunday evening from 6:00 until 8:00.

Ken passed from this world on Thursday, December 9, 2021.

Born September 26, 1947, to his parents Sidney Jessie Thomas and Ida Ree Jewell in Brownwood, Texas. Ken attended school in Goldthwaite and played football for the Eagles. He led those football teams to several winning seasons. After High School, Ken joined the US Army in 1967 and had one tour of Vietnam. Afterwards he was stationed in South Korea and Fort Hood.

While stationed at Fort Hood, Ken married the love of his life, Mary Ann Chapman on August 1, 1970. They were married for 51 amazing years. After his honorable discharge from the Army in 1975, Ken began working for Ross Company in Early. Ken was elected to the Early City Council and then left Ross Company to become the City Manager of Early from 1987 until his retirement on December 31, 2014.

Ken and Mary spent almost every Thursday evening for 20 years ministering to the kids at the Brownwood State School. Ken always put God first in his life even attending church at Freedom Fellowship the last night of his life here on earth. He enjoyed hunting, fishing at their lake home, working with his hands (he built their first TV on their dining room table) and traveling the world with Mary. Whether they were cruising the oceans or driving from Texas to Vermont & Maine to see the fall foliage or to Montana & South Dakota to visit Yellowstone & Mount Rushmore, Ken loved to drive while eating Mary's chicken salad sandwiches. Always by Mary's side, they only missed seeing Iowa & Wisconsin.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Charles Thomas and his sister Margie Cox. He is survived by his wife Mary Thomas, one daughter, Dianne and her husband

Steve Fryar of Brownwood, sister Delores and husband Dan Chapman of Early, Granddaughter Kaitlyn and her husband Tim Peevy of Early, two great-grandkids and several nieces and nephews and lots of great friends.

Ken was an awesome Godly husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, father-in-law and friend anyone could have ever met. So many people have attributed their walk with God to him.

Condolences, memories, and tributes can be offered to the Thomas family online at heartlandfuneralhome.net

Cemetery Details

Eastlawn Memorial Park

1921 Early Boulevard
Early, TX 76802

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **12**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Heartland Funeral Home
303 Early Blvd
Early, TX 76802

Funeral Service

DEC **13**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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303 Early Blvd
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Tribute Wall



“ *Heartland Funeral and Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Ken Thomas*



Heartland Funeral & Cremation Service - December 12, 2021 at 01:52 PM

SL

“ *Saddened to learn of this. I knew Ken Thomas in his role as Early city manager while I was a reporter for The Early American and the Brownwood Bulletin. He was easily one of the most professional, honest individuals with whom I had the privilege of working. I counted him as a friend, even after my departure from the Bulletin, and kept up with him and his beautiful family via social media. He was from Goldthwaite, while I grew up in San Saba, so we had an ongoing and annual dialogue about the high school rivalry. Such an incredible loss, not only to his family but his church and the community. You have my prayers.*

Sheri Lewis - December 13, 2021 at 12:13 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ken Thomas.*



December 11, 2021 at 12:52 PM

LP

“ My name is Larry Perry. I graduated one year earlier than Ken from Goldthwaite High School. I worked all thru my high school years with Sid Thomas at Frazier Bros. Grocery. In Goldthwaite. his dad was a Godly man and taught me a lot. I graduated with the class of 65 and played football too at Goldthwaite. Ken was my dear friend and as Goldthwaite Eagles we were all friends and brothers. Ken was a Godly friend to me and lived his life telling others about Jesus love and his church in Early! I am a retired firefighter and retired as Captain of the Brownwood Fire Dept. I loved hearing about he and Mary and their trips all over the United States and the world. I loved Ken a lot. Tammy McCullough is my daughter, and she loved Ken and Mary as well. We all love Ken and his family. We know Jesus welcomed Ken with open arms to spend eternity with Him!

Larry Bernard Perry - December 11, 2021 at 11:49 AM

LK

“ If I was asked to describe Ken in one word it would have to be “ Faithful “. He was faithful to his wife, family, church, friends and any other obligations in his life. But most of all he was faithful to God and his Christian walk. This world’s loss is heaven’s gain !! Mary, Dianne, Kaitlin, Delores and all his other loved ones, my heart breaks for you because I know what a strong rock of Gibraltar he was for not only you all but anyone that was fortunate enough to call him “ their Friend “. We have a lot of wonderful memories with you all. And we will continue to keep you all in our thoughts and prayers . All our Love, Leo and Judy Karnes.



Leo and Judy Karnes - December 11, 2021 at 11:15 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ken Thomas.



December 11, 2021 at 08:08 AM

TT

“ Heaven gained a shining example of Christian love and devotion. I shall never forget the many church services @ Trinity Chapel with Mr. Thomas leading announcements. I pray all your memories bring you comfort. He has a host of folks to welcome him home. What a reunion, what a day that will be !

Terrilyn Jones Casey Taylor

Terrilyn Taylor - December 11, 2021 at 05:15 AM

ST

I only remember meeting Ken once in my life even though we were first cousins. I just remember he was tall as a giant!! He as well as 2 other first cousins were at our grandparents. The 3 cousins were all in uniform. I've always enjoyed following him on FB and seeing Ken and Mary's adventures. I was shocked to see he has passed. Just reminds us we never know when it's our last day on earth. Mary, so sorry fir your loss. He obviously adored you! God's peace to you.

Sharon Carlson (Dallas TX) - December 11, 2021 at 11:48 AM

HH

“*Sister Mary Thomas, I'm saddened by the passing of your dear husband but at the same time I know that to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. My parents and I enjoyed the fellowship with you and him at Trinity Chapel back in the day. I also won't ever forget Judy Karnes and his friendship of pranks. I'm sure he's seen family and my parents by now as he's entered into the most beautiful place and he's already looking over the new mansion and awaiting one day for you and his togetherness forever. God bless you and your family and we're praying for you all.*

*Respectfully,
Harold E. Hogan*

Harold Hogan - December 10, 2021 at 08:38 PM

CW

“*Ken was a wonderful man, and a great neighbor to have. So sorry for the loss. Our prayers go out to Mary and family.*

Chad and Michelle Williamson - December 10, 2021 at 06:14 PM

BB

“*Sending our heartfelt Condolences to Mary, Kaitlyn, Dianne, & All of The Precious Family Members of Ken Thomas. He always went out of his way to show us unconditional Love and acceptance. He was the Perfect Example of how to live a True, Godly Life. Heaven is shining even Brighter now. He will be missed by us, and anyone that has had the Blessing of knowing him. Until we meet again....*



Brian & Kim Brando - December 10, 2021 at 06:04 PM

JS

I had the pleasure of serving with Ken on the Early City Council from 1981 till 1986. I always admired Ken as he was a great example to me while we served together. Rest In Peace my friend until we meet again.

Jerry Shepherd

Jerry Shepherd - December 10, 2021 at 09:07 PM

LM

Uncle Kenneth, perfect example of the way to love our Jesus! What a great reunion is going on right now. What a great reunion when we who are in Christ Jesus will meet again.

LaQuita Mullins - December 10, 2021 at 09:31 PM

NJ

Mary, my prayers are with you! I am Naomi Jones(Howze) and saw this obit on facebook. May the Lord comfort you! Love you

Naomi Jones - December 11, 2021 at 01:00 AM

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Naomi Jones - December 11, 2021 at 01:01 AM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Ken Thomas.*



December 10, 2021 at 05:33 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Ken Thomas.*



December 10, 2021 at 04:57 PM

Jl

“ *John Allen and Brown County Water Improv purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Ken Thomas.*



John Allen and Brown County Water Improv - December 10, 2021 at 04:21 PM

FB

“ *From Mikey, JoLynne, Hannah and Bucky purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ken Thomas.*



From Mikey, JoLynne, Hannah and Bucky - December 10, 2021 at 04:11 PM