



## Claude Edward Thomas

April 10, 1935 - January 18, 2020

It's with great sadness and joyful remembrance we announce the passing of Claude Edward Thomas, age 84, on January 18, 2020.

He leaves behind his loving wife, Janice Bundy Thomas; three sons, James Edward Thomas & wife Tonya of Inverness, FL, Mark Anthony Thomas & wife Melisa of Corbin, KY, Kevin Thomas & Melissa of Gray, KY; four stepchildren, Keith Bundy & fiancé Brenda, Kenneth Bundy & wife Loretta, Kelvin Bundy & wife Renee, Kathy Bundy, all of London; one brother, Dr. Robert Thomas of North Dakota; fifteen grandchildren; twenty-four great grandchildren; one great, great grandchild, plus a host of other family and friends to mourn his passing.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Samuel and Sarah Johnson Thomas; four siblings, Earl Thomas, Ben Thomas, Margret Bolton, and Edith Saylor.

Ever the adventurer, he spent years traveling and camping with his beloved Moonbow Camping Club. These trips were filled with family, friends, music, laughter, campfires, and marshmallows. The RV motorhome he shared with his wife, Janice, was often filled with his grandchildren for days at a time. He taught them all to build and tend to a fire. He showed them how to make nature's glow sticks with the glowing end of smoldering twigs and then turn

them into sidewalk chalk. He was always willing to scoop up a little one for a dance while the old record player filled the room with music. He'd been known to sneak a quick kiss from Janice when he thought nobody was looking. He was a family man, a loving husband, father, grandfather, and an honored Veteran of the Air Force. We will think of him at the backyard fires as we pass on the tricks he taught us to our children, while watching football on Thanksgiving, while watching his beloved Wildcats, when Rockin' Around The Christmas Tree plays, and all the times in between.

Claude entered the United States Air Force in 1952 and retired with twenty years of service in 1973. He served two years in Vietnam and was awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Bronze Star Medal for action in Vietnam, and he was a Purple Heart recipient. He also retired from Certainteed/CTA Acoustics in 2000 with 27 years of service. Claude was named a Corbin Colonel in 1977 and a Kentucky Colonel in 1978. He was a 32° Mason in the Hugh Harris Lodge, a 32° Lexington Scottish Rite, a Shriner, and also a member of the Shrine Legion of Honor.

Funeral services for Claude Edward Thomas will be held on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the chapel of House-Rawlings Funeral Home with Benny Bush officiating. Burial will follow on Wednesday, January 22, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at the Bentley-Burkhart Cemetery in London, Kentucky. Military honors will be provided by the local DAV Chapter 158 of Keavy, KY.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 beginning at 4:00 p.m. until the funeral hour also at the funeral home. The family has entrusted House-Rawlings Funeral Home with the arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 21. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

House-Rawlings Funeral Home  
510 East 4th Street  
London, KY 40741  
(606) 864-2158  
info@houserawlings.com  
<https://houserawlings.com>

## Funeral Service

JAN 21. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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## Burial

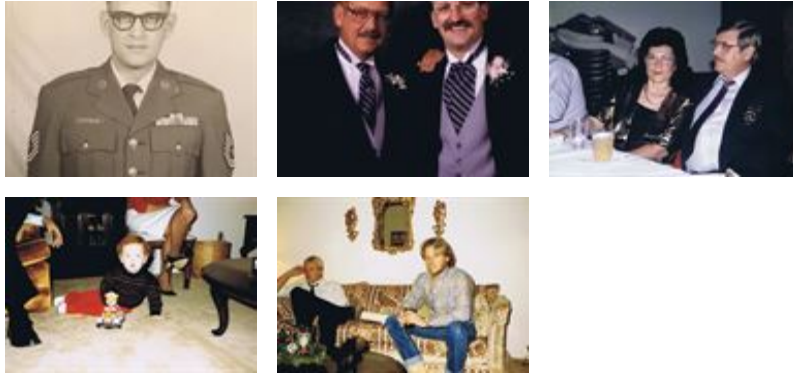
JAN 22. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bentley-Burkhart Cemetery  
London, KY

# Tribute Wall



“ 131 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



House-Rawlings Funeral Home - January 20, 2020 at 10:11 PM

SG

“ So sorry *Mark*, for you and all of the family, Will keep you in my prayers. I have many good memories of your mother and father, when we were younger. all the good times we shared. No one can take away those memories .  
see you back at church soon , so proud for all you do at our Church.

*Sylvia Gregory.*

Sylvia Gregory - January 20, 2020 at 08:46 PM

DF

“ don , crystal and family purchased the Beautiful i  
n Blue for the family of Claude Edward Thomas.



don , crystal and family - January 20, 2020 at 03:39 PM

DL

“ *Denny Liford sent a virtual gift in memory of  
Claude Edward Thomas*



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**Denny Liford** - January 20, 2020 at 01:33 PM

KR

“ I am so sorry for your loss .

*I remember along time ago , CTA had a fence and there was a guard at the gate. I had to walk in and out to the gate every morning and every evening because I didn't drive . One evening I got in the car and my husband eased forward, as traffic was supposed to stop for people going straight. The guard had watched us a number of times doing this dailey. All at once he jumped in front of our car with his hand toward us in the "stop position" and flagged everyone out of the parking lot and he finally flagged us on! I was a little upset but thought nothing of it except he was trying to do his job !*

*The next day I was called to the office as Claude wanted to speak to me. I was nervous and didn't know what was going on ! Claude told me that the guard had informed him that my husband tried to run him over ! I didn't defend my husband nor myself because I knew that upper management had heard every excuse in the book !*

*Claude told me if it happened again I would have to be dropped off at the property line !!! I told Claude , that it would not happen again.*

*A few days later a few of the employees were standing in a group talking to Claude and someone said something about the guard and Claude looked at me and said, "we took care of that*

*problem didn't we Karen?" He had let that guard go ! I don't know how he knew but he knew that guard had been deceitful!!! I could tell Claude was apologizing with his eyes and not saying a word !!!!*

*He was a great man and I know his family is going to miss him.*

*My advice is, take his love with you wherever you go and know he will be with you always ! Hugs and prayers to all of you !*

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**Karen (Love) Rogers** - January 20, 2020 at 12:28 PM