



## John Lynn Thomas

August 13, 1955 - January 23, 2025

John L. Thomas, 69, of Jacksonville went to his heavenly home after a lengthy and courageous battle with pulmonary fibrosis, Jan. 23, 2025. He was born, Aug. 13, 1955, in Winchester, the son of Chester “Chet” and Glenna Walker Thomas. He married Sally C. Anders, Apr. 21, 1984, and she preceded him in death Nov. 10, 2015.

Surviving are children, John (Mindy) Thomas II of Winchester, Shane Thomas of Jacksonville and Heather (Doug) Zulauf of Murrayville; grandchildren, Gavyn Thomas, Jaxon Thomas, Rylan Thomas and Kyle Zulauf; brothers, Jeff (Kelly) Thomas and Ronnie Thomas both of Winchester and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Joyce (John) Weder.

John was a member of Meredosia First Baptist Church. He was an over-the-road truck driver for many years, taking joy in the breathtaking views of any mountains along his journey. John worked at Carter Lumber in Jacksonville and owned and operated an in-home licensed daycare with his wife, Sally, for 12 years. The daycare also included supporting the foster care system. He enjoyed being with his grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held 11:00 a.m. Monday, Jan. 27, 2025, at the Daws Family Funeral Home in Winchester with interment in the Winchester City Cemetery. A visitation will be held Monday, 10:00 a.m. until time of services. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to help with funeral expenses.

# Cemetery Details

## Winchester City Cemetery

Cherry Street  
Winchester, IL 62694

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JAN 27.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Daws Family Funeral Home - Winchester  
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# Tribute Wall

BF

“ *Bill & Marilyn Ferguson lit a candle in memory of John Thomas*



**Bill & Marilyn Ferguson** - January 25, 2025 at 05:51 PM

DE

“ *Heather, Shane and Family  
We were so saddened to hear of John's passing. He certainly was a fighter!! We very much enjoyed our waving and talking to each other across the street all these years. Sending our deepest sympathies along with our thoughts and prayers. God Bless  
Dean & Toni Estler*

**Dean & Toni Estler** - January 25, 2025 at 03:04 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Lynn Thomas.*



January 24, 2025 at 11:08 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John Lynn Thomas.*

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JL

“ *Jenny & Jeff Long purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of John Lynn Thomas.*



**Jenny & Jeff Long** - January 24, 2025 at 08:27 AM

JG

“ He was a very kind hearted classmate. Class of 1973 WHS. Prayers to the family.  
So sorry .

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**Joy (Coats) Graves** - January 23, 2025 at 07:05 PM

DE

“ Truly sorry for your loss John, Heather, Shane and grandchildren. love Deanna and  
Christopher

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**Deanna** - January 23, 2025 at 05:09 PM