



Charles Thomas

November 15, 1932 - May 16, 2023

Charles Richard Thomas, Eskridge, 90, died from injuries sustained in a car accident on May 16, 2023. Born on November 15, 1932, to Charles and Felicia Thomas. Charles was raised in the Eskridge community, and graduated from Eskridge High School in 1950. He joined the Air Force and was stationed mostly in Denison, Texas. He married his high-school sweetheart, Bonita Johnson, on July 26, 1952 – celebrating 70 years of marriage last summer.

After the Air Force, Charles worked for DuPont as a maintenance mechanic from 1956 to 1984. He also worked on his ranch raising cattle, pigs and even rabbits at one time. He was the epitome of a hard worker, which continued up until his last few years. In 1978, he built his and Bonita's current home north of Eskridge and continued raising cattle and maintaining pastures for another 40 plus years.

Charles/Chuck/Dick was a most remarkable and lovable gentleman, extremely generous and kind. He was keenly clever and innovative, and taught his children they could do anything. Charles was known for helping strangers who stopped at his house needing something or anything. He also would be the first to help a neighbor. He deeply loved his family and friends – and he loved his country. Charles was always a storyteller and we hope anyone who knew him well will keep a story of his close to their heart. He accomplished his

mission (taken from the movie Forrest Gump), “Always be able to look back and say – at least I didn’t live no humdrum life.” No, Dad, your life was the complete opposite of humdrum – and what an absolute honor it was for all of us to be a part of it.

Charles is survived by his wife, Bonita and his children, Ed Thomas (Karen Viergever), Kathy Stacken (Doug), and Webb Thomas (Brenda); grandchildren, Jeremy Thomas (Jessica), Brooklynd Wills (Scott), Kendra Rutschman (Aaron), Roxy Seematter, Cody Seematter (Ashley), Tanner Thomas, Cole Thomas, and Jamey Andrews (Dean); 17 great-grandchildren; dear brother Harold Thomas; and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Sandra Thomas, and his siblings, Dorothy Eastman, Betty Haynes, and Dale Thomas.

Visitation will be 12:30 to 2 p.m. Friday, May 26, at Dover Fellowship Hall, 13535 SW 57th Street, Dover, KS 66610. Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall. Burial will be in the Swedish Cemetery in rural Wabaunsee county.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a contribution to the charity of your choosing and sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614. Condolences may be sent online to www.kevinbrennanfamily.com.

Cemetery Details

Swedish Cemetery

Wabaunsee County

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **26**. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Dover Fellowship Hall
13535 SW 57th Street
Dover, KS 66610

Memorial Service

MAY **26**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



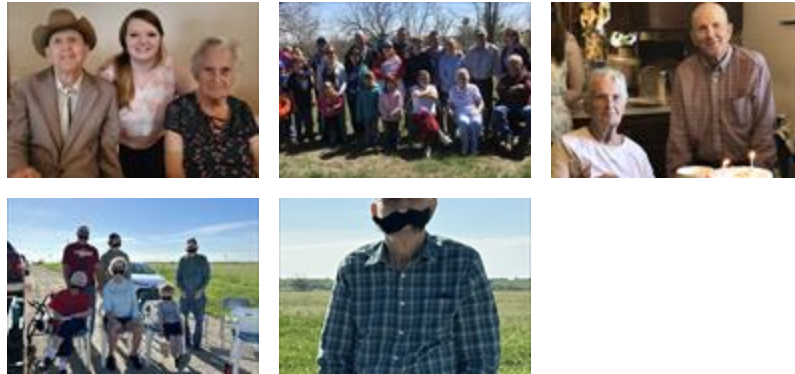
“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Charles Thomas.* ”



May 26, 2023 at 01:22 PM



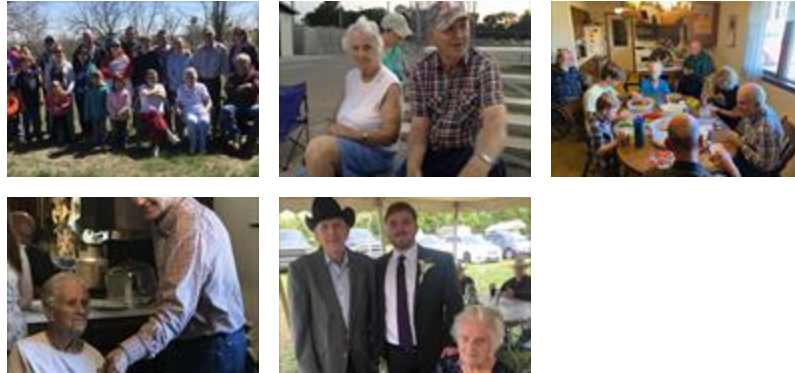
“ *19 files added to the tribute wall* ”



kathy - May 25, 2023 at 10:14 PM

KA

“ 15 files added to the tribute wall



kathy - May 25, 2023 at 10:11 PM



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

May 24, 2023 at 09:59 AM

JG

“ Wishing the Thomas family sympathy for their loss. Charles will be missed by everyone. Sincerely, Jim & Karen Gray

Jim & Karen Gray - May 24, 2023 at 09:34 AM



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

May 24, 2023 at 09:26 AM

BR

“ So very sorry that Charlie has passed. He was always a joy to see and a wonderful man. He was at his grandsons football games when it was quite cold and all other activities they were involved in. I remember when he told me he had asked a neighbor to make a birthday cake for his wife, I thought what a wonderful love they shared. Charlie will be missed!

Brenda - May 23, 2023 at 09:24 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles Thomas.



May 23, 2023 at 01:10 AM



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May 23, 2023 at 01:10 AM

WS

“ Ed: Sorry for your loss, Cousin Dickie was a great man and will be missed by many. My wife Alice & I remember you at the fishing party at Dickies Pond with Dickie, my brother ED & Kathy also Building the access ramp on Uncle Roy's house in Emporia was just some of the many fine memories I have of your dad.

Walter Earl Shoup - May 20, 2023 at 12:24 PM

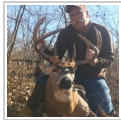
BH

“ *Webb, Kathy & Ed,*

*What a wonderful man. I sure miss talking to him. Love him dearly.
You all have my sympathy.*

Bev

Bev Holthaus - May 19, 2023 at 12:59 PM



Thank you. Webb

Webb Thomas - May 23, 2023 at 08:25 AM

KA

Thank you, Bev! We know you loved him dearly. Hugs!

Kathy - May 24, 2023 at 10:01 PM

WJ

“ *Eddie & Family,*

Please accept our deepest sympathy in the loss of your Dad. May He Rest In Peace & God Speed. Will keep you in our thoughts & prayers through this sad & difficult time. We are unable to attend the services due to being out of state, but will hold you in our prayers.

*Love,
Wilb & Sis*



Wilb & Sis Stum, Jr. - May 19, 2023 at 10:54 AM