



## Joseph Erwin Thomas

October 29, 1936 - January 26, 2015

Joseph Erwin Thomas

Age 78, was born in St. Louis, Missouri at St. Anthony's Hospital on October 29th, 1936. Mr. Thomas entered into eternal life Monday January 26, 2015 at Wm. Beaumont Hospital in Troy, Michigan.

Beloved Father of Lynn Anne Rick Thomas Whitman and JoAnne Marie Thomas Messina.

Loving Grandfather of Kristen Messina, Joseph Whitman and Louis Messina. Survived by his sisters Mary Therese Thomas, Connie Therrien, Joan Thomas and his brother Brother Charles Thomas. Predeceased by his parents John Erwin and Esther Juanita Thomas and his late brothers and sisters Dorothy, John, Terrance, Edward, Patricia, Paul, Esther, Monica and William.

Mr. Thomas served his country with the Air National Guard from 12 December 1954 until 11 December 1960, enlisting again with the Air Force Reserves as a Staff Sergeant from 11 December 1960 until Honorably Discharged on 11 December 1963.

Mr. Thomas retired from Michigan Bell/Ameritech after 31 years of service and then went on to work as a Service Engineer/ System Analyst with Aerotek Corporation. He was a resident of Shelby Township for the past 45 years, former Utica Kiwanis Club member and long time parishioner at St Kieran Catholic Church.

"My father was a private generous man, family oriented and belong to his family".

Family will receive friends at the Wm Sullivan & Son Funeral Home 8459 Hall Road 3 Blks E. of Van Dyke

Utica, Thursday from 2:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. with a Prayer Service at 7:00 p.m.

In State at St. Kieran Catholic Church, 53600 Mound Road, North of 24 Mile Road, Shelby Township, Michigan Friday January 30th at 10:30 a.m. until time of his Funeral Mass at 11:00 a.m.

Interment at Guardian Angel Cemetery, Oakland Township, Michigan

Family request donations to St. Clement of Rome Catholic Church, Romeo, Mi., Habitat for Humanity and or The Capuchins Soup Kitchen in Detroit, Mi., Please share a memory at [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“ I worked for your dad at Michigan Bell and it was truly a pleasure. We had a lot of laughs and good times. He was knowledgeable and a dedicated individual. I will miss him for the friendship we shared and he will be in my prayers. May God take him under his wing and comfort him and his family. Jerry & Georgette Malinowski

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**Jerry Malinowski** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Joe was one of nicest persons I ever worked with. Up until recently Joe and I would go to lunch a couple times a month. I will miss Joe.

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**Phil Martin** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ JoAnne, Kristen and Louis, My deepest condolences on the loss of a such a wonderful, loving, nurturing and kind father and grandfather. I know he loved each of you so very much and how much you all loved, adored and admired him! I pray the loving memories you have of him will help you find peace and comfort.

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**Bernie Walters** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM