



## John "Billy" Thomas

September 26, 1965 - September 17, 2016

Billy Thomas passed away suddenly on September 17, 2016, at the age of 50, at his residence. He was born on September 26, 1965 to Jno and Shirley (Steakley) in Detroit. Loving father of Donald, John, Anthony and Ami. Proud grandfather of Noah and Jonah. Dear brother of Anthony, Daniel, Jackie, Charles and Mary. Dear uncle of several nieces and nephews. He will be dearly missed by his family and friends.

Visitation will be open to the public on Friday from 2- 8:00 p.m. with a 7:00 p.m. Rosary Service at the Wasik Funeral Home, Inc. 49150 Schoenherr Rd. (N. of 22 Mile Rd.) Shelby Twp. Funeral service on Saturday at 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home. Additional visitation will be on Saturday 10:00 a.m. until time of service.

In lieu of floral arrangements, the family would like memorial contributions to be directed to the family's charity of choice.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **23.** 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home, Shelby Township  
49150 Schoenherr Rd.  
Shelby Township, MI 48315  
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## Rosary

SEP **23.** 7:00 PM (ET)

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## Funeral Service

SEP **24.** 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



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**Wasik Funeral Home, Inc.** - September 25, 2016 at 01:21 PM

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**Elaine DeLisle** - September 24, 2016 at 04:31 AM

DR

“ My condolences to Billy's entire family. Unfortunately I haven't seen him since the old days at Roseville. The attached picture is how I remember him. He was a great guy back then and I'm positive he remained so for the rest of his way too short life. Prayers and thoughts go out to you all.



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**Don Reaume** - September 23, 2016 at 05:50 PM



“ JT, JT, JT..... I am so very sorry to hear this. Although I never knew you outside of work, you changed my life by hiring this little girl in to the tanker company Polar Environmental. I still remember the interview, you sat there smirking your classic smirk the whole way through, at a little girl's sincere eagerness to drive and operate a big nasty waste oil taker just like the guys. I think you hired me as a joke, but the joke was on you because I loved the job and stayed over a year until I broke my foot. Your smirk was never mean, but always warm and friendly. You made Polar a great place to work. I remember how you used to jump in Tommy P's lap and crack everyone up. So many good memories there! The time we had a safety meeting and at the end you asked everyone to carry one of a stack of boxes to another part of the shop but not me, only the guys.... and I got so mad and threatened to quit for discrimination because I could carry a box just as well as the guys.... you were just being nice and tracked me down and said I can't quit over that. AND THE TIME we did a job together and you were driving the truck like a mad-man! OMG I still can't believe you didn't hit anyone that day, you were driving so crazy in that rush hour traffic! You made Polar a great place to work, of course along with the other guys too, but man, you were my favorite Polar person (excepting my trainer Eric Betea) because of your warm and friendly and prankster personality. And last but not least, as another one of your jokes you got me and Dave to go out, because we were both grumpy and anti-social. Again the joke backfired and Dave became the love of my life. The morning after we went out you were waiting for me to clock in and ask how it went, expecting a disaster. You asked what we did and I said, "Well I'm a woman and he's a man, what do you -think- we did??" And I'll never forget the look on your face!! I finally got to crack you up for a change. Again it worked out though, as I still love Dave. Thanks for everything, JT. You were a shining light in this often-dim world. I hope someday I can shake your hand again. God Bless You, my friend.

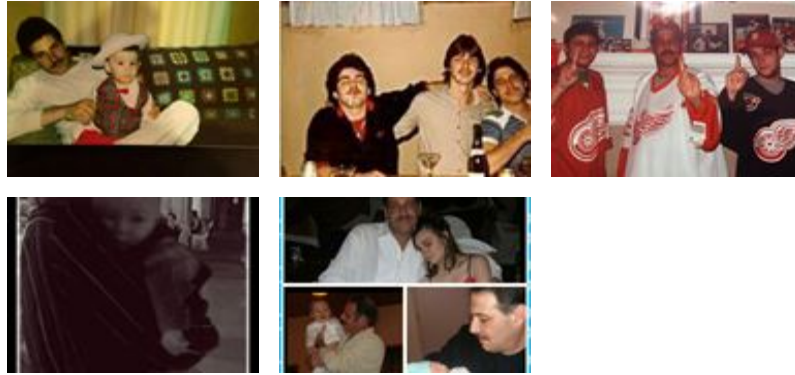


-- from Valerie Weise and Dave Mackie

Valerie Weise - September 23, 2016 at 11:31 AM



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Wasik Funeral Home, Inc. - September 23, 2016 at 09:10 AM



“ May your memories carry for many hard days to come, prayers to all the Thomas family

Jerry Whiteman - September 23, 2016 at 08:21 AM



“ We're gonna miss you brother..... I still remember all the good stories of you when you were a trucker....I will never forget them and we will all miss you.... keep on Truckin bro! 10-4.....

Eddie Ochoa - September 22, 2016 at 06:26 PM



“ I've known you most of my life. Since I was 16 to be exact. We've pretty much been through it all. Good and bad. You've given me my 4 amazing children which I'll be forever grateful for. And now our 2 beautiful gransons. You'll always hold a special place in my heart. Please help me get through this. Watch over all of us like you always did. Rest In Paradise

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**Kimberly Thomas** - September 22, 2016 at 01:52 PM

BS

“ Our condolences to Family and Friends.  
Our Thoughts and Prayers are with you.  
May God Bless,

*Bill and Cathy Saad*

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**Bill &Cathy Saad** - September 22, 2016 at 11:56 AM

DE

“ Billy you was My best friend , we did every thing together ... we did things most people only Dreamed of doing, we partied more then we should, but that's how it was ... & no one could stop us. it was you & me against the world. well now its time to say good bye ..... Just know I will never forget you or the times we had

*BEST FRIENDS TO THE END*

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**Don Edmunds** - September 21, 2016 at 08:06 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John "Billy" Thomas.



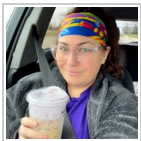
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Elaine - September 21, 2016 at 02:34 PM



“ To my Daddy: I will miss you so much. Your smile and laugh is what I miss most. Please watch over us dad. You are our guardian angel now. I LOVE YOU!



Love,  
Daddy's Little Girl

Ami Marie - September 21, 2016 at 09:25 AM

FS

“ Our hearts are broken for you. Billy was always so kind and friendly. We looked forward to seeing him at family events. He had a gentle soul and we know how much he will be missed by you all. Sending all of you all our love.

*Mike, Felicia and Erin*

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**Felicia Steil** - September 20, 2016 at 09:49 AM

DK

“ So sorry for your families loss!! I didn't know Billy but being family with Mary he must of been just as kind and loving as she is! We will be praying for you all! Love you Mary!! Mike and Darlene Krucker

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**Darlene Krucker** - September 19, 2016 at 08:44 PM

DO

“ Too all the family n friends of Billy, sorry for your sudden loss! Death leaves a heartache no one can heal and things we never will know, but love leaves a MEMORY you will always have close to your heart  
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*With Love Dolly Lovejoy 🥰*

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**dolly** - September 19, 2016 at 08:32 PM

KB

“ My condolences to the family. Billy was a true friend growing up on Fountain street. Was treated like one of the family.. He will truly be missed by all. My prayers are with you all. Love Kurt B

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**Kurt Bushor** - September 19, 2016 at 07:55 PM



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