



David Turnbull Thomas, II

May 9, 1941 - February 19, 2022

On Saturday, February 19th, 2022, David Turnbull Thomas, II (Dave), husband and father passed away at age 80.

Dave was born May 9, 1941, in Washington DC to David and Thelma (Via) Thomas. He was the first Commander of H Company with the Virginia Polytechnic Institute Class of '63 Corps of Cadets, member of Gregory Guard (Pershing Rifles), Unit H., Omicron Delta Kappa Honorary, Delta Sigma Pi, and a proud Alumni. He was a Veteran of the U. S. Army. While stationed at Aberdeen Proving Ground, he was a member of the Back Mountain Enduro Riders Motorcycle Club. He retired as Technical Director at USARDAISA after 29 years of service.

Dave was an accomplished musician and guitar player beginning in the 1950's, playing on "The Milt Grant Show" in Washington DC with Terry and the Pirates. Locally he played with Exit 42, Southern Spirit, New River Express, Larry Seay and Stagecoach, The Rake & Ramblin' 4, and Wilson & Friends. When he wasn't playing with the band you could find him cheering for the Hokies. He also served on the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets Alumni Board and the Gold Corps Committee.

Dave was preceded in death by his parents, David and Thelma (Via) Thomas. He is survived by his wife JoAnn, his son David (April Whitehurst and sons,

Thrasher, Koehler, and Xander) of Christiansburg, daughter Laura Thomas of Centralis WA, stepdaughters Hollie Spangler of Roanoke and Jennifer (Rob) Meador of Salem and his kitty Roomie.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, February 27, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Don Makin officiating. The family will receive friends from 1-2 p.m. prior to the service at McCoy Funeral Home, Blacksburg.

In lieu of flowers, gifts in Dave's memory can be made through the Virginia Tech Foundation to benefit his named scholarship in the Corps of Cadets. Please make checks payable to the Virginia Tech Foundation, in the memo line list the VTCCA Dave T. Thomas II '63 and JoAnn S. Thomas Scholarship and mail to Attn: Sandi Bliss, 902 Prices Fork Road, Blacksburg, VA 24061.

Or online: www.givingto.vt.edu/corps please select other and in the comments section list the VTCCA Dave T. Thomas II '63 and JoAnn S. Thomas Scholarship.

The family is grateful for the love and support from family, friends, and medical professionals.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 27. 2:00 AM (ET)

McCoy Funeral Home Chapel
150 Country Club Dr S.W.
Blacksburg, VA 24060

Visitation

FEB 27. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

McCoy Funeral Home
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<https://mccoyfuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall

SS

“ I was schocked to read about Daves' passing. I last saw dave about 20 some years ago when I returned to Tech to speak a a conference. I recall Dave was working at the arsnel. We reminisced about our days at "The Farm" aka "Wino Wonderland." in Darlington, MD. That was 1968. Dave and I were both assigned to the USAOC&S at APG. We were acquainted at Tech as he was a coop and I was class of '64. In school year '65 we lived nextdoor to each other on Perry St, just off campus in Blacksburg. It was great in the folk era to listen to Dave and his mates jam. Of course beer helped with cheese from the Lusters Gate Cheese Factory.

Steven Skolochenko - April 09, 2022 at 07:47 PM

DA

“ 1 file added to the album Full Service 2-27-2022



David - February 27, 2022 at 11:28 PM

DA

Thanks Ross!

David - February 27, 2022 at 11:40 PM



“ *Joann and family, I was saddened to hear of Dave’s passing. I enjoyed working with you both and still think back to Dave’s words of wisdom and our conversations about guitars and music. Praying for you all.*

Bobby Jones - February 24, 2022 at 07:09 PM



“ *Dave was such a fine fellow. Always enjoyed our conversations and seeing he and JoAnn at Hokie Games. He will be missed*

Louise Baker - February 24, 2022 at 02:10 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of David Turnbull Thomas, II.*



February 23, 2022 at 05:01 PM



“ *Dave & I go back to 1978 when I first became a REALTOR. His family was my very first house I sold. We occasionally stayed in touch since that time over the years. He was a great guy and a great friend who encouraged my love of music. It saddens me to hear he has gone. He will be missed! Sending thoughts and prayers to his family and loved ones. RIP Dave! Love you man!*

Charley Hanks - February 23, 2022 at 02:47 PM

WW

“ Joann and Family, Dave was a very fine man and a good friend. Out of the fiery comes peace. My sincere condolences, William White

William White - February 23, 2022 at 11:37 AM

RT

“ Richard and Barbara Thomas purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of David Turnbull Thomas, II.



Richard and Barbara Thomas - February 23, 2022 at 08:15 AM

DR

“ Dave would have appreciated that this VMI family cared so much about him that we want to contribute to a scholarship at VT. Dave was at Tech when it was VPI and the annual VMI football game was significant to both schools! This was never a hindrance to friendship! His smile and his music will always be a memory to bring light to life.
Dianne Rencsok

Dianne Rencsok - February 22, 2022 at 08:04 AM

JF

“ Dear Joann and Family - I am so sorry to hear about Dave's passing. Such a smart, intelligent, talented and witty person. Many laughs and good times. Thinking about you all during this time. Take care. Janet Fisher

Janet Fisher - February 21, 2022 at 03:31 PM