



# Gary Edward Thomas

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**G**ary Edward Thomas  
79 years old,

Resident of Folsom, LA, since 2009 and resident of Terrytown, LA, for 43 years.

Date of death: August 20, 2014, after a lengthy illness.

Loving husband for 55 years of Kathleen Harrigan Thomas of New Orleans, LA. Devoted father of Karen Stall (Charles), Kristin Thomas, Kevin Thomas (Kellie), and Kyle Thomas (Rene'). Proud grandfather of 11 grandchildren [Charles T. (Caeti) & William Stall; Samuel, Jacob, & Kathryn Engro; Kaiden & Korbin Thomas; and Brady & Zachary Thomas, Sydney Watson, and Mia Cantrell] and 1 great-grandchild (Lili). Brother of Ronald Thomas of Slidell, LA, Gay Thomas Meyers, Jayess, MS, and JoEllen Hall of Marrero, LA.

Beloved uncle to many nieces and nephews and trusted friend of all who knew him.

Born August 25, 1934, in Houston, Texas, to Alois Edward Thomas of LaSalle, Illinois, and Beulah Mae Terry, of Independence, Louisiana.

Graduate of Francis T. Nicholls High School, class of 1952. Member of the 1952 All-City Baseball team. Served in the U.S. Navy from 1956-58. Attended Louisiana State University and University of New Orleans.

Served for 23 years in the New Orleans Fire Department, specifically on the Rescue Squad.

Retired as Fire Operator in 1989. Served as Vice President of Faces, Etc. from 1981 – 2005.

Member and former Chief of Terrytown Volunteer Fire Department.

Lifelong Saints and Tigers fan. A man who found joy in helping others.

A memorial for Gary Thomas will be held Wednesday, August 27 at Metairie Country Club, 580 Woodvine Dr., Metairie, LA 70005. Doors open at 4 pm. Prayers, eulogy, and visiting from 6 pm to 8 pm. Complimentary valet parking will be available. Friends and family of the Thomas, Stall, and Engro families as well as members of the NOFD and TVFD are welcomed to join the family to celebrate Gary's life. In lieu of flowers, please donate in Gary Thomas's name to LOPA, Louisiana Organ Procurement Agency, 3545 N.I-10 Service Rd., Ste., 300, Metairie, LA 70002. Please sign the online Guest Book at [www.ejfieldingfh.com](http://www.ejfieldingfh.com).



## Tribute Wall

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JR

**Joe & Priscilla Rigney** posted:

Kathleen and family, we are so sorry for your loss. I worked with Gary on the NOFD. Great guy and glad to have known and worked with him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during these difficult times. God Bless you and watch our you. Joe & Priscilla RigneyCarriere, MS

August 27 at 5:08 AM

HT

**Hank Berchak - Terrytown, La** posted:

A special thanks from all of here in Terrytown. Thank you for your dedication and service to the country and your fellowman. And, a really special thanks for serving as our Fire Chief of the Terrytown 5th Volunteer Fire District. May you rest in eternal peace. Our prayers are with all of the family and all his friends! Bless you! Hank

August 25 at 6:25 PM

RM

**Robert Masson** posted:

Dear Kathleen and family. So sorry to hear the news my prayers are with you. When I joined the FD in 1971 Gary was Chief. I was surprised to see he went to Francis T. Nicholls, so did I. Small world, my family lives in Folsom also. My daughter Cindy passed away yesterday at home. Fielding is also handling things but the services will be at CTK in Terrytown Thursday. Again, my sincere sympathies. Bob Masson

August 25 at 5:42 AM

KT

**Kyle Thomas** August 28 at 4:37 AM

Thank you, Mr. Bob, and I am so sorry to hear of your family's loss as well.

MP

**Miki Pfeffer** posted:

Gary Thomas was a true gentleman, even in high school, which is where I remember him best. Look at that smile! What a fine life he must have had. Rest in peace, dear classmate. You'll find a lot of Nicholls rebels to greet you, I suspect.

August 24 at 6:35 AM



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DW

**Danny Wedge** posted:

Karen, Charlie, and all of the Thomas family - May you find comfort knowing that so many were touched by Gary's life. He always had a smile and a kind word. I will keep him in my thoughts and prayers.

August 24 at 3:53 AM

MT

**Madeline Tillman** lit a candle in honor of Gary.

Papa, I knew this day was going to come but I didn't know the last time I kissed you on your cheek and said bye papa see you later, was going to be the goodbye for ever. My favoritest memory was definitely when I was tell ing you all about how I play softball and I've never hit a home run, and you said you can do it you just got to know you can.The very next week I had a tournament and that ball was coming to me, a straight line drive and I whacked that ball like I've never hit it before. Thank you for putting so much joy in my life seeing you those few times I really got attached. I love you and ALWAYS will miss you.

August 22 at 4:20 PM



**Kristin Thomas** shared an album called **New Album Name**.

August 22 at 11:20 AM





## Media

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**Kristin Thomas** shared a photo to the **New Album Name** album.

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What an amazing smile from a marvelous man!



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Gary by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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