



Gordon W. Thomas

September 30, 1920 - October 3, 2014

Gordon W. Thomas, 94, of Kingsford, passed away peacefully on Friday, October 3, 2014, at the Oscar G. Johnson V.A. Medical Center in Iron Mountain.

He was born September 30, 1920 in Vulcan, MI, son of the late Tobias and Elizabeth (Davey) Thomas. Gordon graduated from Vulcan High school in 1938 and was a lifelong resident of the area. He was a proud U.S. Army Air Corps veteran of World War II and was thrilled to have the opportunity in September 2013 to travel with the Upper Peninsula Honor Flight V to Washington D.C. to see the WWII Memorial, accompanied by his son, Robert.

Gordon married Claradean Amond on July 12, 1947 in Niagara, Wis. She preceded him in death on Dec. 3, 2004. He was employed at the Niagara Paper Mill for 39 years, retiring in 1982. Gordon was a member of American Martyrs Catholic Church and volunteered at the V.A. Hospital for several years. He enjoyed skiing, camping, fishing and woodworking. His family brought him great joy and he was proud of their accomplishments in life. He will be remembered especially for his wonderful sense of humor.

Gordon is survived by a son, Robert (Elaine) Thomas of Kingsford; five daughters, Jean Marcell (special friend, Fred Antonissen) of Kingsford, Margaret (Michael) Wilcox of Pensacola, FL, Elaine Thomas of Oconto Falls,

Wis., Diane Thomas (special friend, Greg Tuominen) of Iron Mountain and Phyllis (Scott) Rappi of Kingsford; 12 grandchildren, Jason, Troy and Adam Marcell, Brian (Christine) Easley, Tom (Katie) Easley, Melissa (Jon) Orweller, Tony (Kelly) Wilcox, Matthew (Grace) Thomas, Stacey (Jose) Navarez, Stephanie Thomas (special friend, Amy Mauk), and Tyler and Lauren Rappi; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Also surviving, a brother, Calvin (Lorraine) Thomas; special friend, Ila Calvi; son-in-law, Lawrence Easley; sisters-in-law, Louise (George) Hohol and Millie Thomas; former Foreign Exchange Student, “daughter” Beatriz Zoratto of Brazil, and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to his wife and parents, Gordon was preceded in death by a daughter, Virginia Easley; a grandson, Daniel Wilcox; four brothers, Norman, Marvin, Cecil and Kenneth; one sister, Ruth Van Ginkel; and special friend of daughter Elaine Thomas, Tracey Vandever.

Visitation will be held on Monday, October 13th, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Kingsford Funeral Home. Funeral services will follow at 11:00 a.m. at American Martyrs Catholic Church in Kingsford. Father Joseph Gouin will offer the Mass of Christian Burial. Burial will be in Quinnesec Cemetery. Gordon’s grandsons will serve as pallbearers.

Condolences to the family of Gordon Thomas may be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Kingsford with the funeral arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Quinnesec Cemetery

Menominee Street
Quinnesec, MI 49876

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 13. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Kingsford Funeral Home
1000 S. Carpenter
Kingsford, MI 49802

Mass of Christian Burial

OCT 13. 11:00 AM (CT)

American Martyrs Catholic Church
908 W. Sagola Ave.
Kingsford, MI 49802

Tribute Wall



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Gordon W. Thomas.*



October 13, 2014 at 10:11 AM



“ *There will never be enough words spoken nor tears shed to express to Uncle Gordon's children how deeply sad I and my sons are to hear of your loss of your father. The world will never be the same and hundreds of generations will be deprived of his laugh, smile, jokes and profound words of kind wisdom.*

Growing up, Uncle Gordon and all the Upper Michigan Tobias and Elizabeth Thomas family, filled my summer months with fun, laughter, swimming, picnics, camping and adventures.

Our prayers are with you and all your families. God bless you. Marilyn (Thomas) Thomason and her sons, John William Murray, Norman Lee Thomason and Ryan Talmage Thomason

Marilynn Thomas Thomason - October 09, 2014 at 03:42 PM



“ *To Uncle Gordon's family, Norm and I send our deepest sympathy. He was always so kind and generous and I will always remember the fond memories I have of Uncle Gordon and Aunt Claradean. God bless you all,*

Love Janet and Norm Anderson

Janet (Thomas) Anderson - October 08, 2014 at 10:33 AM

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“ *To Gordon's family, Sending you our deepest condolences. We have such good memories of Gordon during the years we lived as neighbors, worked together at St Mary's functions and sang together in choir. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of you. Anita and Glen Westphal.*

anita Westphal - October 07, 2014 at 02:56 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gordon W. Thomas.*



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