



Duane 'Doc' Allen Thomas

September 16, 1938 - October 29, 2024

Duane “Doc” Thomas went home to Jesus and to take care of Jesus’ animals on October 29, 2024, at age 86.

Doc was born to William and Zelma Haldeman Thomas on September 16, 1938 in Fairview, Kansas. As a boy growing up on the farm, he developed his love of animals and the land which led him to attend Kansas State University where he graduated as a veterinarian in 1963. Doc loved his “Purple Wildcats”!

Duane met his wife, LaVaun Healy at Central Church in Augusta, Kansas, and they married at that same church in June of 1963, and went on to have two children, Julie and Mark. After living and practicing veterinary medicine in Wisconsin for 5 years, Doc and LaVaun bought the Siloam Springs Veterinary Clinic and became members of the Siloam Springs, AR community. He practiced as a veterinarian for 56 years to hundreds of clients and animals of all kinds. Doc also guided many veterinary students on their career path and helped many young adults with animals and life choices. “Always remember, ethics is what you are in the dark.”

In addition to being a dedicated and loving father, Duane also loved working with his cattle, churches, and 4-H clubs. He was also a member of the Arkansas Veterinary Medical Examining Board and Benton County Fair Board where he helped animals and people. Throughout his entire life, he held an unwavering faith in God, which he shared with those who surrounded him and singing songs to glorify God. Many people didn’t believe it was Christmas until

they heard Doc sing “Sweet Little Jesus Boy”.

Duane joins his parents, William, Zelma, his wife, LaVaun, and his grandson, Evan, in Heaven. He is survived by his current wife, Sharon whom he married on April 14, 2018; his brother, Richard Thomas (numerous nephews and nieces); his children, Julie Bradshaw (her husband, Joseph); Mark Thomas, and Teri Gould (step-daughter); and Doc’s grandchildren; Jace Bradshaw(his wife AlleaBelle), Alliann Thomas, and Owen Thomas .

Exodus 23:20

“See, I am sending an angel ahead of you to guard you along the way and to bring you to the place I have prepared.”

A Memorial Service will be held November 9, 2024, 1:00 p.m., at First Baptist Church, 2000 Dawn Hill Road, Siloam Springs, Arkansas. To sign the online guestbook, please visit: www.wassonfuneralhome.com

Memorial contributions may be made to Christian Veterinary Missions <https://cvm.org/give> , and Samaritans Purse <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/>

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV 9. 1:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church
2000 Dawn Hill Rd.
Siloam Springs, AR 72761
<http://www.fbc-siloam.com>

Tribute Wall

LW

“ *The hearts of First Baptist Church of Fond du Lac, WI are with you in your loss. There are probably still some members at our church that remember your parents. May God bring you peace knowing your parents are back together in Heaven with Jesus.
God Bless,
Pastor Larry and the members of First Baptist Church of Fond du Lac, WI.*

Larry Witt - November 14, 2024 at 02:20 PM

DB

“ *Julie & Mark,
Our hearts are with you in the loss of your dad. He was truly a gentle man. We already felt welcome in his presence and we are grateful that he and your mom were part of our Thanksgiving tradition.
Carrie & David Burnett*

David Burnett - November 09, 2024 at 01:00 PM



“ *A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Duane 'Doc' Allen Thomas.*

November 08, 2024 at 12:09 PM

VH

“ Doc and his clinic and staff had such a warm place in our hearts. When upgrading the clinic and doing all his computers, we enjoyed the time spent with him and Dr. Woody, Leach, McCarver, Shakelford. All of our favorite vets. He was a wonderful man who blessed many lives. I enjoyed talking to him and his wife here at the nursing home and seeing Toby each day. Prayers for all of his family.

Vicki @ David Hall - November 06, 2024 at 01:27 PM

GD

“ Sorry to hear of his passing. He was a wonderful vet and gentle spirited soul. A great smile and I enjoyed seeing him when I had to visit at the vet office. My prayers to the family.

Gail Hamilton- Daring - November 04, 2024 at 08:57 PM

GG

“ I was Duane’s Minister of Music from 1979-1992. I loved his smile and great bass voice. I love him. He was so good to me. Thankful he was part of my life. Gregg Greenway, Maumelle, Arkansas.

Gregg Greenway - November 03, 2024 at 08:24 AM

JW

“ My condolences to the family. As a boy I was in the Vet Clinic in Siloam often with Dad and Grandpa. Doc was always so kind and indulging of a curious kid who wanted to watch and learn about every procedure the vets were doing. I've never forgotten those times and the lessons learned.

Jamey Wilhite - November 02, 2024 at 12:15 PM

RV

“ My condolences to Mark & Julie....
Your parents were outstanding Christians and employers.
I know they are in the presence of God and without pain.
This part of ours lives is really hard to grasp when someone as
'stellar' as your parents were are now in the arms of Jesus. We will
see them again in "Glory".

Randy Vohs - November 01, 2024 at 07:15 PM

CM

“ One of the greatest memories of Doc and Sharon was when they
joined our choir at Gum Springs Baptist Church. Our church will
always remember the blessing we received when Doc sang "Sweet
Little Jesus Boy". He may have not felt the strongest, but his voice
was so clear and strong that day.

Charla Myers - November 01, 2024 at 04:18 PM

LO

“ Sorry to hear of Doc's passing. He's one of the finest men I've ever
had the privilege of knowing.
Luke O'Dell

Luke O'Dell - October 30, 2024 at 06:49 PM

LR

“ Liz Reading lit a candle in memory of Duane
'Doc' Thomas



Liz Reading - October 30, 2024 at 05:48 PM