



## John Thomas

June 29, 1913 - July 9, 2009

John Trevor Thomas, 96, of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, died July 9, 2009, at his home. Born June 29, 1913, in Nottingham, England, he was the son of John Thomas (Carmarthenshire, Wales) and Charlotte Harris Thomas. He immigrated to the United States in 1915, where his family settled in Ipswich, South Dakota. In 1939, he graduated from the University of South Dakota with a degree in Business Administration. He was a World War II Veteran, serving from 1940 to 1946, and rose to the rank of Major in the United States Army. During his career he worked in college administration including positions as Financial Vice President for the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology (Rapid City, SD) from 1953-1965 and as the Director of Finance and Administration for the Association of American Medical Colleges (Washington, DC) from 1969 -1979. He and his wife Frances retired to Siloam Springs in 1979. He enjoyed spending time with friends and playing bridge. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church in Siloam Springs. He was predeceased by his wife Frances Sloan Thomas (married 1946); one brother David; and one sister Gwendolyn. Survivors include his children: Mary Trevor Thomas and partner Richard Matturro of Stephentown, New York; Stephen Sloan Thomas of Siloam Springs, Arkansas; Rosalind Thomas and husband David Strogatz of Delmar, New York; and Brian Thomas and wife Jeanne Oster Thomas of Lake Oswego, Oregon; three grandchildren, Lindsay and Scott Strogatz, and Laura Thomas; and many nieces and nephews. Friends are welcome to join Trevor's family for a brief service of

remembrance on Saturday, July 18th at 2:00 at Wasson Memorial Chapel, Siloam Springs, Arkansas. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Francis Clinic of Siloam Springs, PO Box 1066, Siloam Springs, AR 72761 or to the Ipswich Area Foundation, c/o South Dakota Community Foundation, 207 East Capitol - Box 296, Pierre, SD 57501. Burial will be private at Memorial Park in Tulsa, on July 20, 2009.

# Tribute Wall

CC

“ *Some of my earliest and warmest memories are of South Dakota and the Thomas family. Uncle Trev was always a calm and wise complement to Aunt Fran's vivacious love of life . And although our paths have not crossed much over the years, I always felt their presence. He was a wonderful man.*

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**Carol Chesley** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

RM

“ *I met Trev back in 1995, and one of the first questions he asked me when we were alone was who I had voted for in the last presidential election. Knowing where Trev came from and where he lived, I rather sheepishly answered that I was a old line Democrat. Trev then smiled and said he was a "new line" Democrat. He then told me--unnecessarily--that he was very fond of Mary Trev, his daughter. I told him I was too. Agreeing on those two issues, we became good friends from then on. I will miss him.*

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**Richard Matturro** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

MF

“ *Dear Mary Trev & Family,  
My thoughts & prayers are with all of you as you mourn your father's passing & remember & celebrate his life.  
Marilyn Frone*

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**Marilyn Frone** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

MF

“ *The first time I met Mr. Thomas I knew he was a special person. I felt the same way about his wife. They were wonderful, calm, good people. Over the years I enjoyed getting to know them both. It is always sad when such nice people leave us. It's always too soon. They were both a pleasure to know.*

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**Mike and Laura Flynn** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

DC

“ *My most heartfelt sympathy to the family. I am so glad Carol got out there fairly recently and saw Uncle Trev and Steve. She brought back wonderful pictures.*

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**Deborah Lloyd Chesley** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

SC

“ *Dear Thomas family,  
I was sorry to read about the death of Trev but am glad you had him around for so long. I am living in Rapid again. I bought my Mom's home after she died, so have been back here for about 4 years. Roz, I would love to hear from you. Again, I'm sorry for your loss.  
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**Susan Hoon ( Cameron)** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

CP

“ *For the Family of John Trevor Thomas,*

*We wish to tell you that your parents are remembered fondly from their time in Rapid City when John was with the School of Mines. Your mother was the president of our chapter in 1963-64 and is still spoken of lovingly from her South Dakota sisters. We are sorry for your loss.*

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**Chapter BF PEO** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

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“ *I remember your family with great fondness; your Mom and Dad were always so kind to us and we enjoyed getting to know all of you. You brought much goodness to Rapid City and made it a nicer place for all of us with your presence. May warm memories help you through the difficult times and may God be with you all. Peace and Blessings, Sue Maynard*

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**Susan (Lynn)Maynard** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

AM

“ Dear Steve, Mary Trev, Roz, and Brian,

*The words needed to express the feelings I have at this time are as distant as I feel right now. If I were your mother I could arrange all the words and sounds of the English language and create something completely magical in a poem, but I am not blessed that way. Therefore, to convey my thoughts I must simply say how much I will miss Uncle Trev: his twinkle, his smile, his sense of humor, his understanding nature, his opinion, his advice, his openness, his outstretched hand to greet you- only to be pulled into a bear hug.*

*Our family has so many cherished memories of Uncle Trev and Aunt Fran, but they are only glimpses and snapshots of the people you knew and loved so well. We are jealous.*

*I pray for peace and comfort to surround each of you. Uncle Trev was blessed to have such an incredibly loving family. He will be remembered, as your mother was, with great happiness, tenderness and joy. He led a remarkable life and I am so grateful we were able to be a part of it.*

*With love and prayers,  
Ann & Chris*

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**Ann Miracle** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

EM

“ Uncle Trev,

*For as long as I can remember you have been very special to me and I love you very much. I thought of you more as a grandfather and you have always been a hero to me. Your service in the war and the life you lived made me so proud and humbled to be your niece. Visiting you at your home when I was young was like a little bit of heaven. To me, the light in your house was more beautiful than anywhere else, and everything in was like a magical treasure. But it was your presence that I will miss most. I only have one Great Uncle Trev and I will love you forever. The memory of you, your wonderful family and the incredible man that you are will be honored in my heart always. Aunt Fran and heaven are both blessed to have you with them now. We will all miss you very much.*

*Love*

*Your Grand Niece Erin Elizabeth Miracle*

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**Erin Miracle** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

BB

“ To the Thomas family,

*We hold you in our thoughts and prayers during the days ahead. Your dad, although we did not personally know him, sounded like a most amazing person and father. May God bless and keep you.*

*The Bailey family,*

*Brenda & W. Terry Bailey (David's folks)*

*David & Carla Bailey*

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**Brenda Bailey** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

RA

“ *Trev and Fran and family were GREAT neighbors and friends of mine in Rapid City, South Dakota. We lived on West Blvd there. Mary Trev & I were class mates there and Steve was a newspaper delivery boy with me for the Rapid City Journal in Rapid City. I hope someday Mary Trev, Steve, Brian & Rosalind we be able to come Custer, SD and see me once again.*

*Not enough good can be said about the Thomas family and how I miss them. Trev use to take me & Mary Trev to school at South Junior High and the good times we had together in Rapid City.*

*I LOVE them dearly and know the good Lord will take care of both of them.*

*Russ Arnold*

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**Russ Arnold** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

DF

“ *I read your Dad's obituary in Sundays paper, It brought back memories of the summer I spent caring for your Mother in their home. She was a very interesting and sweet lady. I didn't have as much association with your father but from what I had and his stay at Valley Springs I thought he was a very nice and polite man. I enjoyed knowing them both. (and their children). My prayers for comforting for you are ever ascending. Thanks again for the wonderful memories.*

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**Denali Fox** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

RL

“ Dear Thomas Family,

*We know how DEARLY loved Trev was AND your mom, too! Oh my goodness, those two were two whose lives were well-lived!!! We're glad we got to spend some time with them, too! What a wealth of special memories they've each one left for all those blessed by their company! Our hearts go out to you all!*

*Sincerely,  
Ruthie & Bob Landsaw & family*

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**Ruthie & Bob Landsaw** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

HW

“ Dear Steve,

*I have happy memories of the evenings and days we spent with Trev and Fran. VERY happy memories! Trev has earned his rightful place near God and an everlasting life! God bless you all!*

*Sincerely,  
Harry*

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**Harry Wirick** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

JS

“ *Your father sounds like an accomplished person. From what you've told us, I am sure he will be very much missed and remembered, fondly. I will be thinking of you as you gather to remember him this weekend. Jan*

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**Jan Silverman-Pollow** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

JB

“ Steve,  
Our condolences to you and your family in the loss of your Father.  
He was truly a gentleman and will be missed by many.  
May the memories of his long life and God's peace give you comfort  
at this sad time.

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**Joyce and Doug Bailey** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

BT

“ I remember Uncle Trev as a kind and loving person, always with a  
smile and a warm handshake.

The last time I had seen Aunt Fran and Uncle Trev, was when they  
visited Mom in Stuart. We were aboard a river cruise boat in Stuart,  
cruising the indian River.  
What a great time!

Both Uncle Trev and Aunt Fran will always be remembered in my  
mind as larger than life smiles and warm hearts.

May God watch over us all in this time of sadness and know that  
Uncle Trev will always be looking down on us with those warm eyes  
and big grin.

Love,  
John & Debby Wilson

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**Brian Thomas** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

MD

“ We are thinking of all of you. We value our friendship with Trevor  
very much and will miss him. Dana is sorry he's not there to provide  
food for you! I hope that you celebrate his life - he had a great one!

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**Mary Frances and Dana** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

DS

“ I am very sorry for you loss. I know he was an amazing man. You are all in my prayers, and God Bless You. I know this is a hard time, but you will find peace in knowing that he is now with God and very proud of you all. My family and I are keeping you in our prayers.

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**Dep Kristy Simmons** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM