



David Lee Thomas

March 5, 1946 - August 21, 2021

David Lee Thomas, 75, of Pilot Point, TX, passed away Saturday, August 21, 2021 in Pilot Point, TX. David was born March 5, 1946 in Houston, TX to James Dalton Thomas and Marjorie Havel. David married Susan Carol Wade on January 25, 1969, in Austin, TX. David served in the United States Army.

David grew up on farms near Magnet and Wharton, Texas. He learned the value of hard work early and soon became a talented mechanic and welder. He raised livestock and became president of his FFA chapter. He harvested cotton across South Texas and the Rio Grande Valley. In his late teens, he raised no small amount of hell, riding motorcycles and water-skiing in rice canals, pulled behind a pickup.

He went to college at Texas A&M and was in the Corps of Cadets there. He joined the U.S. Army as a lieutenant in 1968 and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1994. He graduated from Ranger School, flew helicopters, spent a year in Beirut as an advisor to the Lebanese Army and served in the Vietnam and the Persian Gulf wars. He was proud of his 26 years of service and enjoyed the recognition his “veteran” hat would attract.

Upon retiring from the Army, David turned his woodworking hobby into a professional 15-year career. Solid Oak Wood Products was best known for its top-of-the-line display cases. Customers included Super Bowl champions and

President George W. Bush.

When declining health took away his ability to work full-time, he focused on his grandchildren and family and enjoyed watching all the Texas A&M Aggies and Dallas Cowboys football he had missed during his harder-working years. He always made sure his grandchildren were entertained, building a zip line, a playhouse and taking the little ones for gentle rides on his John Deere lawn mower. His family, in turn, all loved “Bullworker” — his nickname reflecting his tireless work ethic.

David is survived by his wife of 52 years, Susan Carol Thomas; son, David Thomas and his wife Shannon Marie Thomas; daughter, Julie Rebekah Tullos and husband Tony Marshall Tullos; four grandchildren, Matthew Scott, David William, and Amy Corene Thomas all from Austin, TX, and Skylar Sage Tullos from Pilot Point, TX.

David was preceded in death by his parents, James and Marjorie.

Burial will be at Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery. A Celebration of Life will be held from 2:00PM-6:00PM, Saturday, September 18, 2021 at the Memorial Event Center on Buda, TX. Online condolences may be shared at www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements are under the direction of Terri Slay and Slay Memorial Funeral Center.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

SEP **18.** 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Memorial Event Center
140 Rolling Hills Drive
Buda, TX 78610

Tribute Wall

JB

“ I met the Col. through his daughter, looking for some veteran friends to talk with him later on in his life. I have been texting him for months now and have enjoyed learning a lot about him! Reading his obituary let me learn a lot more about him. The only thing I didn't get to do was meet you in person. It was an honor getting to know you sir! May you rest in peace! GODSPEED
HOOAH,
Juan Baires PFC. U.S Army

Juan Baires - October 24, 2021 at 10:13 AM

JH

“ Fifty two and a half years ago seems like only yesterday when we were celebrating the marriage and happy times of two very special friends. We visited David and Susan in Germany and celebrated the birth of their son and again in Texas when their daughter was a baby. Reunions and letters and Christmas cards are now our memories. David was a loyal Patriot, husband, father and great friend and we will miss him dearly.
Merv and Jeannie Hartwick
Kingwood, TX

Jeannie Hartwick - August 30, 2021 at 03:01 PM