



Gary M. Thomas

July 16, 1939 - July 20, 2024

Gary Marion Thomas, age 85, passed away July 20, 2024 surrounded by his family in his Corvallis Oregon home. He was born to Agnes (Grosjacques) Thomas Uselman on July 16, 1939 in Silverton, Oregon. A fifth generation Oregonian he grew up in Mt. Angel, Oregon, the eldest of six boys. He graduated from Mt. Angel Prep in 1957 and Oregon State University after a 3-year term in the US Navy.

Gary married Yvonne Smith from Woodburn in 1962. They moved to Corvallis to attend OSU. Their children Mitchell, Emily and Cora were born there. He was an active father supporting his children in many activities. Gary was a devout Catholic, a long-time member of St. Mary's. He spent most of his work career as an electrician at the Halsey mill.

Gary was farmer and hunter who loved the outdoors. He was a cowboy, a team roper. After retirement he and Yvonne spent many winters in Tonopah Arizona. In his later year he read extensively and was interested in politics, concerned for our country's future. He volunteered with St. Vincent DePaul food bank in Corvallis.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Douglas Uselman and sister-in-law, Karla Uselman, brothers-in-law Mick DeSantis and Ed Haugen. He is survived by his brothers, John Daws Thomas and Daniel Uselman both

of Silverton, Lynn Uselman, Canby and Clint Uselman, Mt. Angel.

Yvonne, his wife of 62 years, son Mitchell (Julie Perko), Portland, daughters Emily Thomas (Jason Seivers) Corvallis and Cora (Larry Nordby) Chelan, WA and grandchildren Beau and Duke Nordby, Hazel Seivers and Lark Thomas will miss him dearly.

A funeral mass will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church on Friday, August 30 at 11 am with lunch to follow in Corvallis Community Center. Burial will be St. Luke's cemetery in Woodburn, OR. Donations in his memory may be made to Lumina Hospice, St. Vincent DePaul Society or a charity of your choice.

Burial will be in Woodburn, OR at St. Luke's Cemetery Tuesday, September 3, at 10 am

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

AUG **30**. 11:00 AM - 10:00 PM (PT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
501 NW 25th Street
Corvallis, OR 97330

Tribute Wall



“ *Emily lit a candle in memory of Gary Thomas* ”



Emily - August 04, 2024 at 05:45 PM