



Rodney J. Thomas

November 9, 1959 - January 20, 2023

Rodney James Thomas, better known as Zeke, 63, of Centralia, passed away Friday, January 20, 2023, at SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital in Centralia. He was the oldest of 4 children born to Ronald J. and Julia (Moore) Thomas on November 9, 1959 in Centralia. He married Nancy Kreamalmeyers and they later divorced.

Rodney leaves to cherish his memory, his mother: Julia Thomas of Centralia; brother: Seth Thomas and Rosalyn of Centralia; sisters: Pamela Thomas of Houston, Texas and Marlena Burton of Carbondale; his children: Josh, Nathan, Isaiah, Sidney, Rodney Jr. and Jalen; five grandchildren; several nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his father: Ronald, grandparents: JT and Izetta Thomas and Leo and Julia Moore, brother-in-law: Craig Burton, and several aunts, uncles and cousins, recently Tim Norris.

Rodney was a graduate of the Centralia High School Class of 1977 and they all remained close. He worked for years at Graphic Packaging. He was an avid sports fan, the Dallas Cowboys, NASCAR and any sports that he could talk about. He played for CHS and held the record for the best Free Throw shooter for years. During his illness, he was always happy to go out and eat with his buddies.

Rodney will be greatly missed and was loved by many as he never met a stranger.

A Visitation will be held Thursday, January 26, 2023 from 11:30 AM to 1:00

PM at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia.

A Graveside Service will follow at 1:30 PM at Elmwood Cemetery in Centralia with Pastor Jonathan Urshan officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the First Apostolic Church in Centralia and will be accepted at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home at 235 North Sycamore Street Centralia, Illinois 62801, (618)532-3523, who is honored to be of service to the Thomas Family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com and the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home Facebook Page.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **26**. 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM.

Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home

Graveside Service

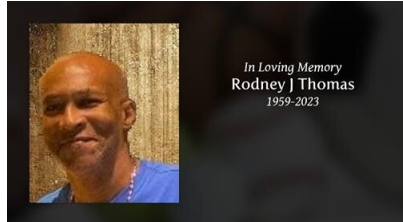
JAN **26**. 1:30 PM (CT)

Elmwood Cemetery
Gragg Street
Centralia, IL 62801

Tribute Wall



“ *Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Rodney J. Thomas*



Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services - January 25, 2023 at 05:28 PM

CO

So moving. I'm in tears.

Carolyn O'Neal - January 25, 2023 at 08:22 PM

DE

We are deeply sorry for your loss may God be the soothing balm to your broken heart. Phil and Dee Isaiah

DeAnna - January 29, 2023 at 08:53 PM

KA

This is a Beautiful Tribute. Rest in Peace Zeke and God Bless you all
♥

Kim Atchison - February 05, 2023 at 11:57 AM

GQ

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Greg Queen - January 27, 2023 at 09:50 AM

RP

“ Our hearts are broken Julia, we know how Zeke's passing has affected you, and the family. We pray, that the same Spirit that raised Jesus Christ from the dead will quicken your spirit as you go through life without Rodney. Much Love Val & Colleen.

Reverend Val Powe - January 26, 2023 at 12:29 PM

MB

“ Thank you Eldest Bro for all the lessons of life & being a blessing!

Thank God you didn't suffer too long

See you on the other side of life

I ❤️ you



Marlena Burton - January 26, 2023 at 05:51 AM

RB

“ Sorry for your loss you have my deepest sympathy.. 🙏❤️

Reese Burns - January 25, 2023 at 03:19 PM

RS

“ I am so sorry for your loss. May your family be blessed. Robbie Sanders

Robbie Sanders - January 24, 2023 at 08:07 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Rodney J. Thomas.*



January 24, 2023 at 03:31 PM



“ *I'm so sorry Seth for the passing of your Brother. Prayers for you and your family. Your friend Augie*

August Thomas - January 23, 2023 at 10:27 PM



“ *It's never goodbye, it's see ya later pops! Love you!*



Josh - January 23, 2023 at 09:49 PM



*To The Family.
So sorry your loss.*

Georgia Jones-Richardon - February 02, 2023 at 07:16 PM