



## Mr. James Harold Thomas, Sr.

December 3, 1935 - February 19, 2016

J. Harold Thomas, Sr., 80, husband of the late Gloria Beth Whitworth Thomas, of 375 Earlstead Dr., Walhalla, SC, passed away on Friday, February 19, 2016 at his residence.

A native of Oconee County, Mr. Thomas was the son of the late John “Doc” and Grace Fowler Thomas. He was a member and former Deacon of College Street Baptist Church. He was a founder of the Home Builders Association of Oconee County and donated the lot and helped build the first Habitat for Humanity House in Oconee County. J. Harold served on the first Oconee County Council in 1979, and was elected again in 1996 where he served until 2000. He served as chairman for the Stumphouse Mountain Concerned Citizens for Conservation Committee, and was instrumental in saving Stumphouse Mountain. He was later a member of Oconee Forever. J. Harold was the chairman of the Oconee Scenic Highway Commission and helped ban billboards.

Mr. Thomas is survived by his son: James Harold “Jimmy” Thomas, Jr. and his wife Martha of Walhalla, SC; daughter: Kimberly Ann “Kim” Thomas Williams and her husband Ken of Seneca, SC; grandchildren: Kenneth James Williams, Joshua Michael Thomas and wife Deidre, Matthew Lane Thomas and wife Amanda, Jonathan Brock Williams and wife Cassandra, and Kory Fant Williams and wife Hailey; great-grandchildren: Jack Thomas Williams,

Peyton Marie Williams, Rivers Houston Thomas, Ruth Marie Thomas, Charles Isaac Thomas, and Walt Finley Thomas; and brother John "Dan" Daniel Thomas.

In addition to his wife and parents, J. Harold was preceded in death by two sons: Steven Gregory and Jeffery Lane Thomas, and two sisters Margaret Thomas Copeland, and Betty Thomas King.

Funeral services will be conducted at 4:00 PM on Monday, February 22, 2016, at College Street Baptist Church.

The family will receive friends from 5:00-8:30 PM, on Sunday, February 21, 2016, at Davenport Funeral Home.

Flowers are accepted, or memorials may be made to College Street Baptist Church Food Bank: P.O. Box 340, Walhalla, SC 29691.

The family is at the residence.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **21**. 5:00 PM - 8:30 PM (ET)

Davenport Funeral Home  
311 S Highway 11  
West Union, SC 29696  
(864) 638-3611  
davenportfhome@gmail.com  
<https://www.davenportfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

FEB **22**. 4:00 PM (ET)

College Street Baptist Church  
407 South College Street  
Walhalla, SC 29691  
<http://www.collegestreetbaptist.org>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. James Harold Thomas, Sr.*

---

January 28, 2023 at 01:03 PM

GB

“ *Mr Thomas was a good father to Jimmy. I went to college with Jimmy at Baptist College in Charleston, which was the first time I had met him. He came to Jimmy's dorm with hunting camo on, as they had been deer hunting somewhere below Charleston. He stopped by to visit with Jimmy and I had the pleasure of meeting him. I met him on a half-a-dozen more times when i visited Jimmy in Walhalla, SC.*

*Jimmy loved his father dearly and I understood some of the reasons why, as he was devoted to his wife, Beth and his Children...always wanting the best for them.*

*When I did visit Jimmy, after college, I always asked Jimmy when would we be seeing his dad, because I learned something new from him.*

*One particular time, I visited Jimmy when tragedy visited my life. Jimmy, Martha, Kim, Joshua, Mathew, Kim and Mr. Thomas were there to pick up the pieces. I will never forget that visit for the rest of my life. Mr. Thomas met with me, unbenounced to Jimmy, and took the time to explain life, with its great moments....and not so great times. His words of wisdom still are with me to this day.*

*Mr. Thomas, Thank you for sharing your wonderful life with us. I did a search for Jimmy on the internet and just learned of your passing and felt the need to leave you with some great memories when you touched my life. Thank you for setting the example for us. I am a much richer person from knowing you. With much love and respect,  
Gregory Brooks, Columbia, South Carolina*

---

**Gregory Brooks** - December 22, 2016 at 04:20 AM

JB

“ *Jeff Bearden lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Harold Thomas, Sr.*



jeff bearden - February 28, 2016 at 03:30 PM

SD

“ *Sonya Dobson lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Harold Thomas, Sr.*



Sonya Dobson - February 25, 2016 at 03:55 PM

JL

“ *Joyce And Clyde Lusk lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Harold Thomas, Sr.*



Joyce and Clyde Lusk - February 24, 2016 at 08:10 PM

TG

“ *Tally & Katherine Grant lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Harold Thomas, Sr.*



Tally & Katherine Grant - February 23, 2016 at 10:39 AM

TA

*Jimmy, Kim and family, please know that our thoughts are with each of you. We will always remember your dad with fondness and admiration.*

**Tally** - February 23, 2016 at 10:41 AM

VW

*Kim, Jimmy and Dan, so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you. Thank God we have His promise that we will see our loved ones again one day.*

**Vivian Fowler Woods** - February 27, 2016 at 10:39 PM

PC

“ *As a former Oconee County Councilman, I greatly appreciated J. Harold's service to our community and his support. He was a unifying figure. We owe him a great deal for his considerable efforts to protect our very special natural resources. Paul Corbeil*

**Paul Corbeil** - February 23, 2016 at 09:59 AM

FW

“ *Kim, You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. May the presence and peace of God surround you all in these days of loss and mourning. Frances Ward*



**Frances Ward** - February 23, 2016 at 09:04 AM

JL

“ *Kim and Jimmy so sorry about your dad i didnt know it until just now mon nite yall are in my thoughts and prayers*

**joyce lusk** - February 22, 2016 at 09:22 PM

LW

“ *Linda Ward lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Harold Thomas, Sr.*



---

**Linda Ward** - February 22, 2016 at 06:57 PM

CH

“ *He was a joy to talk to at the Office, he will be missed! We will be praying for your family!*

---

**Christy Hubbard** - February 22, 2016 at 01:59 PM

CN

“ *Cherry And Furman Nicholson lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Harold Thomas, Sr.*



---

**Cherry and Furman Nicholson** - February 22, 2016 at 01:45 PM

MT

“ *Mandy Tracy lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Harold Thomas, Sr.*



---

**Mandy Tracy** - February 22, 2016 at 01:19 PM

LL

“ *Larry & Martha LeCroy lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Harold Thomas, Sr.*



**Larry & Martha LeCroy** - February 22, 2016 at 01:12 PM

ML

“ *Mildred L. LeCroy lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Harold Thomas, Sr.*



**Mildred L. LeCroy** - February 22, 2016 at 12:26 PM

RE

“ *Rick & Sheila Edney lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Harold Thomas, Sr.*



**Rick & Sheila Edney** - February 22, 2016 at 11:44 AM

LT

“ *Louise & Clarence Towe lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Harold Thomas, Sr.*



**Louise & Clarence Towe** - February 22, 2016 at 11:35 AM

AZ

“ Anna And Edgar Zelaya lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Harold Thomas, Sr.



Anna and Edgar Zelaya - February 22, 2016 at 10:53 AM

FF

“ Dear Children and Family of Mr. James, we read about your loss and want to extend our condolence to all of you. May your many memories of Mr. James bring you comfort during this special time. May your prayers bring you the peace of God that goes beyond human thought to guard your hearts. Philipians 4:6,7

Faust Family - February 22, 2016 at 10:16 AM

BT

“ Brian & Rhonda Tippett lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Harold Thomas, Sr.



Brian & Rhonda Tippett - February 22, 2016 at 09:23 AM

AM

“ Allen, Sherry & Zeke Moore lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Harold Thomas, Sr.



Allen, Sherry & Zeke Moore - February 22, 2016 at 08:57 AM



“ We will miss you you always put a smile on our faces at Super service Laqueta Childers



---

**Laqueta Childers** - February 22, 2016 at 08:02 AM

SS

“ Sherry Sorrells lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Harold Thomas, Sr.



---

**Sherry Sorrells** - February 22, 2016 at 06:29 AM

TS

“ Tracy Sorrells lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Harold Thomas, Sr.



---

**Tracy Sorrells** - February 22, 2016 at 06:28 AM

DS

“ Duayne And Denise Stewart lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Harold Thomas, Sr.



---

**Duayne and Denise Stewart** - February 22, 2016 at 05:51 AM

BH

“ *Barbara S. Hightower lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Harold Thomas, Sr.*



Barbara S. Hightower - February 22, 2016 at 05:08 AM

BH

*Several years before I ever met J. Harold and Beth I heard about him through his classmate, my husband. We had great respect for him and so appreciated his love and care of Beth. We enjoyed the class reunions held in their home and to each of your family we know your memories will sustain you during your grief. Kim and Jimmy, our prayers are especially with you. In Him we ask for His hand of grace and strength.*

Barbara S. Hightower - February 22, 2016 at 05:12 AM

JD

“ *I have not seen Harold for a long time. However I remember him on a hunting trip some years back. He was fun to be around and share hunting stories. A pleasant fellow and shared a smile with all of us. I will cherish his memory and extend sympathies to the family. Jim Davenport*

Jim Davenport - February 21, 2016 at 10:08 PM

AO

“ *Anne Opperman lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Harold Thomas, Sr.*



Anne Opperman - February 21, 2016 at 05:53 PM

CB

“ Carolyn Brandt lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Harold Thomas, Sr.



Carolyn Brandt - February 21, 2016 at 03:53 PM

GK

“ Greg, Tracy and Bradley King purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Mr. James Harold Thomas, Sr..



Greg, Tracy and Bradley King - February 21, 2016 at 03:21 PM

KJ

“ Kenny Johns lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Harold Thomas, Sr.



Kenny Johns - February 21, 2016 at 03:07 PM

DL

“ Danny, Karen And Micah Lee lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Harold Thomas, Sr.



Danny, Karen and Micah Lee - February 21, 2016 at 02:30 PM

KH

“ *Kaye Hirst lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Harold Thomas, Sr.*



---

**Kaye Hirst** - February 21, 2016 at 02:15 PM

DS

“ *Dave & Donna Stephens lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Harold Thomas, Sr.*



---

**Dave & Donna Stephens** - February 21, 2016 at 01:52 PM

BH

“ *Blease & Rita Harper lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Harold Thomas, Sr.*



---

**Blease & Rita Harper** - February 21, 2016 at 01:24 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Mr. James Harold Thomas, Sr..*



---

February 21, 2016 at 01:08 PM

GG

“ *Gayle Griffin lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Harold Thomas, Sr.*



---

**Gayle Griffin** - February 21, 2016 at 12:50 PM

GH

“ *My memory of Harold is his pleasant smile and kindness to everyone at the Brock reunions each year. Even after Beth passed away he remained faithful to come which we were delighted to have him and last year his whole family came. His dad and my dad were friends as young men and throughout adulthood. The fond memories of family times will become more cherished for all his and Beth's children as well as grandchildren.*

*You have my Deepest Sympathy. Because of some health reasons I will not be able to attend visitation nor the funeral but will have you in my prayers.*

*Genevieve (Genny) Boggs Hendricks*

---

**Genevieve Boggs Hendricks** - February 21, 2016 at 12:19 PM

JL

“ *Jerrie Bell Lusk lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Harold Thomas, Sr.*



---

**Jerrie Bell Lusk** - February 21, 2016 at 09:01 AM

JF

“ *JIM FARMER lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Harold Thomas, Sr.*



**JIM FARMER** - February 21, 2016 at 06:39 AM

JF

*RIP HAROLD. I also remember you for being a Big Supporter of Walhalla, and Upstate, Boy Scouts. Our Thanks.*

**JIM FARMER** - February 21, 2016 at 06:42 AM

JM

“ *Jim, Becky @ Betty Manley lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Harold Thomas, Sr.*



**Jim, Becky @ Betty Manley** - February 21, 2016 at 03:53 AM

GH

“ *I am so sorry to hear about Mr. Harold Thomas. I got to know him several years ago on a flight back to S.C. and he told me about a place that was behind his mother's for rent. He and his mother were very good to me and I will always remember their kindness. My prayers are with the family in this time of sorrow. May God Bless.....*



**Gailyn Housley** - February 21, 2016 at 03:23 AM

LT

“ *Leland And Richadene Talley lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Harold Thomas, Sr.*



**Leland and Richadene Talley** - February 20, 2016 at 08:49 PM

KF

“ *Kathy Fitzgerald lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Harold Thomas, Sr.*



**Kathy Fitzgerald** - February 20, 2016 at 07:50 PM

SL

“ *Shag & Lynnette lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Harold Thomas, Sr.*



**Shag & Lynnette** - February 20, 2016 at 06:46 PM

GN

“ *Greg And Cathie Nowell lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Harold Thomas, Sr.*



**Greg and Cathie Nowell** - February 20, 2016 at 06:30 PM

JD

“ John & Andrea Durant lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Harold Thomas, Sr.



John & Andrea Durant - February 20, 2016 at 06:29 PM

DA

“ Don & Darlene Albertson lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Harold Thomas, Sr.



Don & Darlene Albertson - February 20, 2016 at 06:22 PM

JB

“ James & Sarah Bowers lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Harold Thomas, Sr.



James & Sarah Bowers - February 20, 2016 at 05:37 PM

DP

“ Danny & Vanessa Penton lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Harold Thomas, Sr.



Danny & Vanessa Penton - February 20, 2016 at 05:09 PM

GG

“ *Ginney Green lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Harold Thomas, Sr.*



**Ginney Green** - February 20, 2016 at 04:49 PM

AR

“ *Al And Annette Rochester lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Harold Thomas, Sr.*



**Al and Annette Rochester** - February 20, 2016 at 04:36 PM

JC

“ *Joe & Pat Culbertson lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Harold Thomas, Sr.*



**Joe & Pat Culbertson** - February 20, 2016 at 04:32 PM

AA

“ *Alton And Kathy Alexander lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Harold Thomas, Sr.*



**Alton and Kathy Alexander** - February 20, 2016 at 04:09 PM

DN

“ Doug And Linda Reese Nix lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Harold Thomas, Sr.



Doug and Linda Reese Nix - February 20, 2016 at 04:02 PM

NM

“ Sorry for your loss. We love you and we are praying for you and your family.



Nancy and Anna Madden - February 20, 2016 at 02:14 PM

TM

“ Tom & Mary Mann lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Harold Thomas, Sr.



Tom & Mary Mann - February 20, 2016 at 01:20 PM

JR

“ John And Nancye Reeves lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Harold Thomas, Sr.



John and Nancye Reeves - February 20, 2016 at 01:07 PM

MH

“ Harold and Beth were special friends of mine, Harold being a member of the same WHS graduating class as I was. He was devoted to our class members and could hardly wait to start planning our class reunion each year. He and Beth hosted our reunion at their beautiful home several times. I always enjoyed going over there for the reunions and just to visit at other times. He seemed to know everyone in Oconee County and knew the history of the buildings and events that had taken place in the past. It was fascinating to listen to his stories. Harold was proud of his family and loved them all. He will be greatly missed and dearly remembered.



---

**Mary Lou Hamilton** - February 20, 2016 at 12:54 PM

JM

“ Uncle Harold you will certainly be missed! You were a great story teller especially on funny things on Papa Doc and Ma Thomas. Sure wish we had recorded all your stories that brought so many laughs and joy to our family. Jimmy and Kim our sincere sympathy to you and your kids and grands. Know you will miss him so very much as we all will! Know he will enjoy giving Mother and Aunt Betty a lot of ribbing in Heaven as he loved to do here on earth. Love y'all!

*June Copeland Morris and Carl Morris & Family*

---

**June Copeland Morris** - February 20, 2016 at 12:39 PM

PF

“ Peggy G. Fleming lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Harold Thomas, Sr.



---

**Peggy G. Fleming** - February 20, 2016 at 12:25 PM

RA

“ *Rod & Katherine Albertson lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Harold Thomas, Sr.*



**Rod & Katherine Albertson** - February 20, 2016 at 12:19 PM

BL

“ *Bobbie Ledford lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Harold Thomas, Sr.*



**Bobbie Ledford** - February 20, 2016 at 11:59 AM

BL

*Jimmy & Kim, I'm reflecting on memories of the good times getting together as cousins. Whether there was a bunch of us or two or three we had the best time laughing and just being together. Harold will be missed. Love you all. Bobbie Ledford*

**Bobbie Ledford** - February 20, 2016 at 12:06 PM

LW

*You will not know me and I only met your dad once but he left a lasting impression on me. I met him by accident it seemed but I believe it was God's intervention. I ran into him at the sugar free candy area at Walmart. one morning. He had several bags of sugar free candy in his hands and I joked it was going to make him fat. he laughed and the conversation turned personal with talking about his late wife who I knew from my younger days as we lived in the same Seneca area neighborhood growing up. I knew her sister Linda best as we worked together at Phillips Fibers. He really missed his soul mate and I tried my best to console him and told him I would pray for him. After 15-20 minutes of conversation we said our goodbye's and parted ways. I never talked to him again but have thought about him often because he seem so lonely. Now praise the Lord he is with the Lord and his soul mate for eternity. I hope this message brings you some comfort as you grieve.*

*Sincerely,  
Leon Whitsel of Seneca*

---

**Leon Whitsel** - February 21, 2016 at 01:41 PM

MH

*We are so sorry about your father Kim. You and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers. Mark, Wanda, and Jennifer Hayter*

---

**mark, wanda, and jennifer hayter** - February 21, 2016 at 03:51 PM