



## Ernest Joseph Thomas, Jr.

May 19, 1929 - April 28, 2008

Ernest Joseph “Ernie” Thomas, Jr. 78, a resident of Grasonville for 14 years, died at his home after a lengthy illness. Ernie was born on May 19, 1929 in Washington, D.C. to the late, Ernest and Maude Thomas. He was raised in Washington, D.C., where he spent considerable time with his late brother, George Thomas at the Boys Club of Washington, eventually becoming a championship swimmer and diver.

He joined the Navy in 1946 and served abroad the U.S.S. Salerno Bay in the Atlantic Fleet. He was honorably discharged in 1948. He worked for General Electric’s small appliance division for 37 years, retiring in 1987. He started his career with GE in the warehouse in Washington, working his way up through appliance service responsibilities to become district sales representative for the Washington D.C. area.

Ernie was a member of the American Legion Post 217 in College Park, MD for 49 years where he led a number of charity drives. He was also a member of the Fleet Reserve Club, the Kent Island Yacht Club, the Elks Club, and the Moose Lodge. He loved meeting and spending time with his many friends on Kent Island as well as his 20-year winter home in Punta Gorda, Florida. He was an avid fisherman, loved the Chesapeake Bay, and could often be seen with friends and family aboard his boat the Good Times.

Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Anne Lucille Thomas; two sons,

Michael Joseph Thomas of Silver Spring and Daniel Mark Thomas of Davidsonville; one daughter, Jan Marie Hettenhouser of Vienna, VA; five grandchildren, and one great grand-daughter.

Family and friends may join at Fellows, Helfenbein and Newnam Funeral Home, 106 Shamrock Road, Chester, MD 21619 on Thursday, May 1, 2008 from 2 to 4 pm and 6 to 8 pm. A memorial service will be held on Friday, May 2, 2008 at 11 a.m. at the Kent Island United Methodist Church, 2739 Cox's Neck Road, Chester, MD 21619.

Internment will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Hospice of Queen Anne's, 255 Comet Drive, Centreville, MD 21617.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ernest Joseph Thomas, Jr.*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - April 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Ernest Joseph Thomas, Jr.*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Ernest Joseph Thomas, Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Ernest Joseph Thomas, Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathy to the entire Thomas Family. Ernie was a special person. We will miss him. Jan and Reggie Mitchell and Kim Ford##imported-begin##Jan and Reggie Mitchell##imported-end##*

May 03, 2008 at 09:33 PM



“ To let you know that you are in our thoughts and prayers in this time of sorrow.

We were glad to have shared the company of Ernie at several family celebrations with his grandson, Jeremy and our daughter, Valerie.##imported-begin##Brian and Anne Sekula##imported-end##

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May 02, 2008 at 10:08 PM



“ Anne,  
We are so sorry . . . We will miss one of the "Wise Men" at the Shanty of old - now Big Owl's.  
Tim & Val Horan##imported-begin##Tim & Val Horan##imported-end##

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May 01, 2008 at 08:15 PM



“ Our deepest sympathies to Dan, Linda and the entire Thomas family from their friends at Online Resources.##imported-begin##Beth Halloran##imported-end##

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May 01, 2008 at 11:41 AM



“ My deepest sympathies.##imported-begin##Angela (Jernberg) Roberts##imported-end##

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May 01, 2008 at 09:29 AM



“ Our hearts, thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time.##imported-begin##David, Anna & Gunnar Poland##imported-end##

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May 01, 2008 at 06:46 AM



“ Cille, Hope you will feel the warmth and caring this electronic hug sends to you. It was so meaningful to reunite with Ernie after so many years of having a long lost cousin and the bonus of meeting you - who made his life full and complete. Take comfort in your family and friends. Hospice counseling and support groups were a Godsend for me, you may want to consider that which they have to offer you. Any help I could possibly be to you I would be happy to do so. Take care of yourself Cille and be in touch.##imported-begin##Marjorie Lortz (Ernie's cousin)##imported-end##

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April 30, 2008 at 11:55 PM



“ Dear Cille,

I was so sorry to learn about Ernie. I know this is a difficult time for you and the family. Know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. May God give you special comfort. Love, Barbara##imported-begin##Barbara Insley##imported-end##

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April 30, 2008 at 09:49 PM



“ Ernie and Cille are such a part of our happy memories of life on the Chesapeake with the LOYC fleet - not to mention the Fleet Reserve. We will surely miss him. He and Cille will be in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Cynthia and Chuck###imported-begin##Chuck and Cynthia Lieck###imported-end##

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April 30, 2008 at 09:05 PM



“ Our deepest condolences are with you at this time. You will continue to be in our thoughts and prayers###imported-begin##Michael and Patti Polychrones###imported-end##

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April 30, 2008 at 07:13 PM



“ Our hearts are with you during this difficult time.###imported-begin##Floyd & Gerrie Hettenhouser###imported-end##

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April 30, 2008 at 02:03 PM



“ We are on vacation in Siesta Key FL, but just received this e mail from Lake Ogelton Yacht Club. We are thinking about and you and saying prayers for you and your family during this difficult time. Ernie was a special person and loved by many. His hearty laugh and smile are good memories for us. We will be in touch with you when we return.###imported-begin##Ted and Kathy Schultz###imported-end##

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April 30, 2008 at 01:23 PM



“ I will miss Ernie and I know Jim was there to greet him in Heaven. You and Ernie have been great friends of ours and I will never forget all the "good times" we had together. Our years with GE and the boating club have a lasting memory for us - and you were both a big part of that memory.

*Ernie will be smiling down at you Cille and God and your friends and family will help you through this difficult time.*

*Love, Patty###imported-begin##Patty MacDonald###imported-end##*

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April 29, 2008 at 09:11 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy in the loss of Ernie, You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

*I (Dinny) worked with Ernie many years with the Genenal Electric Company, working out of Virginia.###imported-begin##Dinny & Mary Ellen Huffman###imported-end##*

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April 29, 2008 at 07:03 PM



“ Dear Ceille,

*We both extend would like to extend our sincere sympathy to you and your family. Ernie was a special man who we enjoyed much laughter with during our years at Bayview. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Love, Cheryl and John###imported-begin##John & Cheryl Soos###imported-end##*

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April 29, 2008 at 06:56 PM



“ *Dearest Cille, So very sorry for your loss, Ernie was such a wonderful man, we only knew him for a short while, but grew to love him ( and you ) very much.*

*God Bless you and your family, and may time help with your sorrow.*

*Love to you and the family, Donnie & Ann##imported-  
begin##Donald & Ann McWhorter/Blue Heron Pines Punta  
Gorda##imported-end##*

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April 29, 2008 at 03:46 PM