



## George Aldred Thomas

May 8, 1938 - January 27, 2025

George Aldred Thomas, 86, of Easton, MD died at The Dixon House on January 27, 2025.

George was born in Cambridge, MD on May 8, 1938, the son of Carlton and Virginia Thomas. George attended Cambridge High School (Class of 1956) and Salisbury State Teacher's College (Class of 1960). Following graduation, he was an algebra teacher at what is now Easton Middle School. Known as "Butch" in his youth, he married his teenage sweetheart, Julie Spedden, in August of 1962.

In 1968, he and Julie purchased the Easton Dairy Queen, where they began long relationships with many beloved 'regulars.' He provided a structured work environment for countless young people, who learned from his strong work ethic and generous spirit. Mr. T was known for working around the busy schedules of kids involved in band and sports. He was like a father to many, who cherish their memories of busy Summer Saturdays dealing with the beach traffic crowds and quiet Fall weeknights doing homework on the counter. He maintained relationships with several DQ kids long after he retired in 2007.

George enjoyed playing tennis and poker, as well as cheering on the Orioles, Ravens and Terps basketball teams on TV and in person. He also loved his yearly winter visits to FL and many fabulous trips with friends during his retirement. He was a trustee of the Easton Elks Lodge B.P.O.E. #1622, where he also served as a scholarship committee member. He loved reading and spending time with his family.

After tragically losing Julie to ovarian cancer in 2001, George married Jo Anna Meyers in February of 2004. Jo Anna sadly passed away after a short battle with the same disease in 2021. He then found a new home within the Londonderry retirement community where he enjoyed being witty with an exceptional group of new and old friends. Late in 2024, he moved to The Dixon House, charming “his girls” as they provided loving care in the final days of his life.

George is survived by his beloved daughters, Tracie Thomas, Amy Gross (Bill) and Laura Coutsolioutsos (Terry); siblings Carolyn Parks, Patricia Fortson, Gretchen Seymour, and Richard Thomas; grandchildren Tom Gross, Claire Gross, Max Coutsolioutsos, Hannah Coutsolioutsos, Dylan Lahman (Nikki), Lauren Lahman and Evan Lahman; and great grandchildren Grant and Riley Lahman. His family will miss him dearly, especially during their annual Thomas Family beach week, where the Saturday night crab cakes will be cooked in his honor.

His parents and brother Carlton Thomas preceded him in death.

A Celebration of Life will be held on February 22nd at 2 PM at the Elks Lodge, 502 Dutchmans Ln, Easton, MD 21601. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a contribution in memory of George to Habitat for Humanity Choptank (where George was a member of the Carpenter's Club, which supported every house built), Talbot Hospice, or The Dixon House.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

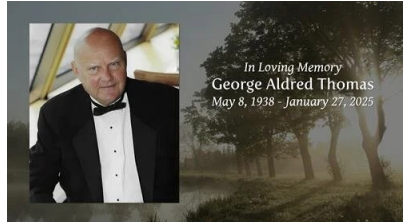
FEB **22**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Easton Elks Lodge # 1622  
502 Dutchmans Ln  
Easton, MD 21601-3322  
(410) 822-3344

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of George Aldred Thomas*



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**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - February 21, 2025 at 09:26 AM



“ *My condolences to the family. Mr. Thomas was a treasure for the community. The Dairy Queen under his leadership was a wonderful meeting place and a great place for work opportunities for students.*

*Getting to know Tracie and to a lesser extent Amy and Laura, I also appreciated Mr. Thomas and wife's childraising skills.*

*There will be many memories to share and hold tight.*

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**Ed Trever** - February 14, 2025 at 03:57 PM

TJ

“Eve (Tracie A Thomas) and the now late George A. Thomas are very special to me and my family. I shared this on my Facebook page with a photo of them both.

*Tracie and I worked together 25 or so years ago when I was going through a nasty divorce, including a custody battle. I was basically homeless and slept on Tracie's couch for a few weeks until I could find a place on my own. This was after a surprise separation that included sheriff's coming to my house to require me to leave (good times).*

*George and Julie hardly knew me, but offered for me and my children to live with them if I couldn't find a home. Think about that.*

*Sometimes this and Tracie's help were my only strings of hope. Later, they invited me and my young children over for swims and cookouts each summer. They were the 'from here's' that made this 'come here' feel like I had a community.*

*Once, I had pushed my bike ride down Oxford Road far too close to sunset. I knew I wasn't going to make it back to Easton and got the idea to high tail it to George and Julie's house instead. Lord it got dark quick!*

*Just knocked on their door as the light evaporated from the sky. I admired Julie for answering the door without one of her blonde, redhead, or brunette wigs as she was undergoing chemo treatments at the time.*

*"Hi, I'm scared to drive my bike in the dark (I'm 35 by now), could you please drive me and my bicycle home?"*

*Sure thing, no problem, they said.*

*I'll never forget the difference he and Julie and Tracie made in my life. All of it. (When Curtis died, guess who's spare bedroom I slept*

*in until I transitioned my home back to Easton - thank you Eve 😊 )*

*Thank you George, for making a difference and raising three wonderful women. Amy, Laura, and Tracie, my heart hurts for yours, and is also warmed knowing the fond memories you have of your parents.*

*I hope Julie and Jo Anna are hugging and greeting you in heaven, George, and you get to watch all the games you want from the best seats.*

*Georgie Porgie pudding pie, you kissed the world and made us sigh.*

*Obituary: <https://www.fhnfuneralhome.com/obituaries/george-thomas-55/#!/Obituary>*

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**Tracey Johns** - February 11, 2025 at 03:37 PM

SJ

“ *Sol James lit a candle in memory of George Aldred Thomas*



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**Sol James** - February 04, 2025 at 03:33 PM

KM

“ *I'm so sorry for the passing of George. He was a great husband, Dad , grandfather, and all around great guy. Hold tight to those memories. My thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time.He made a lasting impression on our community. 🙏🙏❤️❤️*

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**Kathy F Mothershead** - February 02, 2025 at 01:31 PM

DM

“ Tracie, Amy & Laura, I am so sad to read of the loss of your dad. He will remain in my heart as the best neighbor ever, those were great times. You are in my prayers.

debbie meredith - January 31, 2025 at 02:41 PM

DS

“ Douglas Spedden purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of George Aldred Thomas.



Douglas Spedden - January 30, 2025 at 06:26 AM

DS

“ Douglas Spedden planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of George Aldred Thomas.

Douglas Spedden - January 30, 2025 at 06:26 AM

PF

“ Most people knew George Thomas as the owner of the Dairy Queen, but I first met him when he taught Algebra at EHS. His classes were lively. You needed to stay awake because he could launch a well-aimed eraser in your direction without warning. When I returned to the area as an adult, I was fortunate to get to know him on a first name basis. He was a patriot who never missed a Flag Day celebration - and his wit could be as dangerous as one of those erasers - but he was a good friend, and I will miss him.



Phil Foster - January 30, 2025 at 04:20 AM

VD

“ Mr George was my first boss when I went to work for him at Dairy Queen. He was a super sweet person I can here him laughing as I tried to get the curly cue right on an ice cream cone. He said don't worry you'll get it and finally I did. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends.



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**Valerie Dobson** - January 29, 2025 at 05:46 PM

CL

“ Prayers to the Thomas Family. I'm so sorry to hear of Mr. Thomas's passing. ❤️🙏



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**Carolyn Lane** - January 29, 2025 at 02:39 PM

CL

“ My sincerest condolences to the Thomas family and all those touched by his service to the community.

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**Craig Langrell** - January 29, 2025 at 12:36 PM

PB

“ George was indeed a good husband, father and friend. May he rest in peace. Peggy and Donald

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**Peggy BRITTINGHAM** - January 29, 2025 at 10:37 AM

KR

“ So sorry to hear of Mr. George's passing. He was a sweet person.



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**Karen Reed** - January 29, 2025 at 08:26 AM

PH

*George was Cambridge High class 1956--one of the last at the old school building. He was one of the "good guys", always good for a laugh, but behind that fun-loving composure was a serious businessman and good friend. He will be missed.*  
*Patrick Hornberger*

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**Patrick Hornberger** - February 02, 2025 at 11:45 AM