



## John "Bluey" Richard Thomas

December 10, 1927 - June 8, 2024

John "Bluey" Richard Thomas, of Grasonville, MD, passed away on June 8, 2024, at Arcadia Assisted Living in Chester, MD. He was 96.

Born on December 10, 1927, in Grasonville, MD, he was the son of the late William H. Thomas, and the late Ruby E. Gardner.

On January 17, 1948, he married Freida Clevenger, and they would reside in Grasonville, MD. John worked on the water as a waterman, clamming and oystering until the mid-1990's. He never formally retired and continued crabbing commercially. He enjoyed annual trips to Florida each winter with family and friends. He was a member of the Bay County Moose Chapter 1696, Knights of Pythians, and a charter member of the Grasonville Volunteer Fire Department

John is Preceded in death by his loving wife, Freida Clevenger Thomas, Son, Danny E. Thomas, brothers, Charles L. Thomas, "Buddy" Edward Thomas, William "Bill" Thomas, and sister, Betty Adams.

He is survived by his son Richard "Dickie" Thomas (Bonnie) of Dover, DE.

A visitation will be held on Friday, June 14, 2024, from 10:00am – 11:00am at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, in Centreville, MD, where a service will begin at 11:00am. Burial will follow at Woodlawn Memorial Park in

Easton, MD.

The family requests memorial contributions be made to your choice of:  
Grasonville Volunteer Fire Department, 4128 Main Street P.O. Box 457,  
Grasonville, MD 21638, Compass Regional Hospice, 160 Coursevall Drive,  
Centreville, MD 21617, or the Grasonville VFW, 203 VFW Avenue,  
Grasonville, MD 21638.

# Cemetery Details

## Woodlawn Memorial Park

11365 Ocean Gateway  
Easton, MD 21601

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A.  
408 S. Liberty Street  
Centreville, MD 21617

## Funeral Service

JUN 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A.  
408 S. Liberty Street  
Centreville, MD 21617

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of John "Bluey" Richard Thomas*



**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - June 12, 2024 at 11:21 AM

GT

*Great job! This music and video of photos from Uncle John's life was well done and so memorable to watch. Sending a "big hug" to you Dickey. Our dads are all together again. God bless them all. 🙏*

**Glenn Thomas** - June 13, 2024 at 01:22 PM



*This is Debbie, Jerry's daughter, from Arcadia. This was such a beautiful and moving tribute to John. It was so cool seeing him in pictures on his boat just doing his thing, sitting around with family and friends shooting the breeze. Looks like a life well lived. God bless him and your family..*

**Debbie Nelson** - June 20, 2024 at 05:59 PM

MH

“ *Dickie and Bonnie, I had not heard of Mr John's passing until today ! I am So sorry we were unable to attend! We loved them Both so much and Danny too! Hugs from our family, Love Mary Ruth Eugene and Gary*

**Mary Ruth Higgs** - June 14, 2024 at 08:33 PM

DG

“ Dickie and Bonnie, I am so sorry to hear of John's passing. He, Freida and Danny were close friends for years. We spent almost every Saturday evening going to Mr. Don Dill's and later Mr Joe McGinnis' to hear the jam sessions of country music, bluegrass and gospel music. Many hearts rest in peace.



Doris Greiner - June 13, 2024 at 10:06 PM

BP

“ Bill And Norma Patton lit a candle in memory of John "Bluey" Richard Thomas



Bill and Norma Patton - June 12, 2024 at 04:35 PM

MT

“ Mark, Donna & Jared Thomas purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John "Bluey" Richard Thomas.



Mark, Donna & Jared Thomas - June 12, 2024 at 09:50 AM

MT

“ Mark, Donna & Jared Thomas planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John "Bluey" Richard Thomas.

Mark, Donna & Jared Thomas - June 12, 2024 at 09:50 AM

RB

“ Such a nice man. So sorry for your loss. I remember Mr. Bluey, Mrs Freida, and Danny so well, they are together now. Deepest sympathies from Roseanne Quinn Bell, daughter of Rose and Pete Quinn.

Roseanne Quinn Bell - June 12, 2024 at 08:41 AM

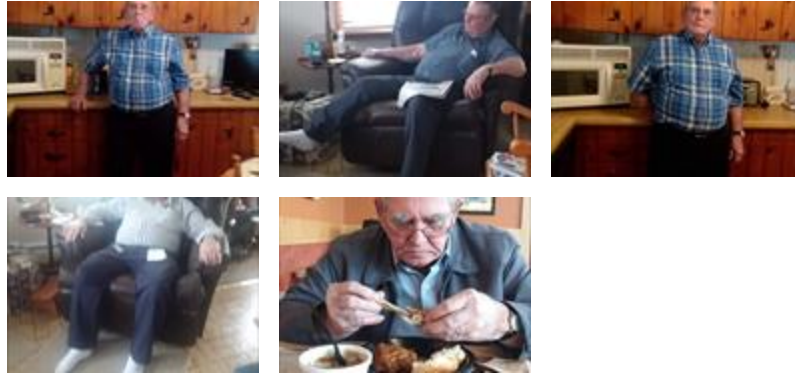
DR

“ Dear Dickie and Bonnie. So many wonderful memories of your Dad! All the great times your Mom and Dad had with The Sail and Trail Club ! Jeff talked about all the days spent with your Dad and Bryan Some stories there for sure. Sending love and hugs! He was a great man❤️

Diane Ruth - June 11, 2024 at 09:11 PM

GH

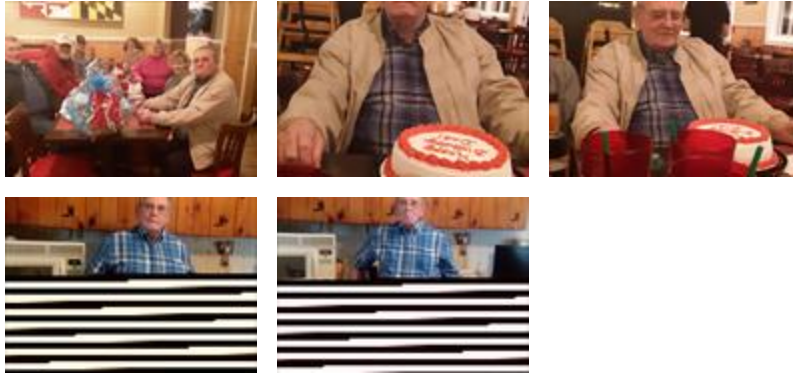
“ 8 files added to the tribute wall



Grace Hayman - June 11, 2024 at 08:19 PM

GH

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Grace Hayman - June 11, 2024 at 07:44 PM

TS

“ Tracy Schulz lit a candle in memory of John "Bluey" Richard Thomas



Tracy Schulz - June 11, 2024 at 07:43 PM

TB

“ Tim And Esther Blackiston sent a virtual gift in memory of John "Bluey" Richard Thomas



Tim and Esther Blackiston - June 11, 2024 at 06:46 PM

GP

“ *Gene And Lynda Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of John "Bluey" Richard Thomas*



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**Gene and Lynda Palmatary** - June 11, 2024 at 06:45 PM

BC

“ *Billy & Chris Clough lit a candle in memory of John "Bluey" Richard Thomas*



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**Billy & Chris Clough** - June 11, 2024 at 03:13 PM

RT

“ *Rica Todd lit a candle in memory of John "Bluey" Richard Thomas*



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**Rica Todd** - June 11, 2024 at 02:45 PM

TH

“ *Tom Helfenbein lit a candle in memory of John "Bluey" Richard Thomas*



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**Tom Helfenbein** - June 11, 2024 at 02:29 PM

TH

*Bluey sold me my first boat.*

Tom Helfenbein - June 11, 2024 at 02:31 PM

JC

“ June Clark lit a candle in memory of John "Bluey" Richard Thomas



June Clark - June 11, 2024 at 12:18 PM

BN

“ Bobby And Genevieve Norris sent a virtual gift in memory of John "Bluey" Richard Thomas



Bobby and Genevieve Norris - June 11, 2024 at 10:02 AM

NM

“ Sending condolences and prayers to the Thomas family. So sorry for your family's loss Dickie and Boniie.



Nancy Morris - June 11, 2024 at 06:40 AM

BC

“ *Barbi im sorry for your loss our prayers and thoughts are with you and yours  
Love Bon and Ronnie*



**Bonnie Coleman** - June 10, 2024 at 10:35 PM

BH

“ *Branden Carlton Haddaway lit a candle in memory of John "Bluey" Richard Thomas*



**Branden Carlton Haddaway** - June 10, 2024 at 09:18 PM

FC

“ *From Utah... Glenn, Linda, and Charlie purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of John "Bluey" Richard Thomas.*



**From Utah... Glenn, Linda, and Charlie** - June 10, 2024 at 09:11 PM

FC

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**From Utah... Glenn, Linda, and Charlie** - June 10, 2024 at 09:11 PM

TM

“ Tommy & Pam Marvel lit a candle in memory of John "Bluey" Richard Thomas



Tommy & Pam Marvel - June 10, 2024 at 08:26 PM

KR

“ Sending our prayers and love to the family. Scott and Kim Ruth

Kim Ruth - June 10, 2024 at 08:05 PM

BW

“ Bob & Sheila Willis sent a virtual gift in memory of John "Bluey" Richard Thomas



Bob & Sheila Willis - June 10, 2024 at 07:53 PM

LW

“ Larry And Lynne Wilkins sent a virtual gift in memory of John "Bluey" Richard Thomas



Larry and Lynne Wilkins - June 10, 2024 at 07:01 PM

MS

“ *Mindy Sewell lit a candle in memory of John "Bluey" Richard Thomas*



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**Mindy Sewell** - June 10, 2024 at 07:00 PM

GS

“ *Greg & Laura Saddler lit a candle in memory of John "Bluey" Richard Thomas*



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**Greg & Laura Saddler** - June 10, 2024 at 06:31 PM

RJ

“ *Ronnie And Rhonda Jewell lit a candle in memory of John "Bluey" Richard Thomas*



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**Ronnie and Rhonda Jewell** - June 10, 2024 at 05:26 PM