



# Donald Phillip Thomas

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**D**onald Phillip Thomas, 65, of Dresden, Ohio went to be with the Lord Wednesday afternoon, September 17, 2014, having trusted Christ as his Savior many years ago.

Born November 19, 1948 in Zanesville, Ohio he was a son of the late Harold and Ada Ruth (Prince) Thomas. Donald grew up helping and hunting on the family farm in Coshocton County and he continued to do so throughout his life. Upon his graduation in 1966 from Dresden Jefferson High School, he attended Ohio University where he studied physics and graduated in 1971. From there, he taught math, physics and computers at Tri-Valley High School, retiring in 2001 with 30 years of service. In his retirement, Don enjoyed maintaining the farm and repairing computers. He was a member of the Zanesville Christian and Missionary Alliance Church where he faithfully served as a trustee, IT manager and media technician. Surviving is his wife of almost 38 years, Lynne (Hepner) Thomas, whom he married December 26, 1976. Together they raised two children, Peter (Amber) Thomas of Johnson City, Tennessee and Anna Thomas of Dresden. Also surviving is his brother, Roger (Darla) Thomas of Hebron, Ohio; his mother in-law, Lois Hepner of New Jersey; several brothers in-law and sisters in-law and several nieces and nephews in New Jersey and many Thomas and Prince cousins in the Dresden area.

By his death he has reunited with his parents, an infant brother, his father in-law, Henry Hepner and a son in-law, Stephen Hacker.

Calling hours will be 6pm to 8pm Friday, September 19, 2014 at the Dresden Chapel of Vensil & Chute Funeral Home, 714 Main Street.

Calling hours will also be from 3pm to 5pm on Saturday, September 20, 2014 at the Zanesville Christian and Missionary Alliance Church, 545 Richey Road, Zanesville, Ohio.

Funeral services will be at 5:00pm Saturday September 20, 2014 at the Zanesville



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Christian and Missionary Alliance Church with Pastor Andy Winters officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Zanesville Christian and Missionary Alliance Legacy Fund, 545 Richey Road, Zanesville, Ohio 43701.



## Tribute Wall

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PB

**Patty Bichard** posted:

May your tears of sorrow turn to smiles of fond memories in the days to come.(TVHS 1978)

September 21 at 8:43 AM

DK

**Don & Kathy King** posted:

Lynn We are so sorry you had to loose Don so soon. Hang onto the faith and hope we have in in our Lord and His promises of that coming day when we shall all be reunited.Don and Kathy King

September 21 at 4:39 AM

LK

**Linda Kight** posted:

Lynn and family,I was so sorry to hear the news about Don. I wish I had been able to come and pay my respects,but please know you are in my thoughts and prayers.

September 20 at 3:53 PM

JT

**John Thomas** posted:

Lynn and family,You have our deepest sympathies.I will always remember with fondest the Summers we (Don, Roger and I) spent hunting on both our fathers' farms.

September 19 at 2:57 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Lynne and family - you are all in my prayers that Christ may lift you up and sustain you through this time. I was so sorry to hear about Donald's passing!In Christian sympathy and love, Carolyn Hindel

September 19 at 2:47 PM

JF

**Jamie Snapp And Family** posted:

Peter and Family,Erin and I are very sorry to hear this news. We are praying for your family. Please let us know if there is anything we can help with. Much Love Friend.

September 19 at 11:11 AM



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JJ

**Janet Wagner Jones** posted:

Lynne, Praying for you and your family. So very sorry.

September 19 at 7:39 AM

DS

**Dean And Tacy Sarbaugh** posted:

To The Donald Thomas Family: We were truly saddened to read of Donald's passing. He was a loyal and faithful teacher for the Tri-Valley School System. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family during this most difficult time.

September 19 at 6:41 AM

CF

**Chris Farus** posted:

Lynn we are so sad to hear that Don passed. As you walk through the weeks and years ahead, reach out to your many, many friends who will take your hand and, along with the Lord, give you strength and courage. Love and prayers. Don & Chris

September 19 at 6:03 AM

SM

**Stephanie Wasson Mcgrath** posted:

Mrs. Thomas and family, I'm so very sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Thomas, yet I rejoice with you that he is in Glory with Jesus! Praying for the sweet peace and comfort of the Lord to be upon you and that He'll give you strength and courage for the days ahead. (TVHS 1980)

September 19 at 5:07 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

I will always remember Don as a gentle soul with a wit far beyond that of mortal men (and women). My condolences to the entire family who have lost a beloved patriarch much too soon. Judy Tunis Morgan Cordell Johnson City, TN

September 19 at 4:25 AM

HR

**Heather Rognon** posted:

Lynne, With deepest sympathy, you and your family are in our prayers.

September 19 at 2:22 AM



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**KH**

**Klayton Hooper** posted:

May you rest in peace. Thank you for all you did to try to make physics interesting. You also taught us geometry and I still use the Pythagorean Theorem regularly. Our sincerest condolences to Mrs. Thomas Klayton Hooper and family Ottoville, Ohio

September 19 at 1:39 AM

**RH**

**Rick And Connie, Tim And Joe Hacker** posted:

Dear Lynne, Anna, Peter and Amber; You are in our prayers for the strength that only Our Lord can give. Don was a great husband, father, teacher and all around great guy. Our hearts ache with yours.

September 18 at 6:01 PM

**WB**

**Wayne Blizzard** posted:

Great guy & teacher! He will be missed! Thanks Mr Thomas for your time at TVHS.

September 18 at 5:13 PM

**KN**

**Kim Newsom** posted:

Mr. Thomas was a wonderful teacher. Condolences to his family.

September 18 at 4:06 PM

**BH**

**Byron Hipkins** posted:

Sorry for your loss, Mr. Thomas was a great teacher. My prayers are with you and your family.

September 18 at 3:58 PM

**RW**

**Rex And Mary (Mahon) Wisecarver** posted:

Thoughts and prayers to the family. Mr. Thomas was a very good and kind teacher. Rest in peace.

September 18 at 3:46 PM



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KF

**Kevin Flood** posted:

So sorry to hear of Mr.Thomas's passing.He and Mrs. Thomas were two of my favorite teachers.God Bless all.

September 18 at 3:19 PM

BM

**Bj Mathew Mcfadden** posted:

Oh, Lynne, I am so sorry to hear of Donald's passing, having many fond memories of him as a part of the class of '66. May your memories of him comfort you during this difficult time.

September 18 at 3:03 PM

JM

**Jim & Nancy Martin** posted:

We are so sorry for your loss and our thoughts and prayers are with your family. My God bless you with comfort at this time of loss.

September 18 at 2:47 PM

VC

**Vera Curtis** posted:

Sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers with and your family. May he rest in peace.

September 18 at 1:54 PM

MB

**Melissa (Boring) Beard** posted:

May God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow.

September 18 at 12:07 PM

BB

**Brandy Black** posted:

So sorry for your loss Mr.Thomas was such a wonderful person. He truly had a heart of gold and will be missed. With deepest sympathies, Jack and Brandy(crowthers) Black.

September 18 at 11:48 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

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