



## William "Buz" Thoms

November 17, 1954 - November 9, 2023

William "Buz" G. Thoms, age 68, of Bellaire, OH passed away Thursday, November 9, 2023 at home.

He was born November 17, 1954 in Cleveland, OH, son of the late William Thoms and Patricia Johnson.

He was an adventurer and an avid golfer. His passion for the sport was only rivaled by his love for riding his Harley and exploring the open road. He was the former owner/operator of WGT Construction in Bellaire, OH and a US Navy veteran. Above all, Buz cherished the moments spent with his granddaughters, creating lasting memories filled with love and laughter.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by an infant daughter: Jena Lynn Thoms.

Survivors include one son: Jeff (Shannon) Thoms of Lake Wales, FL; one daughter: Jamie Thoms of McMechen, WV; one stepdaughter: Jacquelyn (Kevin) Starkey of Cranberry Twp., PA; one sister: Lelia Racer of Lakeland, FL; one brother: Kenny (Trisha) Thoms of Oliver Springs, TN; his stepmother, Jenetta Thoms of Charleston, WV; three granddaughters: Kylee, Taryn and Cali; several nephews and nieces.

The family will receive friends on Friday, November 17, 2023 from 10:00am until time of Military Services at 11:00am at Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory, 1 Ridgecrest Road, Bethlehem/Wheeling, WV.

Private interment will be held at the convenience of the family.

Memorial Contributions may be made to St. Jude Childrens Hospital, 501 St.

Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or Amedysis Foundation, 3854 American Way, Suite A, Baton Rouge, LA 70816.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory- Wheeling/Bethlehem  
1 Ridgecrest Road  
Bethlehem/Wheeling, WV 26003  
(304) 232-0400  
<https://www.grisellfuneralhomes.com/>

## Military Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Grisell Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of William "Buz" Thoms*



**Grisell Funeral Homes** - November 14, 2023 at 01:25 PM

AA

*Buzz,*

*You are the man I always enjoyed our time together. I still remember when us Smith girls moved to town and you were bold enough to ask our dad if you could help us move in the house. 1969. We always met together someway to keep in contact. My heart breaks. I have lost one love of my life. Please fly high and hope our hearts will find each other again. I love you ❤️ my friend.*

**Annette Smith Alderman** - November 17, 2023 at 02:34 AM

SH

“ *Fly High Buz ❤️ forever will remember the Florida memories & sitting in the garage fake riding your motorcycles*



**Shealea** - November 16, 2023 at 02:13 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William "Buz" Thoms.



November 16, 2023 at 11:22 AM



“ Your soul lives on in the people whom you've touched . .  
I will miss you Buz  
I love you 🦋❤️



Vicky I. Thoms - November 15, 2023 at 11:48 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William "Buz" Thoms.



November 15, 2023 at 05:51 PM



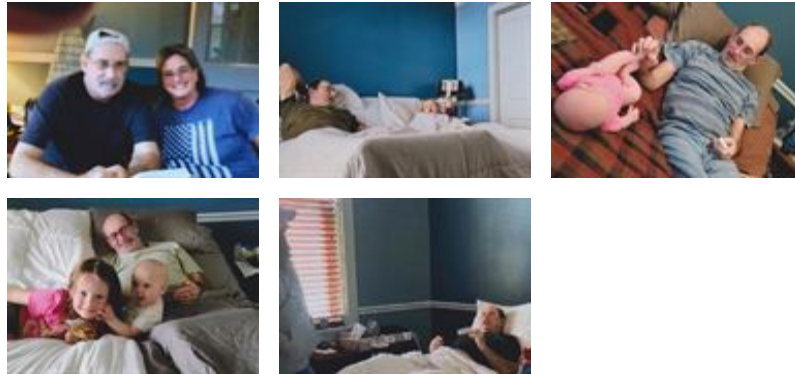
“ Thanks for the memories. You always made me smile. To infinity and beyond. Love, Bonita Smith



Bonita Smith - November 15, 2023 at 02:22 PM



“ 74 files added to the album LifeTributes



Grisell Funeral Homes - November 14, 2023 at 01:22 PM



“ May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,  
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,

*May your memories of William G. Thoms, give you peace, comfort and strength...*

*Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete. I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten.*

*My thoughts  
and prayers to the family of ....*

*US Navy Veteran, William G. Thoms, is “A True American Hero”  
God Bless†*

*† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †*

Cheryl Skinner Tri-State Military Museum - November 14, 2023 at 09:19 AM

DD

“ *My friend I will miss you dearly.*

Dea DelGuzzo - November 14, 2023 at 08:00 AM

DT

“ *Tom and I will so miss our nephew... friend. We have many great times together in the last 45 years. An amazing man friend family member. Our hearts are Breaking! Love you Buz Thoms*❤️💔

Donna Thoms - November 13, 2023 at 10:53 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William "Buz" Thoms.*



November 13, 2023 at 09:11 PM

HE

“ *Heatons planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William "Buz" Thoms.*

Heatons - November 13, 2023 at 09:11 PM

NV

“ *What a sweet and ornery guy!! Had many nice times together. Gone too soon Buzz. Shine on and fly high....until we meet again*

Nancy Vapner - November 13, 2023 at 04:14 PM



“ *Buz a great guy. We played a lot of golf in the last 4 years. We got together several times in the Florida Keys. He was fun & had a Heart as big as a Full Moon!* ”

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**Vincent Jacovetty** - November 13, 2023 at 02:15 PM