



David Thomas

December 18, 2006

Thomas, David E. Jr. age 84, of Edina. Graduate of West High School (Mpls). Memorial visitation Monday 12/18 (TODAY) from 4:00-7:00 PM at the Washburn- McReavy Edina Chapel, West 50th St. & Hwy 100. Memorial service 10:30 AM Tuesday 12/19 at Christ Presbyterian Church, 6901 Normandale Road, Edina. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to Fairview Hospice, the Minnesota Veterans Home, the Alzheimer's Association or donor's choice. He embraced life and lived it to the fullest. Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel 952-920-3996

Tribute Wall

CA

“ *When I was a nanny for Nip and Linda, I remember fun weekends at the lake. Dave and Virginia always made me feel at home. My prayers are with the family.*

~

Chara Anderson,

Apple Valley

Chara Anderson - January 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ Fifteen plus years working for Lancer Stores left me with many fond memories...the seminars, Christmas parties at the lake where he and Virginia were the perfect host and hostess, the opening of new stores and Dave always entering with a flurry, usually with one or two dogs proceeding him into the office! Our sympathies to the family. Russ and Linda Pitzl

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Linda Pitzl,

Hendricks, Minnesota

Linda Pitzl - December 26, 2006 at 12:00 AM

KO

“ Our thoughts and prayers have been with the Thomas family. I have very fond memories of Dave and great appreciation for all the assistance he gave to the Olivera family after we returned to Minneapolis after the death of our father. I remember picking him up from Dulles Airport several years back after a snow storm hit the area. What a pleasure it was to spend an hour with him. As a businessman, he was genuinely interested in how my wife and I had successfully built our company, but as always he was most interested in our growing family. After I dropped him off at his uncle's house. He insisted on paying me. Needless to say, there was no way I could accept anything from him. He finally relented, graciously acknowledging everything he had done for us as we grew up in Edina.

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Kevin Olivera,

Ashburn, Virginia

Kevin Olivera - December 24, 2006 at 12:00 AM

GU

“ I remember growing up in the 60's refereeing late-night old-timers hockey games with the boys when Dave's Lancer teams would face-ff against my Dad's teams. We all learned a lot being on the ice with those great players and names from Gopher and Olympic hockey teams. And Lancer clothes were what we all wore!
Condolences to you from myself and my parents, Bob & Donna Utecht.

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Greg Utecht,

Apple Valley, Minnesota

Contact Me

Greg Utecht - December 23, 2006 at 12:00 AM

D(

“ *Uncle Dave and Aunt Virginia were very special relatives. As children we also looked forward to the Christmas parties and swimming in the pool. Uncle Dave also gave me and my brothers our first jobs, either at Lancer's or serving to maintain and paint various properties. Uncle Dave was a tremendous role model, with a big heart and sharing generously with everyone. Uncle Dave and the family will be in our thoughts and prayers today.*

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Diane Hagerty (Olivera),

Audubon, Pennsylvania

Diane Hagerty (Olivera) - December 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ *A mans man*

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Rick brandt,

minneapolis, Minnesota

Contact Me

Rick brandt - December 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ Tuck & Ginger, We are so very sorry for your loss. It was great re-connecting with the family after David's recent move. Both the Lancer connection and the SCCA. David will be remembered in our hearts. Best to you & your families. Carol & Dick Thompson Hopkins, MN

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Carol Thompson,

Hopkins, Minnesota

Contact Me

Carol Thompson - December 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ Growing up as Dave's niece, has given me wonderful memories to reflect on. The fabulous Christmas parties each year; riding ponies down the streets of Edina; watching the house on Minnetonka transform from a "bat-cave" into a beautiful, warm family home; the MOUNTAIN of paper work that always covered the dining room table....(I never could figure out where that all disappeared to at Christmas time!), & of course my first job at The Stable. Dave & Virginia were always good to me, making Ginger & myself seem more like sisters than cousins. I cherish all the memories, & am so sorry I will not be able to be with you at the funeral. I will be there in thought, & my prayers are with you all.

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Betsy Jordahl,

Bloomington, Minnesota

Betsy Jordahl - December 18, 2006 at 12:00 AM

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“ I worked at the Stable and I remember when Mr.Thomas hired my son to rake his yard. At the time he was about 14(now 50) and he did not do it right, and Mr.Thomas came out and showed him how to hold a rake. Does that sound like your Dad Ginger?? A very nice person and you will have great memories.

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Faith Furos (Lietz),

Bloomington, Minnesota

Contact Me

Faith Furos (Lietz) - December 18, 2006 at 12:00 AM

VK

“ *My grandfather, Homer Kettlewell, worked for your dad. I believe your father talked my grandfather into coming to work for Lancer soon after he had retired from Daytons as one of their head mens' clothing buyers. I am sorry for you loss. Vickie Kettlewell, Brainerd, MN*

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Vickie Kettlewell,

Brainerd, Minnesota

Contact Me

Vickie Kettlewell - December 16, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ One of our dad's best friends, Mr. Thomas was our first call for consolation after Dad died in 1970. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas never forgot our mom, and always provided warmth, love and friendship for our family.

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Maureen Kelly Nalezny,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Maureen Kelly Nalezny - December 15, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Dave gave me my first job when I came out of the service as his security advisor. He was a gracious boss who never left your questions unanswered. The opportunity Dave gave me started me on my path to my life's work. What a gentleman. His family has to be proud.

~

Jim Wright,

Mesa, Arizona

Contact Me

Jim Wright - December 14, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CB

“*Dave Thomas was one of the greatest influences on my work habits. He put customers first and foremost in business and to provide them with the service level they deserved was taught thru his management style. His style was soft and gentle even though that might not have been the exterior! His family was the most important thing in his life and I will always remember him fondly as "David E." He and Virginia were gracious and true people to look up to. May they rest together now in peace.*

~

Colleen Bracy,

Savage, Minnesota

Contact Me

Colleen Bracy - December 12, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ I will always remember David Thomas as Grandpa Thomas. All those years when I was young playing with my friend, his grandson, by the lake of Minnetonka. He was truly a great man, and will be dearly missed. I hope that everyone will remember him as the sagely man that he was. Filled with kindness and generosity that few people every truly know. I will miss you Grandpa Thomas, and thank you for always treating me as one of your grandchildren.

~

Mathew Solie,

Los Angeles, California

Contact Me

Mathew Solie - December 11, 2006 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ *He cared for our business more than we did.*

~

Terry Whitmore,

Chanhassen, Minnesota

Contact Me

Terry Whitmore - December 11, 2006 at 12:00 AM



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Ron Lowman,

Minot, North Dakota

Contact Me

Ron Lowman - December 11, 2006 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ *David was a tremendous mentor and gracious host when we came to Minneapolis to buy the Campus line.*

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Ron Lowman,

Minot, North Dakota

Contact Me

Ron Lowman - December 11, 2006 at 12:00 AM

TO

“*Dave has been a part of my family since before WWII. I have never meet anyone that did as much for his family. My Dad enjoyed many hours with Dave remembering so many good memories. I feel very fortunate to have known Dave and shared time with him and my Dad on the lake they both loved. God Bless you Dave. Say Hi to Dad for me.*

~

Tony Olsen,

Edina

Tony Olsen - December 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM