James (Jim) Thomas, Sr., 75, of Plano, Texas went home to be with His Lord & Savior on April 20, 2011. James was born on February 18, 1936 in Louisville, Kentucky, to Guy and Agnes Thomas. He married Shirley Ashworth on August 18, 1956, in Louisville, Kentucky. James served in the U.S. Army for two years. He was employed with Texaco/Star Enterprises for thirty three years, retiring in 1993. He returned to work for Plano ISD for several years. James is a member of Prestonwood Baptist Church where he served faithfully for many years. He was a loving husband, father, and grandfather. He was an inspiration and joy to everyone he met. James is survived by his wife, Shirley M. Thomas; son, Jim Thomas, Jr. and wife, Jean of Iowa; daughter Cindy Morrison and husband, David of Plano; four grandsons, Matt Morrison and wife, Holly, Mark Morrison, Jim Thomas, III, and Josh Thomas; and brother Stanley Thomas and wife Lee of Louisville, Kentucky. He was preceded in death by his parents, Guy and Agnes Thomas. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, April 23, 2011, at Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Chapel in Allen, Texas with Pastor William Parks officiating. Interment will follow at Ridgeview Memorial Park in Allen. The family will receive friends during a visitation from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., Friday evening at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Holly Springs Bible Fellowship Church, 2699 280th St., Hornick, IA, 51026.

Memorials

I remember how friendly Jim was to me as a new Texaco employee at the Louisville, Ky terminal. Jim was a truly nice man and friend. I offer my sincere condolences to his family. We will miss him, but remember him as a fine Christian man. I would like to hear from anyone who might remember me. My
Mr. Thomas was a very kind man and the kids loved him as a bus driver. When his route changed, all in the neighborhood were disappointed and there was never another bus driver that could hold a candle to the smiles, gentleness, and kindness he gave the kids. It was always a comfort to know our kids were in safe in his hands. God Bless Mr. Thomas for being such a kind and gentle soul and we pray for your family as you walk through your journey of grief. We know heaven is rejoicing as Mr. Thomas has joined that wonderful kingdom. God’s love and peace be with you.

KATHY & FAMILY, APRIL 30, 2011

I have known James (we always called him James) since Junior and High school days through our church, Ninth and O Baptist in Louisville. James and I were good friends along with many others of our youth group in the 50's. After James and Shirley married they were in our church for awhile and I got to know Shirley. I knew her as a gentle, sweet, kind, loving, committed Christian. What an inspiring couple! We last saw James and Shirley at a reunion of our Ninth and O "youth group" at a state park in KY. God has one of his truly committed servants now with Him. We loved James and we love you, Shirley.

URB AND MARTHA SIRLES, APRIL 26, 2011

It was nice to start a job so far from Louisville and meet someone from home as nice as you. You will be greatly missed.

ROBERT J LAY, APRIL 26, 2011

Shirley, deepest sympathy to you and your family. I saw Sharon & Jerry recently and Sharon told me that Jim was not doing well. I still remember waiting on your mom & dad’s porch for the school bus to take us to Hawesville.

BETTY AULL JACKSON, APRIL 25, 2011

Shirley: Remembering the many Sunday mornings when you, Jim and I were "pew" friends as we worshipped together at Prestonwood. You were such a loving couple and an inspiration to me. Blessings to you, Cindy and your other
sweet family members.

MAXINE ROBISON, APRIL 24, 2011

Our prayers are with all the family ... we sorrow with you, yet rejoice in that blessed hope we have in Christ!

PASTOR GENE & DIANA DOLLAR, APRIL 23, 2011

Hello Shirley, So sorry about your loss nice looking husband, I wondered where you lived now, Our thoughts and prayers will be with you at this time Sincere Smypathy-- Charles and Faye- Isom- Obryan--KY.

CHARLES AND FAYE ISOM OBRYAN, APRIL 23, 2011

Shirley, Bob and I were sorry to hear about James. He was a kind and loving man who was devoted to you and his family. We extend our deepest sympathies to you, Jim and Cindy and their families. Love,Bob and Judy,Lisa and Austin

JUDY ASHWORTH STEWART, APRIL 22, 2011

I'm very sorry to hear about Jim's passing. He was liked by everyone who came in contact with him. I knew him from when I was a driver at the Convent Terminal.

BOBBY BOYD, APRIL 22, 2011

I knew Jim while I was working in Mongomery,Al and Baton Rouge,La as a Marketing Rep. for Star Enterprise. Jim was always very professional in his work and always had a good word to say to eveyone, even us sales people. A good TEXACO man.

SHAUN B MCGARRY, APRIL 22, 2011

Shirley- you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Aunt Grace Linda & Ed Richards

GRACE M STEPHENS, APRIL 22, 2011

Working together at the Texaco Star in Atlamta. Jims Star will always shine.......We will miss you.......Roy

ROY C. WILDER, APRIL 21, 2011

I will always have fond memories of the time we worked together in Lexington when our company was called TEXACO. My deepest sympathies to all family
members and friends. My your grief be short but your memories long! With heartfelt sympathy, Dick

RICHARD E EDWARDS, APRIL 21, 2011