



## C. Robert Thomas

November 30, 1927 - February 7, 2019

Charles Robert (Bob) Thomas 91, of Estero, FL died Thursday, February 7, 2019 at his residence. He was born November 30, 1927 in Riverside, NJ the son of the late Charles A. and Esther E. (John) Thomas. A former resident of Madison, NJ, he has resided in Southwest Florida since 1991.

He was a World War II veteran having served in the US Army. After returning home from service, he joined Exxon Oil Company where he would spend his entire career, retiring in 1985. During his tenure with Exxon, he spent time in Holland, Germany, Sicily, Brazil and England. He served as Vice President of Exxon Brazil and also served as head of Exxon's Lube Oil Production for the world.

Bob was a real family man and his family meant the world to him. He made sure that they could join him in whatever country he was posted. Before accepting a position, he would check to make sure there were quality local schools to ensure his children had a quality education.

He was a long-time parishioner at Our Lady of Light Catholic Community, Charter member of the Estero Rotary Club and served on the board at the Literacy Council Gulf Coast Bonita Springs.

He is survived by his loving wife of 68 years, Elsillia Nobile Thomas; one son,

Eric Aubrey Thomas; two daughters, Barbara Thomas and Sandra Oglesby; three grandchildren, Charles Michael Thomas, Stephanie Kasloski and Liam Bryant-Thomas and two great-grandchildren, Noah and Ella.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his sister, Marjorie Folk; his son, Charles Stephen Thomas; his daughter, Marianne Thomas and his grandson, Zachary Thomas.

A Memorial Mass to celebrate his life will be held Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at 1:00 PM at Our Lady of Light Catholic Community 19680 Cypress View Dr., Ft. Myers, FL 33967. Burial with military honors will be held in the Church Memorial Garden. A reception for family and friends will follow in the Parish Center. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Our Lady of Light Catholic Community.

To sign his guest register or to leave online condolences please visit [www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com](http://www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com).

Arrangements are under the directions of Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home Family Owned and Operated.

# Cemetery Details

## Our Lady of Light Memorial Garden

19680 Cypress View Dr.  
Ft. Myers, FL 33967

# Previous Events

## Memorial Mass

MAR 12. 1:00 PM (ET)

Our Lady of Light Catholic Community  
19680 Cypress View Dr  
Fort Myers, FL 33967-6201  
(239) 267-7088

# Tribute Wall



“ *C. Robert Thomas*

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October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Bob grew up in Kennett Square, PA as did I. We were in first grade together. He and his sister Marjorie lost their mother around this time in a car accident. In 10th grade he left to attend Westtown, a Quaker boarding school about 13 miles from Kennett Square. A year later I also went to Westtown. Since then our paths crossed at a number of class reunions.*

*A very nice, kind person. His family will surely miss him.*

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**Nancy Romig Harrison** - April 24, 2019 at 11:48 AM



“ *Bob and Ellie were our oldest and closest friends for 67 years. We first became socially engaged in 1952 when Bob and i both began our lifetime careers with various Exxon affiliates. We each had our fourth child while living {sequentially in the same apartment in 1959/1960} in Cologne, Germany. Subsequently we traveled to over 50 countries in five continents, many times with Bob acting as out travel agent. It was their friendship that brought us to Florida where we lived in Bonita Springs for 27 years.*

*All of our family will remember him fondly . Ed and Ellen Higgins*

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**Edward Higgins** - February 10, 2019 at 10:21 PM

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“ *My sincere sympathy and prayers to all of Bob's family during this sorrowful time. Bob's determination to live his life was apparent and I admire him tremendously. As a member of the Rotary Club of Estero, I remember him always having a smile on his face and a story to tell. He will be missed but always remembered with love. - Jamie Lienhardt-Engle*

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**Jamie Lienhardt-Engle** - February 10, 2019 at 08:44 AM