



John "Jet" Edward Thomas

March 12, 1958 - May 13, 2024

John "Jet" Edward Thomas of Ypsilanti, Michigan passed away from heart failure on Monday, May 13th, 2024, at the age of 66. He was in the company of his daughters and visited by family and friends in the days prior.

Jet was born on March 12th, 1958 in Clinton, Michigan to John C. Thomas and Joyce Thomas.

He pursued his passions with unwavering dedication. Jet loved to ski and previously lived in Beaver Creek, Colorado, where he co-owned and operated a bar - then known as Drinkwater Park, now Coyote Cafe - at the base of the ski mountain.

A prolific artist throughout his life, Jet was inspired by nature and people to create works of art across mediums, primarily working with acrylic paint on canvas. His work was often abstract, whether in paint, pastel, watercolor, ink, printed graphics, or even nail polish, showcasing the unique way in which he viewed the natural world around him. Jet also crafted jewelry from precious metals and other materials, creating treasured gifts for his family and friends. An avid gardener, Jet's artistry was clear in his landscaping techniques and often adorned his garden with pieces of art.

He was the proud caretaker and resident of his family's cottage in Boyne City,

Michigan, where he found solace and inspiration. Jet was able to share his passion for the great outdoors of northern Michigan here with his family.

A loving father, son, and brother, Jet is survived by his mother, Joyce Thomas, sister Laura Veraldi, daughters Lucy Chadwick and Charlotte Thomas, grandson Blair Chadwick, and former spouse Kathy Thomas. He's remembered by his family for his unique sense of humor and unconditional love. May those who loved Jet find comfort in knowing that he has found peace.

Friends may join the family for a time of visitation on Sunday, May 19th from 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. at the Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home in Saline. A Memorial Service celebrating Jet's life will then be held at 4:00 P.M. Pastor Drex Morton and the family will be officiating. Please feel free to leave a memory you have of Jet or sign his guestbook. The service will be live streamed and can be viewed by visiting <https://www.youtube.com/@rbfhsaline>

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 19. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home & Cremation Services
301 E Michigan Ave
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(734) 429-9760
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Memorial Service

MAY 19. 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

AD

“ So incredibly sad to hear about John passing. What a funny, talented artist and kind man he was and what a generous friend. Hope he is making the angels laugh. I will miss him. 💔😭🕊️
Adrienne

Adrienne - August 13, 2024 at 08:45 PM

JW

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. So many wonderful memories growing up on Gibson Street. Love, hugs and prayers ..
Mark and Jan (Shelley) Wegner



Jan Wegner - May 18, 2024 at 11:23 PM

JD

“ John D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John "Jet" Edward Thomas.

John D. - May 17, 2024 at 02:41 PM

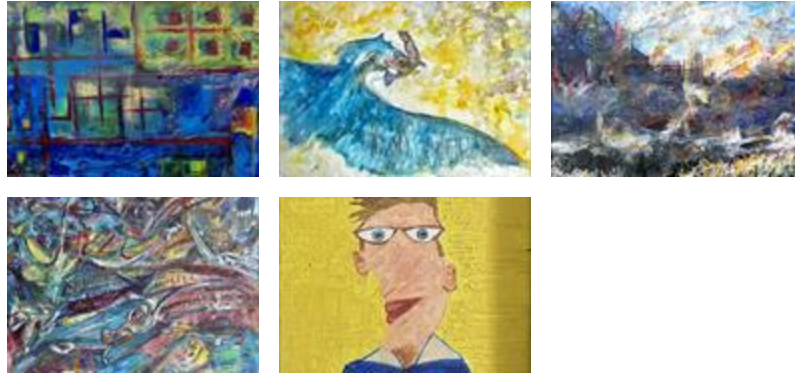
DF

“ David Buckmaster Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John "Jet" Edward Thomas.

David Buckmaster Family - May 17, 2024 at 11:17 AM

CH

“ 7 files added to the tribute wall



charlotte - May 16, 2024 at 02:51 PM

MJ

“ Dearest cousin Kathy, children and Family, so sorry to hear of your beloved Jet. May he fly on Angels wings...and God hold all of you close during this difficult time. Not many people are chosen and blessed with an artistic ability. He was truly blessed by the hand of God! Your loving family, The Walter and Darlene Family



mary margaret jachym - May 16, 2024 at 10:33 AM

BR

“ Bonnie and Rick planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John "Jet" Edward Thomas.

Bonnie and Rick - May 16, 2024 at 10:12 AM

CB

“ I am so sorry for you loss. I hope you can find comfort and peace in memories of your time together. Hugs and prayers.

Courtney Bolda - May 16, 2024 at 09:35 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of John "Jet" Edward Thomas.*



May 16, 2024 at 08:20 AM



“ *Genia Service and family. Donna Service planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John "Jet" Edward Thomas.*

Genia Service and family. Donna Service - May 16, 2024 at 08:20 AM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of John "Jet" Edward Thomas.*



May 15, 2024 at 09:16 PM



“ *Charlotte and Family,*

We are so very sorry to hear about Jet's passing. We enjoyed all of the moments up at the cabin in Boyne, as he coined "Happy Valley", and will cherish those memories always.

Love,

Shane, Abby, and Hank

Shane Peterson - May 15, 2024 at 09:14 PM

SP

“ Shane P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John "Jet" Edward Thomas.

Shane P. - May 15, 2024 at 09:12 PM

TF

“ The Kopf Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of John "Jet" Edward Thomas.



The Kopf Family - May 15, 2024 at 05:09 PM

TF

“ The Kopf Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John "Jet" Edward Thomas.

The Kopf Family - May 15, 2024 at 05:09 PM

TF

“ THE PORTERFIELD FAMILY purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of John "Jet" Edward Thomas.



THE PORTERFIELD FAMILY - May 15, 2024 at 02:34 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of John "Jet" Edward Thomas.



May 15, 2024 at 09:20 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John "Jet" Edward Thomas.



May 14, 2024 at 10:57 PM



“ Charles, Ed, Laura, and Josh planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John "Jet" Edward Thomas.

Charles, Ed, Laura, and Josh - May 14, 2024 at 10:57 PM



“ I don't even know where to start. So many great times lots of laughs . Coming up our driveway with the cow horn. Bringing vintage toys he bought from the old guy in town then all of us on deck like little kids playing. He gave me my email address I did something and he said your not right dee, we laughed and that's my email . He will always hold a piece of my heart. Fly high brother Jet until we meet again

Denise Spadafora - May 14, 2024 at 07:08 PM