



# CHARLES LESTER THOMAS

September 24, 1944 - January 15, 2024

Charles Lester Thomas

Mr. Charles Lester (Charlie) Thomas passed away peacefully the evening of January 15, 2024 after fighting a courageous battle with cancer. He was 79 years old.

Lester was born in Madison, Florida on September 24, 1944 to Melvin and Ruby McCracken Thomas. After graduating Madison High School, he enlisted in the US Navy, in which he served honorably for six years before returning to manage the family farm in Lee with his sister, Rachel.

He was predeceased in death by his father and mother, sisters Nell Holton and Glenda Dietrich and brother, Gilbert Thomas.

Lester, a loving brother and uncle, is survived by his sisters Kathryn (Eddie) Hale, Lee; Rachel Penny, Lee and Tommie Bodenstein, Madison as well as his sister-in-law, Sue Thomas, brothers-in-law Hansel Holton and Perry Dietrich and his many nieces and nephews, with special fondness for his niece Jennifer (Jeffery) Cox and grand-nephews, Jeffery and Judd Cox.

A graveside service will be held at Macedonia Baptist Church Cemetery on Friday, January 19, 2024 at 11:00am. Arrangements are under the direction of

Begg's Funeral Home of Madison. Condolences may also be shared by visiting [www.beggsfuneral.com/obituaries/](http://www.beggsfuneral.com/obituaries/) (<http://www.beggsfuneral.com/obituaries/>)

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Macedonia Baptist Church Cemetery Fund are appreciated, and may be sent, in memory of Lester, to Chris Thompson , 1418 Longleaf Drive, Live Oak, FL 32064.

# Tribute Wall

Joyce  
Phillips

“ Dear Lester and family and friends of Lester, My deepest condolences to you. RIP My dearest friend. You will be missed more than you know. My time in Lee had such precious memories with you and your family. You were like my family. You were always there for us. From friendship, to hay, to calling you when I got my car stuck wee hours in the morning after John Hill. You didn't hesitate to help. Just spending long days talking and dreaming, Spending days talking with your family. Your cancer may have taken you from us but we will always have our memories of good times. One of my fondest moments moving to Lee as a city girl was learning to be country. You told me, go to mom she will teach you what you want to know to can vegetables. That's when I met your dad and Rachael. I remember seeing you coming out of your house some mornings with your grilled cheese sandwich for breakfast and trying hard to help in the chicken houses till I quit from getting pecked at. You and Rachael laughed at me cause you were use to it and had a way to get the eggs. Oh my dear friend I will miss you. Forever in my heart and prayers.



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**Joyce Phillips** - January 30, 2024 at 08:13 AM

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“ Lester was a faithful and loyal son.

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**Jeff Diekman** - January 19, 2024 at 10:41 PM