



## Kenneth D. Thomas

April 28, 1947 - August 4, 2020

Kenneth D. Thomas, age 73 of Mentor, passed away August 4, 2020, at his home with his family by his side. He was born on April 28, 1947, in Cleveland, OH.

Ken grew up in Euclid, Ohio and attended high school there. He went to Kent State University for his undergraduate degree and Mercyhurst University for his Master's Degree. Ken started his career in the welfare department and as a probation officer for Cuyahoga County and ended his career as the Chief Probation Officer for the City of Cleveland. While there he helped many people and wrote many grants to help those in need.

He enjoyed spending time with his family and playing with his grandkids and dogs. He liked listening to music and traveling. Las Vegas was his favorite place to visit.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Dawn (Tetrick); daughters, Tiffany (Jarad) Regano and Tara (Rich) Norris; grandsons, Nick, Jake and Vince Regano; sister Maryann (Steve) Bandy; brothers, James (Katie) Thomas and Joseph (Connie) Thomas; brother-in-law, Matthew Wittine and many other loving family. He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Mary (Sivillo) Thomas and sisters, Marlene Leifer and Janet Wittine.

The family will receive friends from 3-7 pm Monday August 10, 2020 at the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060. Masks are required and social distancing is encouraged during all publicly attended events.

A funeral service will be held 11 am Tuesday August 11, 2020 at Hope Ridge United Methodist Church, 9870 Johnnycake Ridge Rd., Mentor, OH 44060. Masks are required and social distancing is encouraged during all publicly attended events.

Interment will be in Western Reserve Memorial Gardens, Chesterland, OH.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Hospice of the Western Reserve, P.O. Box 72101, Cleveland 44192, or donate online at [www.hospicewr.org](http://www.hospicewr.org).

Offer condolences at [www.brunners.com](http://www.brunners.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Western Reserve Memorial Gardens

11521 Chillicothe Rd.  
Chesterland, OH 44026  
(440) 729-9465

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 10.** 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center  
8466 Mentor Avenue  
Mentor, OH 44060  
(440) 255-3401  
ajs@brunners.com  
<https://www.brunners.com/>

## Funeral Service

**AUG 11.** 11:00 AM (ET)

Hope Ridge United Methodist Church  
9870 Johnnycake Ridge Rd.  
Mentor, OH 44060  
(440) 352-2141

# Tribute Wall

MW

“ Dear Dawn and Family...I was so saddened to learn of Ken's passing. May his light always shine with the memories you hold dear to your hearts. I am so sorry for your loss. Wishing you love and peace,  
Marilynne Walsh



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**Marilynne Walsh** - August 16, 2020 at 07:25 PM

MK

“ Dear Dawn & your family...Tom & I just heard of Ken's passing. Our sincerest condolences to you all in this time of sorrow. We will always remember those good high school times. May God bless you and give you strength during this time. Our prayers are with you....sincerely, Tom & Marilyn Kirchner

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**Marilyn Carol Kirchner** - August 15, 2020 at 12:14 PM

JP

“ To Dawn and family,  
I am saddened to learn of Ken's death and battle with Alzheimer's, the same disease that took my mother. I worked with Ken as Deputy Chief Probation Officer at the Cleveland Municipal Court for many years. He was a fair and compassionate man that was always supportive of me. He even adopted my dog, Pretzel, as a companion for his mother, when I could no longer keep him. I remember him as a loving family man. I am retired & living in Georgia for past five years.  
Janet C. Bussey, PhD

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**Janet C. Bussey, PhD** - August 09, 2020 at 07:27 PM