

## James Gorman Thomas

September 20, 1920 - November 30, 2016

James Gorman Thomas was born on September 20, 1920 to the late Joseph Ignatius and Mary Ira Smith Thomas. Gorman was the sixth of eight children: McDowell Thomas, Evelyn Clark, Virgie Somerville, Ogden Thomas, Geraldine Chase, Hazel Biscoe and Clara Thomas, all who preceded him in death. Gorman departed this life on Wednesday, November 30, 2016 at his home in St. Mary's County, Maryland.

Gorman attended Jarboesville School in Hermansville, Maryland and in 1944 was drafted into military service where he honorably served in the U.S. Navy during World War II until 1945. In 1951, he then moved to Washington, D.C. to attend Armstrong Vocational Barber School. In that same year, he began employment with Washington Terminal Company (known today as Amtrak) where he remained until his retirement in 1983.

Gorman enjoyed many hobbies including traveling, fishing, and attending and watching baseball games- specifically his favorite team, the Baltimore Orioles. He enjoyed dressing up and was known as a sharp dresser. Throughout his retirement and up until his final days, Gorman's favorite pastimes were farming and spending time reminiscing with family and friends.

Gorman is survived by his three children: Thelma Elaine Johnson (Jackie), Larry Thomas (Lillian) and Maria Elisa Thomas; 7 Grandchildren: Eddie, Carl, Sherille, Tracey (Skyler), Duwayne, Leandra (Jamal), and Leland; 16 Great-grandchildren and 15 Great-great grandchildren. Additionally, he leaves 14 nieces and nephews, as well as a host of cousins and friends to cherish his memory. In addition to his parents and siblings, Gorman was preceded in death by his grandson, Tony Bowman.

Family will receive friends on Friday, December 9, 2016, from 10:00AM-11:00AM at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 22375 Three Notch Road, Lexington Park, MD 20653. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00AM. Interment will follow in the church cemetery.

Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A., Leonardtown, MD.

[written by the family; from Brinsfield Funeral Homes and Crematory P.A.;

<https://www.brinsfieldfuneral.com/obituary/james-gorman-thomas> accessed December 2, 2025]