



## Wayne J. Thomas

June 28, 1920 - December 14, 2017

Wayne J. Thomas, 97, passed away peacefully on Thursday, December 14, 2017 in Carthage, Missouri. Wayne was born June 28, 1920 in rural Jasper County to Charles Thomas and Edna Thomas (nee' Ballard).

Wayne retired from Firestone Auto Tire Service, then worked at Carthage Hardware until he was 95 years old. He served in the Navy during World War II as a Fireman 1st Class and was a life member of Jasper V.F.W. Post #6415. Wayne was a deacon of First Baptist Church in Carthage.

Wayne was united in marriage to Freda F. Thomas (nee' Grieb) May 11, 1946. Freda survives, along with their four children: Edward L. Thomas and wife, Frances, of Carthage, Susan K. Thomas of Oronogo, Jeannette F. Thomas of Joplin and Thomas W. Thomas and wife, Tonna, of Joplin. Wayne is also survived by eight grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Wayne was preceded in death by two brothers, Gerald Thomas and Norman Thomas.

Wayne was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather that will live on in cherished memories.

Visitation will be held at First Baptist Church in Carthage on December 21st at

1:00 p.m. followed by funeral services at 2:00 p.m. Burial will be at Park Cemetery in Carthage.

Contributions may be made to First Baptist Church, care of Ulmer Funeral Home.

Condolences may be made at [www.ulmerfh.com](http://www.ulmerfh.com).

Arrangements are under the direction of Ulmer Funeral Home.

# Cemetery Details

## Park Cemetery

801 South Baker  
Carthage, MO

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **21**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church  
Carthage, MO

## Service

DEC **21**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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