



# Thomas Charles Forth

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**T**he soul of Thomas C. Forth of Centerville, Iowa left this earth to be with his Lord on Friday, June 5, 2015.

Thomas was born in Syracuse, New York on March 8, 1929, the son of Charles and Millicent (Ball) Forth. He grew up in the rural hamlet of Watervale in southern Onondaga County, New York. He attended a one room school house in Watervale and then Manlius High School. He left school to join the U.S. Navy in the final days of World War II, serving on two destroyers in the Atlantic Ocean as a radioman. After military service he returned to Watervale and graduated from Fabius Central High School.

He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean conflict as a high speed radio operator in Tokyo, Japan. During his Air Force service, he completed five years of college, graduating from California State University at Sacramento with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Management. During the Vietnam War, he completed 102 missions over Vietnam. During his military service, he logged some 7,000 flying hours. He was awarded the customary campaign medals from each war; Good Conduct Medal and the Air Medal with oak leaf cluster (denoting second award). Upon retirement from the U.S. Air Force he was employed by Weaver Equipment Company as a comptroller. After retirement from Weaver Equipment Company, he relocated to Centerville, Iowa. During this period, he served over twelve years as a member of the Centerville Airport Commission.

Thomas was preceded in death by his parents, Charles & Millicent (Ball) Forth; and his brother, Robert (Marion Delihl).

He is survived by his wife, Beverly; his son, Kermit Charles (Cynthia); his daughter, Millicent Jean (Randy); and his son, Jeffery Thomas (Elizabeth); a brother, Roderick (Carol) Forth; several nieces and nephews; 7 grandchildren; and 11 great grandchildren.



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Family will greet friends from 2-4 PM, Sunday, June 7, 2015 at the First United Methodist Church in Centerville. Funeral services will be held at 2 PM, Thursday, June 11, 2015 at the Newell-Fay Funeral Chapel in Manlius, New York. A visitation will take place prior to the service from 1-2 PM on Thursday at the Newell-Fay Funeral Chapel. Interment with military rites will follow in the Watervale Cemetery, Watervale, New York. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made out to either HCI Care Services (Iowa) or to the Watervale Cemetery in New York and may be mailed to Lange Funeral Home and Crematory, 1900 S. 18th St., Centerville, Iowa, 52544. Condolences may be shared online at [www.langefh.com](http://www.langefh.com).

### Visitation

June 07, 2015 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

First United Methodist Church North Main St., off the Centerville Square Centerville, IA (641)  
856-3213



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**Thomas Funeral Home** posted:

October 21 at 3:00 PM



**Thomas Funeral Home** shared an album called **Obituary Wall**.



October 13 at 2:59 PM



**Bernadette Walker, (Forth)** posted:

Unfortunately for me, my parents divorced and we moved away before I got to know you Uncle Tom. From what I hear I wish I could have known you instead of just knowing who you were. I will always live with the regret of missing out on that part of my family and my life. Until we meet on the other side, R I P. Uncle Tom.

July 26 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

It was my great privilege to serve with Tom on the Airport Commission. I learned a tremendous amount from Tom and my fellow commissioners. Tom was extremely intelligent. He asked excellent questions and worked to find solutions to the many challenges we faced. His knowledge and experience in aviation proved invaluable. As evidence of his diverse interests, one of my fondest memories is when Tom would drive his rebuilt truck in the Pancake Day Parade. The other commissioners and I would sit in the back and throw candy. What a treat for us! Tom was a terrific fellow that will certainly be missed. God's speed my friend! Posted by Paula Dal Ponte - Centerville, IA - friend June 08, 2015

January 4 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Our deepest condolences to whole family of Thomas. I am a Vietnam veteran and have the utmost respect for his service to our country and bravery. You are in our thoughts and prayers. R.I.P. Thomas. Skip and Linda Campbell Posted by skip and linda campbell - centerville, IA - friend from church June 08, 2015

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## Media

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