



**Thomas, Jerry L.**

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Jerry L. Thomas, age 85, of Grove, Okla., passed into the arms of his Lord and Savior on Sunday, Feb. 27, 2022, and was reunited with his beloved wife, Doris. He was born on Jan. 7, 1937, in Richmond, Va. to Robert and Nova (Tibbets) Thomas. The family moved to Bartlesville, Okla., where he graduated from College High School. He then proudly served his country in the United States Air Force for four years.

On March 6, 1981, Jerry married the love of his life, Doris Preston, in Gainesville. She preceded him in death on April 24, 2020.

Jerry was self-employed as an owner-operator truck driver of Thomas Trucking for many years. He moved to Grove in 2021 to be near his sister Jo. A strong-willed man, he was also witty, happy and could be a bit ornery at times. He had a smile for everyone he met. He enjoyed the company of his dogs, whom he loved dearly. He was a Christian and of the Baptist faith.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Doris; sister, Sue; and son, Danny.

Left to cherish his memory are his two sisters, Jo Eve of Monkey Island, Okla., and Ruth Burke of Fort Worth, as well as two adored granddaughters.

His body will lie in state at Nichols-Stephens Funeral Service from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, March 2, 2022.

Graveside services will be at 2:30 Thursday, March 3, 2022, at the Thomas Community Cemetery in Bridgeport.

Arrangements are entrusted to Nichols-Stephens Funeral & Cremation Services, 10201 US Highway 59, Grove, Okla. 74344.