



## Mr. Leroy E. "Lee" Thomas

December 10, 1958 - November 30, 2016

Leroy E. "Lee" Thomas, 57, of Port Huron Twp., passed away on November 30, 2016 in McLaren Port Huron Hospital with his family by his side.

He was born on December 10, 1958 in Port Huron.

Lee married Denise Marie Cesefske on October 1, 1983 in Port Huron.

He was owner and operator of Lee's Auto and Truck Repair for 36 years at 24th and Griswold Street. Lee loved spending time with his family, friends and anything to do with a motor and wheels. He loved going to car shows, NASCAR and was an all-around collector. Lee helped several people within the community in several different circumstances. He will be missed by many and loved by all; but never forgotten.

Lee is survived by his wife, Denise M. Thomas of Port Huron Twp.; daughter and future son-in-law, Megan Thomas and Tyler Gutierrez of Fort Gratiot; mother, Mary Thomas of Port Huron; brother and sister-in-law, Jeff (Janna) Thomas of Port Huron; brother and sister-in-law, Alan (Carolyn) Thomas of Flushing; brother and sister-in-law, Jack (Teresa) Thomas of Wales Twp.; brother, Brian Thomas of Port Huron; sister and brother-in-law, Gayle (Paul) Driggers of Big Rapids; sister and brother-in-law, Mary (Mark) Wingate of Forestville; brother, Mark Thomas of Port Huron; three sisters-in-law, Sue Thomas, Barb Chappel and Judy LaVere and several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father, John T. Thomas and a brother, Rick Thomas.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 a.m. Tuesday in the Jowett Funeral Home, 1634 Lapeer Ave. @ 17th Street, Port Huron. Rev. Max Amstutz will officiate. Inurnment will be in Mt. Hope cemetery.

Visiting hours will be held Monday from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the funeral home.

Memorial tributes may be made to Lee's Auto and Truck Repair, to keep Lee's legacy going.

To view obituary and share memories visit [www.jowettfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.jowettfuneraldirectors.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Hope Cemetery

Port Huron, MI 48060

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 5. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Jowett Funeral Home and Cremation Service - Port Huron  
1634 Lapeer Ave.  
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## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall

SG

“ Lee was special. He touched my life as well. He was caring and honest! He stayed after hrs to help me with a repair. That is rare now a days. He was a pillar of the community and is sorely missed! God Bless his family!

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**Samantha Greenberg** - December 05, 2016 at 06:00 PM

MH

“ As you read the memories of Lee, all of them speak to his generosity and they are all correct. I have so many stories of Lee helping me from repairs, he has loaned me cars to use, and just there for personal advice when needed. Lee set the bar high on how to treat people and did so with his motto of "Start by Listening". Lee never made your silly questions feel silly at all, even when you thought he would. Lee would make even the smallest conversation seem important to him, Lee always made you feel important!! I struggle to find the words to describe Lee Thomas. So I will end this by saying that Lee exemplified what it is to be a great Christian, a true salt and light of earth kind of guy. The kind of guy I want my son to become, and if I can get my son to become even half of the man Lee was, I will have done an amazing job raising him.

*Lee was more then a mechanic, Lee was an angel of a man that just happened to fix cars.*

*Godspeed Lee,*

*Matt Hall*

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**Matt Hall** - December 05, 2016 at 02:25 PM

JM

“ To the Family of Leroy E. Thomas,  
So sorry to learn about the loss of your Dear Loved One, Leroy.  
Please know that so many people share your grief with you to help  
you through this difficult time of sorrow. Please accept my deepest  
condolences as we await the time when Christ Jesus will awaken all  
of those ho have fallen asleep in death; including your Beloved,  
"Lee".  
(John 11:41-44)

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**J., Moore/Volunteer** - December 05, 2016 at 11:16 AM



“ 34 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Jowett Funeral Home and Cremation Service** - December 05, 2016 at 09:46 AM

DS

“ We are still trying to understand how Lee could be gone from this earth...😭  
He has done so much for our family, not just our cars, but Lee knew the stories, he would try to fix a boo boo before "Dad" would see it! He often charged us nothing for the little things and always honest and fair on the big things! Always a smile he made you feel yours was the only car that mattered. Well done, good and faithful servant! Our hearts are broken for his family. We pray for comfort and peace for them and the guys at the garage!  
With love and prayers from the Shinaviers

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**debbie shinavier** - December 04, 2016 at 08:40 PM

BR

“ Sending my prayers. Lee just recently helped me out with my car. I have a disabled husband not getting disability yet and had a lot wrong with my car. He gave me as great deal and took payments. He also sold my daughter a good running car. His generosity touched my heart. He was a good man and I am so sorry for your loss.

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**Bryanna Ryan** - December 04, 2016 at 03:53 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Leroy E. "Lee" Thomas.



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December 04, 2016 at 02:10 PM

SK

“ We are heart broken Lee was a great fiend and sponsor for our race car team. Karen and I will miss seeing him throughout the year. Our love and prayers go out to his family.

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**Skip & Karen Krassa** - December 04, 2016 at 11:53 AM

DB

“ My Condolences to the Family...Have known and dealt with Lee for over 30 years. Lee was a laid back man. After knowing a person that long it feels like I lost a family member. Was Shocked and Saddened by the news. RIP Lee...

*Dave G&T auto Parts*

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**david belger** - December 04, 2016 at 06:56 AM

 Dave Falk

“ i met lee,when i was a young guy,my brand new 1982 z28 had a crappy belt,he treated me very well,told me what was wrong with car,and we became good friends ,ive known lee for 30 years,has been a great guy ,friend and a true book of knowledge of no how,he treated people of all walks and income levels with the same respect,i have learned a lot from this man ,r.i.p my friend

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**Dave Falk** - December 03, 2016 at 09:53 PM

BK

“ So Sad to hear of Lee's passing, a Great guy to know and do business with, Rest well Lee

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**Bruce and Sandi Kirkendall** - December 03, 2016 at 08:42 PM

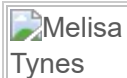


“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Leroy E. "Lee" Thomas.*



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December 03, 2016 at 06:52 PM



“ *Lee was a great man my husband detailed cars for Lee's Auto and sometimes I helped! I came in every Friday to clean up the break room and bathroom. Lee was always appreciative of us helping out! Loved going to the bump and runs cheering on Lee's Auto! Lee actually gave me a sweatshirt to wear to the bump and runs so we could represent his garage! Lee will be dearly missed! He was a great man!*



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**Melisa Tynes** - December 03, 2016 at 05:29 PM



“ *Lee was a great man. He always made everyone that went into his shop feel as though they were best of friends. Myself and much of my family went there for many years and each time you felt as though you were being treated fairly. Prayers go out for his family, and his employees in this time of loss. God bless my friend.*



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**John Gorski** - December 03, 2016 at 03:54 PM

RB

“ I am very shocked and Saddened at Lee's Passing. Lee was a Man who was willing to Help anybody Out, regardless of their Circumstances. Lee's Knowledge of Cars and or Diagnosing Car Problems and How to fix them is second to none. God Bless You, Lee, You will Live on in the Hearts and Minds of all of those who know and Love you.

Robert J Brown - December 03, 2016 at 03:30 PM

TB

Dear Family Of Lee,Iam very sorry for your loss of a great man.He will be missed in all of pur Hearts and minds.We was a great friend and auto mechanic to everyone he met in his life.God's many many Blessings to all.God Bless.Iam also very shocked and very saddened like everyone.RIP Lee 😞

Tracey Leigh Brown - December 08, 2016 at 09:08 PM



“ Are sincere condolences to the whole Thomas family. Lee will be missed. Prayers to all. From Tony and Janet Horton.



Janet Horton - December 03, 2016 at 02:27 PM

JS

“ I work at Flagship Credit Union and we saw Lee almost every day, sometimes twice a day. Lee was quiet, not saying too much to us, but when he did, he always made us laugh. He was a great guy and we will miss him greatly. Blessings and prayers to his family.

Joyce Strieter - December 03, 2016 at 08:57 AM

WW

“ Lee was a part of our family.....my daughter Heather for 5th grade drew a picture of a local business for a school project..she chose Lee's Auto..they had moved in down the street so I took her down to meet him...also Heather and Sean were starting a paper route and he said he better not miss his paper (joking with them) they were in awe of his size and made sure he got HIS paper. But that wasn't all...we all became friends our youngest Danielle and their daughter Megan became best friends.....still to this day they are together all the time...The kids all gained a second pair of parents and the spouses gained another husband/wife.....of course the guys said 1 wife was enough.. I always got a Hi honey..when i went into the shop and a bop on the head since i am so short.! We shared all the kids birthdays,dance recitals, Christmas and Easters together. Graduations and my oldest wedding. We went to dances together at the schools and for charity.



He had me do Christmas shopping one year for his wife. He said "you guys know what each other wants so you can get the stuff so I won't screw it up. Lee loved his family so much, his dedication to Denise and Megan was deep. ,My wish is that everyone who knew him and came to his business will continue to do so. His legacy has been handed down to his daughter and wife and family. You will still be getting the "Lee approved" kind of service. It is hard on all of us who were especially close to him and all those who dealt with him on a professional basis. Please continue to support his business and his family...I loved you Hubby #2 and will make sure both Dave and I that we will continue to support and help out not only at the shop but take care of Denise and Megan...Denise is my sister and my kids Mom#2. That will never change...I have asked the Gods and Goddess to watch over you and your family.....Love and will miss you more than you will ever know.

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Wendy Watson - December 03, 2016 at 08:34 AM



“ *Cindy & Mark Rowark*



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**Cindy Rowark** - December 03, 2016 at 08:02 AM

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“ *Cindy & Mark Rowark lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leroy E. "Lee" Thomas*



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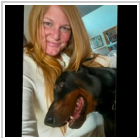
**Cindy & Mark Rowark** - December 03, 2016 at 07:59 AM

LA

“ *I am so sorry for the loss of this great man. May his family find the comfort they need at this time. Lee will be missed my many.*

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**Larry** - December 02, 2016 at 11:01 PM



“ *Truly the best mechanic I've even known. You cared like a friend. I'll truly miss you Lee & will keep the Ole blue girl in the care of your legacy... but it won't be the same. Thank you for always looking out for me & keeping my wheels on the road. Rest in heavenly peace.*

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**Tanya Sweet** - December 02, 2016 at 10:32 PM

RJ

“ I am so sorry for your loss.I and most of my family was helped on many occasions by Lee.He was always willing to go the extra mile and do what he could to help when we needed it.I always considered Lee a good friend first and a much appreciated mechanic.He will be missed by all in my family but certainly not forgotten.

*Ron & Robin Jacobs  
and Family*

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**Ron Jacobs** - December 02, 2016 at 10:21 PM

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“ Praying for peace, comfort and strength during your time of grief and always



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**Jen VanBuskirk** - December 02, 2016 at 09:35 PM

TV

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**Terry and Jen Vanbuskirk** - December 02, 2016 at 09:33 PM

TV

“ Terry And Jen Vanbuskirk lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leroy E. "Lee" Thomas



Terry and Jen Vanbuskirk - December 02, 2016 at 09:31 PM

JG

“ Many years ago, One of my Sisters went to an auto Garage with an issue, she was told it was very serious; and expensive! A friend told her to go elsewhere to get a second estimate. Long story short, \$20.00 bucks fixed what She was told elsewhere was a \$300.00 problem! He was always Honest, fair, and Generous. A Genuine sincere Individual who helped any He could in the Community. God Bless You Lee!

Justin Garska - December 02, 2016 at 09:06 PM

Jennifer Lafferty

“ Jennifer Lafferty lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leroy E. "Lee" Thomas



Jennifer Lafferty - December 02, 2016 at 08:14 PM

RD

“ Totally shocked and saddened, I've known Lee for many years and was a friend. A huge heart who helped many people over the years, Great mechanic who kept many of my cars and my kids cars safe and running good... You couldn't ask for a nicer man. You will be missed Lee, Prayers for his wife and children....

Ron Donaghy - December 02, 2016 at 07:27 PM

SM

“ Scott & Chris Morrison lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leroy E. "Lee" Thomas



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**Scott & Chris Morrison** - December 02, 2016 at 07:20 PM

RR

“ The BEST boss I ever had, and a good friend. He will be missed by many. My prayers are with you Denise and Megan.

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**Russell Rathburn** - December 02, 2016 at 07:11 PM

EP

“ Condolences from the Pfeiffer family. Lee took a liking to my son and enjoyed watching him race. He sponsored him when he turned pro. We will surely miss him. God speed and prayers out to the family 🙏🙏🙏

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**Eric , Cheryle and Devin Pfeiffer** - December 02, 2016 at 06:38 PM

 MJ Jones

“ I just want to share that Lee waa one of the best men my family ever knew. There were so many times that we were in a tough spot and Lee would do anything he could to help. He was a good man, a great friend to my father, and he will be missed.

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**MJ Jones** - December 02, 2016 at 06:11 PM