



## James F. "Gabby" Thames

November 28, 2010

James "Gabby" Thames of Forest was called home to his Lord and Savior on November 28, 2010. He was born on May 20, 1955 in Ypsilanti, Michigan to Charles and Estella Thames, and they survive.

He married Pamela Thames on October 29, 1978, and she survives. James leaves behind a son: Joshua (Lindsay) Thames; 3 daughters: Abby (Steve) Pennington, Emily Thames, and Ashley (Ryan) Trachsel; 3 grandchildren: Mollie Thames and Ryder and Tucker Pennington. Also surviving is a brother: Eddie (Peggy) Thames, and 3 nephews.

James graduated from Riverdale Local Schools in 1974. He was a third generation lineman who had worked at AEP for 31 years and owned James Thames Electric. He was on the Riverdale board of education for 10 years and was very involved with the Riverdale Athletic Boosters. James enjoyed life and touched the lives of many. He loved to spend time with his 3 grandchildren, riding his Harley Davidson, watching the Detroit Tigers, and hunting.

A funeral service will be held at 1:00 PM Friday, December 3 in the Riverdale central office building gymnasium, with Pastor Jim Fletcher residing. He will be laid to rest at Hueston Cemetery in Forest. Visitation will be held at Clark-Shields Funeral Home in Forest on Thursday, December 2 from 2:00 to 8:00

PM and in the Riverdale central office building gymnasium 1 hour prior to the service on Friday.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Gabby's memory to Riverdale Athletic Boosters in care of Clark Shields Funeral Home 301 S. Patterson St. Forest, Ohio 45843.

He will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

<http://videos.lifetributes.com/179136>

# Tribute Wall



“ We are very sorry to hear about your father passing away. We extend our deepest sympathies and thoughts and prayers to you and your family.

*With Deepest Sympathy,  
Scott & Margy Wood##imported-begin##Scott Wood##imported-end##*

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December 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ I am sorry for your families loss. He was a great man, and will be missed by many.##imported-begin##J.R.&Amber Miller##imported-end##

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December 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Pam, Josh, Abby, Emily and Ashley: Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Our sincere sympathy to each of you.##imported-begin##John and Diane Gurik##imported-end##

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December 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Thames Family:*

*Not having been in your family long, I have not had the opportunity to meet most of you. But you have been in my thoughts and prayers over the past several days; I am sorry for your great loss.*

*My prayer is that your memories will be quickened for the good times you've shared and that you will visit James often in your dreams until the day each of us will join him and be together forever.*

*Love,*

*Tommy Wright*

*(Kay's son)###imported-begin###Tommy Wright###imported-end###*

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December 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Pam and Family--Sending thoughts and prayers at this difficult time for all of you. Take Care--Cousin Anne Lara.###imported-begin###Anne Lara###imported-end###*

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December 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Pam and Family,*

*So sorry to hear about your loss. We will always remember James for his smile and fun personality.*

*You will treasure your memories with him as time goes on. Our prayers are with you and the kids.###imported-begin###Gina and Kim Smith###imported-end###*

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December 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ My condolences to all of the Thames family and my thoughts and prayers are with you all. I have had the pleasure of knowing “Gabby” for some time, both at work professionally and as a fellow biker. Every time we spoke, we started with work questions, but always ended up asking and sharing our motorcycle adventures with each other. “Gabby” was and is a special person in my heart and will be dearly missed. Thoughts and prayers to all.##imported-begin##Bryan Mason##imported-end##

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December 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Pam and Family,  
  
My thoughts and prayers are with you. God Bless You.  
  
Your Cousin Marty##imported-begin##Marty Crawford##imported-end##

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December 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Pam...I'm so Sorry to here of James Passing, My Sincere Condolences to you and your Family in this Difficult Time.....Linda##imported-begin##Linda Mauk##imported-end##

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December 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Stella, Charles, Pam and Children and the rest of the Family. Our thoughts and prayers are with each and everyone of you in this very trying time. Please be reassured "Gabby" was well liked & respected in this community.##imported-begin##Keith and Barb Mckee##imported-end##

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December 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear about your loss. Please let me know if there is anything I can do to make this time easier for you. He will be greatly missed by our community. Love and prayers for you and yours##imported-begin##Kim Rall##imported-end##

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December 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Emily and family,  
We send our thoughts and prayers to you and your family.##imported-begin##Nancy Deringer Wilson and family##imported-end##

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December 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Pam, Charles, Stella and all your fine family,  
We send our deep sympathies for your great loss. We too are going to miss James much. However, our loss is heaven's gain which is a great comfort provided by our good God. Philippians 1:23  
Love to all, Chan & Gert##imported-begin##Chan & Gert##imported-end##

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December 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Pam, Josh, Abby, Emily, and Ashley: I was very saddened to hear about Gabby's passing. He was someone that really lived every day to the fullest. While I know that words are only a small gesture of support, I want you to know that his spirit has touched many people's lives. You are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Keli (Plank) Zapp & Family##imported-end##

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December 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Pam & Family:  
We are sad to know that a member of our Riverdale community has passed. My family wants to express our deepest sympathy to you and yours. If there is anything we can do, please let one of us know. So sorry. God Bless##imported-begin##The Penwell Family##imported-end##

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December 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ our deepest sympathy to you. gabby will be greatly missed by all. you are in our prayers. jim&eileen miller##imported-begin##thames family##imported-end##

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December 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ So sorry to hear about Gabby's passing. You will be in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Dave & Angie Golden and family##imported-end##

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December 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Pam, so sorry to hear about Gabby. Our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Chris Hemmerly, Ashlee & Sceth##imported-end##

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December 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Gabby was very special. We will miss him very much. We will keep you in our prayers. Love, Bill and Lori Kellogg##imported-begin##Pam and Kids##imported-end##

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December 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Pam, Charles, Stella and Family,

*We are so sorry for your loss... You are in our thoughts and prayers. If there is anything you need don't hessitate to call or stop over...*

*Mike, Tracy, Lizzie and Andrew Boyd###imported-begin###Mike and Tracy Boyd###imported-end###*

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December 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *I know for certain that we never lose the people we love, even to death. They continue to participate in every act, thought and decision we make. Their love leaves an indelible imprint in our memories. We find comfort in knowing that our lives have been enriched by having shared their love.###imported-begin###Steve & Tammy McCloud###imported-end###*

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December 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Pam and family,

*There are know words to help you get throught this difficult time. Just know my heart goes out to you and your family. Take care and may the healing of your hearts be a short one, he would want you to go on and live, laught and enjoy your lives. He will truely be missed by many and never forgotten by all. Take care always and forever Tammy and Steve###imported-begin###Tammy( Martin) McCloud###imported-end###*

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December 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so sorry for your family's loss. I work with Emily and my heart aches for her. Emily you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I am here for you.

Love, Eva###imported-begin##Eva George###imported-end##

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December 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Ashley & Family:  
I am so sorry to hear about your loss. Your family is in my thoughts & prayers.###imported-begin##Lisa Acker###imported-end##

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December 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Pam,  
Our deepest condolences to you and your family at the loss of Gabby,he always had a gruff smile on his face. What a wonderful human being he was, God Speed.  
Rex and Jodi###imported-begin##Rex Rahn and Jodi Huffman###imported-end##

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December 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Pam,  
We all here at the Kenton Service building will truly miss Gabby. We are so sorry for your loss and I am sure I speak for everyone when I say "If there is anything you need, PLEASE ask".  
AEP Kenton###imported-begin##Mike Piper###imported-end##

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December 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ All of the Curtins join in sending our sympathy and our prayers on Gabby's passing. He will be missed throughout the Forest community as well as the Riverdale School District. God bless you.##imported-begin##Tim Curtin##imported-end##

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November 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Just wanted to let you know that your family is in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Lori (Kneisley) and Rick Schank##imported-end##

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November 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ My sincere sympathy to each and every member of the Thames family..God bless..  
Nancy,Ellijay,Ga.##imported-begin##Nancy ( Staley, Stewart ) Fisler##imported-end##

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November 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Pam; We are SO sorry to hear of Gabby's passing. Please accept our most gracious condolences and best wishes to you and your family.

Jim and Terri Touchette##imported-begin##Jim and Terri (Green) Touchette##imported-end##

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November 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Gabby was one of the Great ones!!!! He gave so much of himself and enjoyed giving.

We are so glad we knew him and always enjoyed his company.

The Gates of Heaven are wide open for Gabby; Heaven will enjoy that unforgettable smile and his warming personality.

Pam, our thoughts and prayers are with you and the rest of the family.##imported-begin##Mike and Jane McBride##imported-end##

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November 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Pam and Family - We are truly sorry and saddened by Gabby's passing. He was one of "Riverdale's Best" and we will all miss him in many ways.##imported-begin##Jim and LouAnn Farmer##imported-end##

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November 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ My sincere condolences and prayers to the Thames family. I've known Gabby for only a few years, but he quickly impressed me with his kindness and consideration, not to mention his knowledge and professionalism.

He will be greatly missed.

In Christ,

Jim Stankey##imported-begin##Jim Stankey##imported-end##

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November 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ our condolences to james's family##imported-begin##bob/char  
sons##imported-end##

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November 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Pam, Josh, Abby, Emily, and Ashley.

*Please know how very sorry we are to hear of Gabby's passing. You  
are all in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult  
time.##imported-begin##Ty and Holly Thacker##imported-end##*

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