



Thomas Elias Dotson

April 25, 1947 - November 13, 2023

Thomas Elias Dotson, age 76, of Bear, DE, passed away on Monday, November 13, 2023.

Born in McDowell County, WV on April 25, 1947, he was a son of the late Johnny and Lena (Blankenship) Dotson. Thomas worked as a self-employed contractor.

Thomas had a deep passion for music, his heart and soul was with listening and playing country music in his band, Midnight Special alongside his brothers. In his spare time, Thomas could often be found fishing with his grandchildren, watching country westerns, enjoying NASCAR races, horseraces, eating sweets, watching his favorite football team the San Francisco 49ers, and above all, he enjoyed making memories at family gatherings.

In addition to his parents, Thomas was preceded in death by his siblings, Kenneth Hurley, Roger Gibson, Benny Dotson, and Joann Simms. He is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Frances Boone "Pickles" Dotson; children, Tricia A. Wilson (Gary) of Bear and Doris J. Klingler (Earl) of Townsend; brother, Don Dotson of Newark; and grandchildren, Tommy Teague, Anthony Dotson, and Madison Henry. He was loved immensely and considered a father and grandfather by many. Thomas will always be remembered as an amazing father, a loving husband, and the best poppop. A visitation for family and friends will be held from 10 am until 11 am on Thursday, November 16, 2023, at Spicer-Mullikin Funeral Home, 1000 North

DuPont Parkway, New Castle, DE, where a memorial service will begin at 11 am. Interment will be held privately.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Thomas' memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or online by clicking [here](#).

Tribute Wall



“ Spicer - Mullikin Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Thomas Elias Dotson



Spicer - Mullikin Funeral Homes - August 25, 2025 at 05:05 PM

RC

“ May you Rest in peace old friend...

Robert Calvarese - November 17, 2023 at 12:00 AM

A(

“ Sending prayers to the entire family. He had the kindest eyes and a gentle soul. Lots of wonderful memories especially when Tommy and his brothers would dress up for my dad's haunted houses. And always music! Rest in peace Mr. Dotson. Love, Alygia

Alygia Blank (Ayers) - November 14, 2023 at 12:00 AM

DO

“ Dad, I can't believe you're gone. I wasn't ready for you to go but, I know you're not in pain anymore and that does bring me some peace. You were the best dad a girl could dream off. I know you're up there with everyone catching up. I know Duke was waiting for you and excited to see you. I love and miss you dad, until we meet again.

Doris - November 14, 2023 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ My love to all of you. I was lucky to know him and be part of the family.

Debra M COONS - November 14, 2023 at 12:00 AM

TI

“ Sending all my Love to all the Family He was always so nice to me and I feel lucky to have known him for such a short time Rest in peace!!!

Tina - November 14, 2023 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ So sorry for your loss Tommy was a special man. Loved to hear him talk! You are all Loved.

Mary Ann Paxson - November 14, 2023 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Mr. Dotson (or Chuck to me) you've forever left an impression on my heart. Growing up with Doris from Kindergarten on through our younger years, I was always fond of the father you were to Doris and Trisha. Thank you for showing me what being a dad to girls should look like. You, along with a seldom few from that time in my life have done that. Rest in eternal peace. Sending love, hugs and prayers to Pickles, Trish and Doris as well as the rest of the Dotson clan. Xo Christine

Christine Wierzbicki - November 14, 2023 at 12:00 AM

C(

“ This man has been such a big part of my world. He was an amazing Uncle to me. My heart hurts. I love you always Uncle T you definitely left your mark on this world!!!

Charlotte Johnson (Dotson) - November 13, 2023 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ I’m so sorry for your loss. Hold onto all those great memories that you’ve made throughout the yrs. He will always watch over you. You’re entire family are in my prayers. Love, Missy

Melissa Probst - November 13, 2023 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ I’m in shock to hear of the passing of a great man. My heartfelt condolences and prayers go out to the entire Dotson family. Tommy your no longer in pain may you rest in peace.

Lexi - November 13, 2023 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ I’m so sorry to hear about Tommy.He truly was a wonderful person. I’m sure he and Bob are catching up.

Mary Kambanopoulos - November 13, 2023 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ Sending my love your way! I’m so sorry for your loss. ❤️

Beth Grier - November 13, 2023 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ Im so sorry for the loss of Uncle Tommy .He will be greatly missed. He will be always in our hearts and minds. Miss the nights of watching and learning to play cards and watching movies while parents played pokeno.... Great times and memories are what I take away from this unfortunate loss .. God bless your family

Patrick Hayes - November 13, 2023 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ *My deepest sympathy to all of you. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers.*

Jerome kendzierski - November 13, 2023 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *What a beautiful tribute video of Uncle Tommy. My heart goes out to the the entire Dotson clan as I know how close you all are and this hurts everyone's hearts....even us non-family members that the Dotson clan adopts!! Love and prayers to you all. XOXO*

Sheree & Rick Sciavicco - November 13, 2023 at 12:00 AM