



## Michael Lee Thomas

June 25, 1953 - March 28, 2010

Michael "Mike" Thomas was born June 25, 1953 in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin to Charles and Susie Hart Thomas. He passed away suddenly at his residence in Greenbrier, TN on March 28th. He was 56 years old. He was a Cutter in the Printing Business for many years. He was involved and past President of Upper Midwest Endurance Competitive Ride Association and also past President of the Appaloosa Distance Ride Association. He was a person who loved people, loved to laugh, loved to cook and loved life. He was also a lover of animals. He especially loved his cats, Gabby, Rachel Ray & Jo Jo Martin. In addition to his mother, Susie Thomas, he was preceded in death by his sister, Kathy Thomas, Mother-in-law, Gertrude Persha, and Father-in-law, Walter Persha. He is survived by his father, Charles Thomas, Kissimmee, FL, his loving and devoted wife of 35 years, Sandra Persha Thomas of Greenbrier, TN, brother and sister-in-law, John & Joan Thomas, Lake Wales, FL, sister and brother-in-law, Patty & Jeff Dolan, Saint Cloud, FL. A Celebration of his life was held, Wednesday, March 31, 6:30 PM at Greenbrier Chapel of Austin & Bell Funeral Home. Friends may visit with his family from 5 PM until time for the service at 6:30 PM. There will be a Celebration of his Life in Wisconsin on Sunday, April 11th, from 2 to 5 PM at the Senior Citizens Building, 114 East 3rd St., Beaver Dam, Wisconsin. If you should need more information, you may call, 920-210-0347. The family requests contributions be made in his memory to the American Heart Association or the American Cancer Society, C/O Austin & Bell Funeral Home, 2619 Highway 41

South, Greenbrier, TN, 37073.

Greenbrier Chapel, 615-643-4000 2619 Highway 41 South Greenbrier, TN  
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# Tribute Wall

ER

“ Hello Sandi. Every so often I think of my pen pal of many years. This time I looked up your name, plus Wisconsin, and found this obituary of your husband, Mike. I know it's been over 9 years now, and you may never see this, but I want you to know you are in my thoughts, even at this late date. I wish you the best in life, always.  
Evelyn Redfield

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**Evelyn Redfield** - November 25, 2019 at 08:35 PM

PJ

“ Sandi, When I think of Mike, I always think of the River to River Ride and how I KNOW we would never have made it without Mike crewing, setting up camp, doing laundry and keeping our spirits up. And maybe keeping us from murdering those mares when they kept getting stronger and we didn't! I also think of all those UMECRA rides and a million other shared happy times. Mike always kept us laughing no matter what... I love you both, Paula

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**paula johnson** - April 06, 2010 at 02:52 PM

SS

“ SANDY,  
I AM SO SORRY TO HEAR 'BOUT MIKE. JUST KNOW THAT MIKE LOVED YOU VERY VERY MUCH-I STILL REMEMBER THE TIME WE WERE AT WORK AND HE COULDN'T REACH YOU AND KEPT BORROWING MY CELL 'TIL HE FINALLY GOT HOLD OF YOU-YOU GAVE HIM A GOOD SCARE-BUT THAT REALLY SHOWED HOW MUCH HE LOVED AND CARED 'BOUT YOU- ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT-YOU AND HIS DAD, HIS SISTER AND BROTHER AND THE CATS-EVEN THE STRAYS HE TALKED 'BOUT ALOT-HE LOVED YOU ALL. HE WAS AN AWESOME GUY THAT REALLY CARED. I WISH I WOULD HAVE HAD THE CHANCE TO VISIT WITH YOU GUYS BEFORE YOU MOVED FROM GALESVILLE. TAKE CARE OF YOURSELVES FOR MIKE. YOU GUYS ARE IN MY PRAYERS. LOVE SHELLY

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**SHELLY SIEGENTHALER** - April 05, 2010 at 09:24 PM

SK

“ Sandi, My deepest sympathy goes out to you at this time. So sorry to hear about Mike's passing. I want you to know that I am here for you if you'd ever like to just talk. Stay strong and God Bless.

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**Sandi Kohrt** - April 01, 2010 at 08:00 PM

LD

“ I'm really sorry for your loss, Sandy. Lee

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**Lee Dornfeldt** - April 01, 2010 at 07:44 PM

LE

“ Sandi, We both were saddened by the news of Mike's passing. You both were always a part of the rides that Larry & I attended. Mike always seemed to keep every one moving in the right directions. We wish you strength in the coming months and many blessings.

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**Larry & Lynette Engevold** - April 01, 2010 at 11:29 AM

SH

“ Sandi, you are always in my thoughts and prayers. Mike was always so supportive of whatever I did in my life. He made sure we always had an adventure whatever we did together. His smile, laugh, and his ability to make others laugh will be missed. I feel so fortunate to have had him in my life and have so many memories shared by those who also loved him that he will always be in my heart where ever I go.

*I love you and if you need anything I am here.*

*Sheryl*

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**Sheryl** - April 01, 2010 at 08:31 AM

BG

“ Uncle Mike will be greatly missed! Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Bonnie Williams and Mike Gills** - March 31, 2010 at 09:21 PM

SP

“ Sandi, Sorry to hear about the loss of your husband. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Sandy Pahl** - March 31, 2010 at 08:48 PM

DM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Dale & Mona** - March 31, 2010 at 07:22 PM

LC

“ Sandi, so sorry to hear about your husband. I am praying for you and your family. May you find comfort in sweet memories.

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**Lilly Colson** - March 31, 2010 at 07:03 PM

TT

“ A Toast to one of the greatest people I have know...He was the greatest "Timer" I've ever had! Mike made our day after riding some hot hours at rides...Completion Cookies and a smile!  
We will miss him!

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**Tony Troyer** - March 31, 2010 at 05:33 PM

DC

“ Sandi - I dont even know what to say - we have spent the last 3 days here at work telling stories about Mike - the jokes - such a wonderful person - we were all blessed to say we knew him. If there is anything we can do for you now or in the days ahead - we are all here for you - keep in touch - we are good listeners :)

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**Dianna Clements** - March 31, 2010 at 04:04 PM

SP

“ I'm so sorry Sandi, my prayers are with you in this time of sadness.

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**Stacey Persha** - March 31, 2010 at 02:41 PM

ND

“ Sandi and Family, I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Please know that you can count on us for any help you may need in the difficult days ahead. God Bless!

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**Nancy Dawald** - March 31, 2010 at 01:05 PM

TJ

“ Sandy,  
I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your husband. You are in our thoughts and prayers.  
Theresa

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**Theresa Jurgensen** - March 31, 2010 at 01:02 PM

MS

“ Sandi, I am just so very sorry to hear about Mike. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Our deepest sympathy to you and your family. xoxoxoxo

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**Michelle Sorrell** - March 31, 2010 at 12:51 PM

WP

“ Sandi, you are in my thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, Wendi

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**Wendi Phillips** - March 31, 2010 at 12:09 PM

RP

“ Sandi,  
I am in such shock that I had to pinch myself to make sure this really happened. Mike was quite the guy, I remember him bringing a stool along when we were going shopping with the truck so that I could get in and out without hurting my back. People laughed and we thought it was funny too, but that was Mike's way of helping someone else.  
Love you Ramona

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**Ramona Persha** - March 31, 2010 at 10:37 AM

RP

“ Michael Lee Thomas

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**Ramona Persha** - March 31, 2010 at 10:29 AM

DL

“ Sandi, Both Lori and I can't help thinking about our ATVing trips and Mike leading us through the trails. Also all the Christmas "gifts" that Mike gave us all, he always tried to make everyone laugh. We know that this is such a shock, please let us know how we can help you.  
Love Don and Lori

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**Don and Lori** - March 31, 2010 at 10:28 AM

JD

“ Sandi - so sorry to hear about Mike! I had so few visits with him, but he was such a pleasure to be around and so easy to talk with! An untimely reminder of how precious our time is together. Dena and I are thinking of you and will be praying for you! God bless! JD

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**Jamie Durocher** - March 31, 2010 at 10:21 AM

LB

“ Mike made me smile almost every day. He used to write little notes or make me paper "things" (earrings and sunglasses were among my favorites) and always seemed to be there with the right words if I was having a rough day. May his memory live on in the hearts of all who cared for him, may he be behind your secret smiles.

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**Lindsay Bonnar** - March 30, 2010 at 10:27 PM

JV

“ My condolences. It was a joy to have known mike. He could brighten up any day.

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**Jodi Voght** - March 30, 2010 at 10:13 PM

EB

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I couldn't believe it when I heard. I want you to know you are ALL in my prayers...

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**Evelyn Bray** - March 30, 2010 at 09:29 PM

SB

“ sandy, sorry to hear about uncle Mike. love steph

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**stephanie bonack** - March 30, 2010 at 08:18 PM

JH

“ *Sandi, you are in our thoughts and prayers. I never had the pleasure of meeting Mike, but it was very clear how strong of a bond the two of you had. We are here for you whatever you may need. May God Bless*

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**Jennifer Hardin** - March 30, 2010 at 06:29 PM

SB

“ *Sandi, I was so shocked to hear about Mike you have our Deepest Sympathy. I have had the privledge to meet him a few times and speaking to you about him he was really a great person. You will always have the fond memories to cherish. Hang in there we are all pulling for you.*

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**Stacy Behnke** - March 30, 2010 at 05:42 PM

JB

“ *Sandi, I'm so sorry to hear about Uncle Mike. He was such a great guy and had an amazing sense of humor. My favorite memory of coming down by you guys in Illinois was when he told me about the Noodle Farms. He told me that they only grow the pink swimming noodles in Illinois. I will have that memory forever. Love, Jess.*

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**Jessica Bachhuber** - March 30, 2010 at 04:23 PM

RB

“ *Sandi,  
I am so sorry to hear about Mike. My heart goes out to you. I am here anytime if you just need to talk. My prayers are with you.  
Rita B*

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**Rita Bakalars** - March 30, 2010 at 03:25 PM

AW

“ *Sandi: I am so sorry to hear of your loss. If there is anything you need, please let us know. You are in my thoughts and prayers. May God bless you and your family.*

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**Angela Watson** - March 30, 2010 at 03:21 PM

KG

“ *Sandi and Family: You're in my thoughts and prayers. Mike will be missed by those of you who knew him very well and those of us who only knew him briefly but were able to enjoy and appreciate his love of people and his warm personality.*

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**Kathy Granier** - March 30, 2010 at 02:42 PM

EH

“ *My prayers go out to Sandi and Mike's family. Sandi and Mike bought one of my photos to hang in their new home as it reminded them of a place they had visited. I learned that Sandi and Mike were happy together and were enjoying the move and warm winter weather in TN. They loved animals and each other....they appeared to me to be a team.....one with the other. Such a joy to have loved one so special....many people don't have that blessing in life. May the memories last a lifetime and may God console you at this time.*

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**Emily Helms** - March 30, 2010 at 01:43 PM

KT

“ *Mike was a great friend and coworker. He always had a way of putting a smile on your face with his actions or words. You and your family will be in our prayers.*

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**Kevin Timm** - March 30, 2010 at 01:43 PM

DH

“ Sandi,  
My thoughts and prayers are with at this time.  
Blessings, Dawn Hurt

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**Dawn Hurt** - March 30, 2010 at 01:33 PM

LL

“ What a sad day!!! I'm so sorry Sandy. Mike was the greatest man and friend I worked with at LGI!!! Such a good guy!!! I absolutely loved his humor!!! I'll treasure all the great memories of him. Wyatt and I are sending you a BIG HUG over the internet. I can't image what you are going through. I'll keep you in my prayers. Lurene Larson

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**Lurene Larson** - March 30, 2010 at 01:32 PM

TD

“ Sandi, I am so sorry for your loss. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. May you find comfort thru God's grace at this very difficult time.  
Tami Denyes State Auto BIU

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**Tami Denyes** - March 30, 2010 at 01:31 PM

KY

“ My condolences are with your family at this hard time.

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**Kristin Youngren** - March 30, 2010 at 01:10 PM

MT

“ Sandi,  
I'm so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. God bless.  
Michele

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**Michele Tune** - March 30, 2010 at 12:47 PM

EH

“ You & your family are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May your 35 years of memories comfort you and know you now have an angel watching over you.

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**Ellen Hughes** - March 30, 2010 at 12:35 PM

LT

“ Sandi,  
I am so sorry to hear of your lose. I know this is going to be a difficult time for you, but hope you take comfort in remembering the good times you had with Mike, and from what I understand, there are many!  
With deepest sympathy,  
Linda Tuggle State Auto Family

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**Linda Tuggle** - March 30, 2010 at 11:53 AM

DP

“ We are so sorry about your loss. It is and was quite a shock. We will miss Mike and his great sense of humor. He put a lot of laughter in our life. There are so many funny stories we could tell about him. We all had many fun times together. A great brother-in-law.

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**Dennis & Lynn Persha** - March 30, 2010 at 10:19 AM

MM

“ Sandy,  
My prayers and sympathy are with you. I am sending you white light to help you through this transition.  
I have so many fond memories of living and visiting with you and Mike in WI, the endurance rides, the dogs, Rogue and Josie and Mike's fun-loving attitude and his dedication to you and the animals.  
My thoughts and prayers are with you.  
Mary

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**Mary Mulry** - March 30, 2010 at 10:08 AM

LM

“ Sandi, I was shocked and saddened to hear of your loss. There is no easy time to lose a life partner, especially one of 35 years. I pray that God will grant you peace, comfort, and healing in the days ahead.  
If I were there, I would be making the traditional Lutheran green jello and/or a hamburger hot dish, both of which are known to have mystical healing powers.

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**Lucy Mathiak** - March 30, 2010 at 09:35 AM

JS

“ Sandi, My Sincere Sympathy On your loss. I know Mike will be watching over you, You will Truely Never be without Him. My Prayers are with you. I am so sorry.

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**Jim Sievert** - March 30, 2010 at 09:21 AM

SS

“ Sandi,  
*I am so sorry to hear about the sudden and unexpected loss of your partner in life. I have heard wonderful stories of Michael and my wish for you is to keep those memories in your heart and you will always be together.*  
*Please let me know if you need anything.*  
*Love, Sandra Sears State Auto Insurance Company*

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**Sandra Sears** - March 30, 2010 at 08:47 AM

NH

“ Sandi (and family), I had not yet met Mike, but I had already heard what a wonderful sense of humor he had. I know that it will be a comfort to you to remember the times you shared a laugh together. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Please know that you have friends here at State Auto in Goodlettsville!

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**Nancy Hensarling** - March 30, 2010 at 08:46 AM

SC

“ Sandi,  
*Words fail me at a time like this. Mike was a good man and his passing was all to soon. But take comfort in knowing he is in a better place than we are. Your memories will sustain you and your friends will be here should you need us.*

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**Sandy Cole** - March 30, 2010 at 08:44 AM

VH

“ Please accept my most heartfelt sympathies for your loss...my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.  
*Vickie Helton*

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**Vickie Helton** - March 30, 2010 at 08:40 AM

BW

“ *Sandra and family, each of you are in my thoughts and prayers. May God grant you Peace, Comfort and Strength now and in the days ahead. Brenda*

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**Brenda Walker** - March 29, 2010 at 08:44 PM