

## **RICHARD GRANT THOMAS, 70**

Richard Grant Thomas,  
age 70 of Marshalltown,  
passed away

Friday,  
February 27,  
2009, at  
Marshalltown  
Medical and  
Surgical  
Center in



Marshalltown. Funeral serv-  
ices were held Wednesday,  
March 4, at Pursel Davis  
Funeral Home. Burial was  
held in Rose Hill Memorial  
Gardens at 9:00 A.M.,  
Thursday, March 5, 2009.  
Online condolences may be  
sent to the family at [vogel-  
funeralhomes.com](http://vogel-funeralhomes.com). Pursel  
Davis Funeral Home is  
entrusted with arrange-  
ments.

Richard Grant Thomas  
was born May 10, 1938, in  
Albion, Iowa, the son of  
Clarence and Mary (Nelson)  
Thomas. He was raised and  
educated in Albion graduat-  
ing from Albion  
Consolidated School. He  
worked at Marshalltown  
Manufacturing  
(Marshalltown Instruments)  
until its closing. He later  
worked at the Iowa Veterans  
Home, first as a custodian  
and then as a resident treat-  
ment worker, until his  
retirement.

He married Shirley

Louise Eubanks on March  
8, 1958, in Marshalltown,  
Iowa. They were married  
close to 47 years. She  
passed away February 8,  
2005. Richard later married  
Viola Elizabeth Dague on  
November 21, 2006.

Richard enjoyed fishing,  
gardening, bird watching,  
tinkering with electronics  
and machinery and spend-  
ing time on the computer  
playing games. His newest  
hobby was FaceBook with  
the grandchildren. He had a  
big heart and was always  
willing to help anyone. He  
was especially proud of, and  
enjoyed spending time with,  
all his grandchildren and  
great-grandchildren and was  
fond of giving them his  
famous "big bear hug".

Richard is survived by  
his three daughters, Carol  
(John) Ward of St. Anthony,  
Eileen (Edward) Biehn of  
Ames, Penny Ferriss of  
Marshalltown; grandchil-  
dren, Staci (Greg) Piklapp;  
Shannon (Jeremy)  
Jacobsen, Douglas Biehn,  
Nick (Jen) Ferriss, Greg  
Ferriss, Matt Ferriss; great-

grandchildren, Kamryn,  
Carter, Madilynn,  
McKenzie, Nickayla and  
the newest to arrive in  
August; his second wife,  
Viola (Liz); sisters and  
brothers, Marlys Keeler,  
Dorothy (Bob) Sutherland,  
Margaret (Dan) Vanatta,  
Sherry Lloyd, Patty (Gary)  
Hanegan, Robert (Marcia)  
Thomas, Marvin (JoAnn)  
Thomas and Tom  
Cavanaugh.

He was preceded in  
death by his parents; his  
wife, Shirley, brother Paul,  
and infant grandson.

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FAMILY OF  
FUNERAL HOMES

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