



## John Adam Thomas, Jr.

May 31, 1947 - March 17, 2020

John Adam Thomas, Jr., 72, passed away in Portland, OR on March 17, 2020. He was born in Kissee Mills, MO to John Adam and Dora (Roberts) Thomas. He lost his father at a very young age, but he always had a keen sense of responsibility and maturity beyond his years, taking an active role helping his family in many ways.

After graduating from Fort Vancouver High School in 1965, John enlisted in the Air Force, and was stationed at Strategic Air Command in Omaha, NE. While in the Air Force, he discovered he had a knack for a brand new technology - computers - and continued to work in the computer industry for the rest of his career.

Retirement gave him more time to pursue his favorite passions: golfing and the Portland Trail Blazers. But John loved to help people - family, friends, casual acquaintances, total strangers - so retirement also gave him more opportunities for service in his community. He volunteered generously with the Vancouver Lions and AARP.

John took his position as head of the extended family to heart and will be sorely missed by all: his wife of 53 years, Dianne; daughters, Torrie Thomas and Betsey (DJ) Park; granddaughters, Madeleine and Nina; sisters, Beverly Brewer and Kathy (Terry) Mendenall; countless nieces, nephews,

grandnieces, grandnephews, and everyone else John made feel welcome into his extended family.

His Memorial Service will be announced at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Vancouver Lions Foundation, PO Box 441, Vancouver, WA 98666 in John's name.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Such a strange dream I had last night ... John was in it. I hadn't seen him since his mom's funeral. That was a long time ago. The currents of our lives take us so many directions and we don't keep in contact often with some of the folks we one day wish we had. Thus I thought I'd poke around on the net a minute and see if there was anything.

*It sucks to find John has passed. I grew up with John and Burny, so many years ago. That was the best of times.*

*John was a great pal and we had numerous interesting times together, lots of memories, lots of laughter.*

*I won't see his like again in my lifetime. He was a good man.*

*My condolences to his family if they ever read this.*

*Michael A. Gove*

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**Michael A. Gove** - August 11, 2025 at 05:00 PM

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“ John was one of " Esther's boys" a group of fellows that all grew up together in the same neighborhood and were friends of Bernie Pritchard. Esther was Bernie's mother. After Bernie died we all stayed in touch with Esther.

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**Charles Leidy** - April 01, 2020 at 12:00 AM