



## Rosser "JR" Sidney Thomas Jr.

May 30, 1953 - August 29, 2025

Rosser Sidney Thomas Jr. "JR", 72 of Easley, South Carolina passed away on Friday, August 29, 2025, at his home.

JR proudly declared Christ as his Lord and Savior and lived each day with faith guiding his steps. He was a proud dad to his two daughters and a beaming Pop Pop to his five grandkids. He received the gift of life from a double lung transplant on July 12, 2018. JR enjoyed spending time fishing, playing golf, cheering on the Tar Heels, watching volleyball, and listening to Classic Rock. Above all, he loved to relax at the beach with his family.

A loyal friend, he enjoyed making his famous BBQ and sharing it with his friends and family. "Well done, good and faithful servant!"

JR is survived by his wife of almost 43 WONDERFUL years, Ann McKnight Thomas; daughter Jessica Talbert (Shane); daughter Melissa Baker (Justin); grandchildren: Hallie Talbert (Corbin), Charlotte Baker, Riley Talbert, Sidney Baker, and Jordan Rhett Baker; sisters: Marilyn Thomas, and Jo May (Ricky)

JR was preceded in death by his mother, Belle Wicker Thomas; father, Rosser Sidney Thomas; brother-in-law, John B. Thomas; and mother-in-law, Joan M. McKnight.

A celebration of life will be held Friday, September 12, 2025, at 11:00 am, at St. Andrew Methodist Church, 309 Pelzer Hwy, Easley, SC 29642. A receiving of friends will be held from 9:30 am to 11:00 am.

An additional celebration of life will be held in Sanford, North Carolina on October 25, 2025.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Andrew Methodist Church or Make a Wish Foundation.

Palmetto Cremation Service is assisting the family.

# Previous Events

## Receiving of Friends

SEP 12. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St Andrew Methodist Church  
309 Pelzer Hwy  
Easley, SC 29642

## Celebration of Life

SEP 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Celebration of Life

OCT 25. 12:00 AM.

Sanford

# Tribute Wall

EO

“ Our thoughts, prayers and love are with you from WV. We won't forget JR's courageous spirit and his love of family. We are so happy we could all be together for Dad's 90th birthday in Emerald Isle! May you continue to share and be comforted with beautiful memories.

Ellen Oliveto - September 11, 2025 at 10:21 AM

EO

“ Ellen O. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rosser "JR" Sidney Thomas Jr..

Ellen O. - September 11, 2025 at 10:15 AM

WB

“ Wendi and Bob planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rosser "JR" Sidney Thomas Jr..

Wendi and Bob - September 09, 2025 at 02:59 PM

WB

“ Wendi and Bob purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Rosser "JR" Sidney Thomas Jr..



Wendi and Bob - September 09, 2025 at 02:59 PM

JM

“ JON & DIANNE MUSSMAN purchased the *Crystal Cross Bouquet* for the family of Rosser "JR" Sidney Thomas Jr..



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**JON & DIANNE MUSSMAN** - September 08, 2025 at 01:12 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Rosser "JR" Sidney Thomas Jr..



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September 08, 2025 at 11:10 AM

SA

“ Sarah planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rosser "JR" Sidney Thomas Jr..

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**Sarah** - September 03, 2025 at 02:47 PM

SA

“ Sarah purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Rosser "JR" Sidney Thomas Jr..



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**Sarah** - September 03, 2025 at 02:47 PM



“ A Genuine True Lifelong Christian Friend!! I could go on and on about all the fun we had growing up together. He has been an inspiration for me and we will miss him dearly!

Van Johnson

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**Van Johnson** - September 03, 2025 at 01:19 PM



“ A good friend, former co- worker & brother in Christ, while he was having lung transplant , I was taking cancer treatment, we sent many prayers to each other, he will be deeply missed

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**Tommy Coleman** - September 03, 2025 at 12:16 PM



“ JR was a very special person. I loved him from the first time I met him. I know he loved me because he told me all the time. From horseshoes, to BBQ and celebrating his lungaversary get togethers, I will always remember these memories. They treated us like family from the first time we met. It is so hard to let a loved one go but we know he is pain free and celebrating with the ones that left him way too soon. The fish better watch out because JR is coming for you. We will see each other again. He was the best husband, father and Pop Pop. The love this family shares is rare today. The traditions will continue as that is what JR would want.

Love always and prayers for the family.

Cathy Harden

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**Cathy Harden** - September 03, 2025 at 11:08 AM

RG

“ *JR was a good friend and one of the best fishermen I have ever had the pleasure to fish with. He was one of a kind for sure.* ”

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**Ron Groen** - September 03, 2025 at 10:43 AM