



## Virgil John Thomas D.C.

July 26, 1953 - May 31, 2019

Virgil John Thomas, D.C., 65, of Wilkes-Barre, fell asleep in death on Friday, May 31st, 2019, surrounded by his loving family. Born on July 26th, 1953, he was the son of the late Geno and Gina Thomas. He is survived by his loving wife, Bonnie Thomas; sons: Kyle and his wife Carrie, Evan and his wife Nicole; daughters: Keri and her husband Brandon, and Jena; grandchildren: Madysen, Ethan, Owen and Gwendolyn; sister: Maryann Marsh; as well as an uncle, an aunt, cousins, and a niece.

Virgil was a member of the East Wilkes-Barre Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses. He was a dedicated servant of Jehovah for the past forty-one years, during which he served as an elder and ministerial servant in the congregation. Virgil loved his Heavenly Father, Jehovah, and shared with his friends and neighbors the many Bible promises soon to be fulfilled (Revelation 21:3-5).

Virgil was a loving and devoted husband. He met his best friend and complement, Bonnie Lou Evans in 1970. They married in 1975 and have rarely been apart from one another since. To his children, Virgil was an amazing father, role model and friend. He took great pride in his family, spending as much time with his wife, children and extended family as possible. While he loved vacationing with his family, so many of the memories he created were during day-to-day life, either playing with his children at home, singing them a funny song first thing in the morning to wake up to, or just talking with them about what was happening in their lives. He continued that pattern with his four grandchildren, who affectionately referred to him as "Popeye." Virgil was a great friend to many, always known for his kind demeanor and sense of humor.

Virgil worked as a Chiropractor, graduating from the National College of Chiropractic in Lombard, Illinois. After completing his doctorate, he returned to his hometown of Wilkes-Barre to open his practice in 1977, where it remained a fixture in the community to this day. He was grateful for the opportunity to provide healthcare and therapy to members of his community and was beloved by his many patients over the years.

Throughout his life, Virgil displayed a passion for music. During his teenage years, he was a member of the Riverside Inspiration rock band with his close friends. He loved the music of The Beatles, Grand Funk Railroad, The Who, Billy Joel and many others. He continued to be a skilled guitarist throughout his life.

Virgil also had a love for sports, and was an avid fan of the Philadelphia Phillies, Eagles, 76ers, and Penn State. He enjoyed watching games either in person, or on television while surrounded with family and friends.

A Memorial Talk will be held at 5 PM on June 15th at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 1240 Scott St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18705. Condolences with the family will be shared afterward.

Memories and condolences may be shared with Virgil's family at [www.celebratehislife.com](http://www.celebratehislife.com)

# Events

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**JUN**   **Memorial Talk**                      05:00PM  
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Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses  
1240 Scott Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA, US, 18705

# Comments

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“ Susan garrett is following this tribute.

**Susan garrett** - June 15 at 10:13 AM

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“ My deepest condolences go out to Virgil’s family. As a high school classmate and neighbor during our school days Virgil always took the time to go out of his way to greet me, no matter how busy our schedules were. Also Virgil took great care of maintaining my younger brother’s back for many many years. May God’s peace and comfort be with everyone during this very difficult time. Hugs to all, John Backof

**John Backof** - June 08 at 08:16 AM

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“ Our prayers go out to the Thomas family. Our family members were patients of Dr. Thomas for over thirty years. He gave freely of his time whenever we were in need of his care. His open, wonderful personality will be sadly missed by those who were lucky enough to know him. We came to him as patients and left as friends. We will miss you, Dr. Thomas.  
Sincerely, Diane, Terry and Trever Newell & Robert and Charlette Schultz



**Diane Newell** - June 06 at 07:19 PM

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“ My heart goes out to The Thomas Family, I am so sorry for your loss. I was a patient of Dr. Thomas for almost 30 years. I just saw him 2 weeks ago. He was a very nice man, and I will miss him.

Paulette Tomasura

**Paulette Tomasura** - June 06 at 12:30 PM

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“ My deepest condolences to the family of Dr. Thomas. He was my chiropractor off and on over the last 20 years. My son and daughter also were his patients when they needed him years ago. My heart goes out to all of you. He was such a good, kind man.

**Joanne Bayer** - June 05 at 06:01 PM

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“ He was such a wonderful man and doctor. I feel like I know his whole family as he would talk about them often. I am so sorry for your loss. He will be truly missed.  
Deb Moran

**Deb Moran** - June 05 at 03:49 PM



“ my condolences for the family please call if u ever need me 5702904924 he was an incredible caring man

**brian win** - June 15 at 06:26 PM

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“ Keri and family I'm so sorry he was a great man and doctor he will be missed love and prayers my mom also sends her condolences we both been going there along time

**karen gallagher** - June 05 at 10:04 AM

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“ Bonnie, we are so very sorry about Virgil's tragic passing.  
Margie and Mike Rifkin

**Margie and Mike Rifkin** - June 05 at 09:41 AM

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“ Marcia Frank lit a candle in memory of Virgil John Thomas D.C.



**Marcia Frank** - June 05 at 09:39 AM

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“ I’m heartbroken about Virgil’s passing and I wish to send love and support to his beautiful family. He was my chiropractor for close to thirty years, and I thought of him as a dear friend. I will forever miss him.

Marcia Frank

Marcia Frank - June 05 at 09:38 AM



“ Dear family,  
I, too, had a long professional relationship with Virgil, who became much more than my chiropractor. He was a friend, a very kind and caring man whom I admired. His family was his priority. And how he loved being with them at Nuangola!  
Virgil was taken in the most tragic way, a tremendous loss to his family and to his patients. May he rest in eternal peace and may God surround his family with his grace, Blair and Warren Koehl

blair koehl - June 05 at 09:58 AM



“ Bonnie, I’m am heartbroken for you and for Virgil’s passing. I always enjoyed the opportunities to visit with Virgil and his positive spirit. I am so sorry for your loss.

Richard Cohen - June 05 at 08:50 AM



“ Excellent chiropractor and good man. So sorry for your loss. Linda Evans

Linda Evans - June 05 at 08:49 AM



“ Keri, my heart and soul go out to you, your mom, and your entire family on such a tragic loss!! Your dad gave much more than great chiropractic care to me for over 20 years, he gave me advice and great conversations on life, politics, religion. Hang onto the great memories of the Lake, and all the good times. He was a true gift to this world, and I am forever grateful for having met him and you, and will forever hold him in my heart!! Much love and my deepest sympathies to you and your family!!

Evelyn C O'Hara-Stine - June 05 at 03:05 AM



“ Bonnie, my sincerest sympathy goes out to you and your family. I've known Virgil and you since childhood. Virgil was always a great kid and a wonderful man. My prayers are with you at this time. Ruth VanWhy Hagenbaugh



“ Ann Nafus lit a candle in memory of Virgil John Thomas D.C.



Ann Nafus - June 04 at 10:30 PM

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“ So Sorry for your loss. I will miss seeing him. he was a very special person to many including me as one of his patients. He will be greatly missed. RIP Virgil and fly high with the angels above.

Ann Nafus - June 04 at 10:28 PM



“ I am incredulous as to the passing of Virgil. I was a patient of his for many years as well as a friend. During a treatment we discussed baseball and other sports. Obviously, this is a great tragedy to the Thomas family and a great loss to the Wyoming Valley. Please accept my sincere condolences. Lord willing, I will be at the memorial for this wonderful human being on June 15.

Respectfully,

Mark Adelson

Mark Adelson - June 07 at 04:39 PM