



# Fredrick Joseph Thomsen Jr.

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**F**redrick Joseph Thomsen, Jr., 79, passed away peacefully at home in Lewes, Delaware on Monday, January 19, 2026. He was born on September 10, 1946 in Chester, Pennsylvania to the late Fredrick Joseph Thomsen and June (Baxter) Thomsen.

Fred was a proud student of Chester High School in Pennsylvania. During his senior year in 1964, he apprenticed as an auto body repairman. A few years later, determined to support his new wife and growing family, he partnered with his father to open an auto body business on Market Street in Linwood, Pennsylvania. Through hard work, skill, and integrity, the business thrived, allowing Fred to retire at a young age and fulfill a lifelong dream of building his wife, Kay (Warrington), a beach home in Lewes, Delaware.

Never one to sit still, Fred began a second career in 1990 as a dependable and well-respected handyman serving the Lewes and Rehoboth communities. He was known as a hardworking and honest businessman, always willing to lend a hand. To his family and friends, Fred was kind, generous, and truly the life of the party. He especially enjoyed fishing, bowling and woodworking in his spare time.

After 55 years of marriage, Fred was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Kay, who passed away in 2019 following a long illness. As his own health later declined, Fred fully retired.

Fred is survived by his two daughters, Denise (Thomsen) Kates (Minor) of Lewes, Delaware, and Denay Thomsen of Smyrna, Delaware; his sister, Sherrie (Thomsen) Carullo of Mount Dora, Florida; three grandchildren, Paul Todd of Land O' Lakes, Florida, Justin Kates (Megan) of Media, Pennsylvania, and Summer Kates of Lewes, Delaware; and one cherished great-granddaughter, Trinity Todd. Fred was preceded in death by another sister, Lila (Thomsen) White of Downingtown, Pennsylvania.



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As Fred's sole caretaker, Denise would like to extend heartfelt thanks to his friends and neighbors for their unwavering support and kindness over the years. Their help was a true blessing.

In accordance with Fred's wishes, services will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in his name to the Lewes Senior Activity Center (<https://lewesseniorcenter.org>), where Fred formed many meaningful friendships and enjoyed weekly bingo nights with Denise, or to Delaware Hospice (<https://delawarehospice.org>), whose compassionate care brought great comfort to Fred and his family during his final months.

Please sign the virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.



## Tribute Wall

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**Peggie Munson-Cacciatore** posted:

Went to school with Fred, elementary through high school. Texting recently about our upcoming reunion. So many class and Highland Gardens memories. Keeping his family in my prayers.

January 22 at 12:16 AM



**Michele Burke** posted:

I was always at your house growing up and Fred was always patient, kind and funny. Looking back, I am very grateful for the male role model he provided for me. One time he was in the kitchen stirring a large pot and I asked him what he was cooking. He said deer stew. I said I didn't believe he'd want to eat a deer. He said he was telling me the truth and he even had the eyeballs floating in there and I could come over and look. Needless to say, I went home for dinner that night. I also remember your dad taking Denay and me fishing with him. He was probably sorry right away because he had to put the worms on our hooks because we were too grossed out to do it. He eventually let us quit fishing and explore the creekside. Your parents were always very good to me. I even remember going on vacation with you guys. Virginia Beach was the first time i ever ate shrimp. Your mom encouraged me to try it and I'm glad she did. I have many good memories of both of them and I will always love all of you.

January 20 at 6:45 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Fredrick by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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