



Raymond "R.J." Thomas

October 5, 2021

Raymond "R.J." Thomas, 51, of Hopewell Twp. passed away October 5, 2021 after a long battle with complications from surgery.

He was born in Rochester, PA and is the son of Russ and Toni Ann (Manipole) Matejka.

R.J was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Louis and Yolanda Manipole.

RJ loved being out in a lake or river fly fishing, golfing on a beautiful day but most of all he enjoyed playing poker.

In addition to his loving parents, Russ and Toni Ann Matejka, RJ is survived by his devoted sister, Renee Marie Thomas, a brother and sister-in-law, Justin (Jamie) Thomas and their children Jackson and Jenna. and many wonderful friends.

All services are private

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olivet Cemetery

Brodhead Road
Aliquippa, PA 15001

Tribute Wall

MB

“ I wish we had more time RJ for u to heal and to go on one more fly fishing adventure together. However God has different plans for u and I'm sure they are grand plans from up above. My eternal best friend.....be now at peace and please visit me in my thoughts and dreams. I will hold the many dear memories that we share close to my heart always. Love u my friend forever. U will be missed by many 😊

Michael Basile - October 14, 2021 at 04:27 PM

MP

“ You was always good to me when we was introduced by Sam Haynes. I'm going too miss the text back and forth reciting movie quotes. Rest easy my brother... or should I say rest easy " CAT".

Michael Pope - October 13, 2021 at 11:51 PM

JB

“ R.J., I'm gonna miss you brother. I met R.J. At PTI and got to spend 2 years in classes with this truly good one and it wasn't enough. Funny guy. Life of the party. Rest In Peace Cat.

john bollinger - October 08, 2021 at 07:59 PM

DH

“ One of my greatest memories of Flapjack was when we hired him a male, tooth fairy singing telegram. I had never seen a cat sit still for so long full of embarrassment.

Once a friend of a friend gave me some fly-fishing lures. I don't fish and I knew Flaps was a big fisher, so I gave them to him. I don't think he ever used them and they just sat on his desk at work, collecting dust. One day our office had a competition and they would throw out random objects. If you had the object they announced and you were the first one to bring it to the lobby, you could win a prize. Feather was the object, and this cat still had the lures I had given him on his desk. I had never seen RJ move very fast, but I'll tell you what, that day he was a bolt of lightning taking off to win that gift card. A regular Barry Allen when it came to winning gift cards. He won too. Anytime we would see someone running through the office or even in a bit of a hurry, we would look at each other and say "feather!!".

RIP CAT!
Dan Harcum

dan harcum - October 08, 2021 at 02:58 PM

DL

“ I trained RJ when he joined us here at Amrock a few years ago. He was so kind and very funny. I don't know of anyone here that didn't think he was great. He liked everyone and never had bad thing to say about anyone. We shared a love of Potter County and he often talked about fishing and other wonderful things about Potter. Oh...and he was a very good team member. He worked hard and was very good at what he did. I will always smile when I think of him. Be in peace RJ.

Deanna Lengyel - October 08, 2021 at 08:11 AM

JF

“ Oh, Toni, Renee and Russ, I am so deeply sorry for your great loss. My heart is breaking for you. May your sweet memories of R.J. comfort you and heal your hearts.

Jane L. Russell (family friend) - October 07, 2021 at 04:42 PM

CP

“ A group of friends and I would hang out at Robert's Roadside on weekends when I was in college. I have great memories of RJ making us laugh and watching out for all us girls. He was the nicest man. Even though we haven't seen him often lately, every time we did see him he would make us smile! Shawn and I are so sorry for your loss. We hope the wonderful memories you have of RJ comfort you in your time of mourning.

Coleen & Shawn Pangan - October 07, 2021 at 08:06 AM

DL

“ We had a small tight group of friends growing up and RJ was one of the gang. Most of you don't know this but RJ practice the martial arts with several of us. We would train hard every week because our goal was to compete at tournaments and bring home first place trophies. Every week we would sweat our butts off stretching, training and sparring each other. Even though it was one of our fondest memories there were days you wished class was over early because you were exhausted. I would look up during class and see RJ going at it like a beast. He didn't know it at the time but he motivated me to keep going when I had nothing left in the gas tank. Dude, you are my hero. Thanks for all the great memories, always having our backs and making us laugh. You are dearly missed my brother.

Dennis Lee - October 07, 2021 at 03:50 AM

UD

“ Although RJ wasn't a blood relative,he will always live in the hearts of the Cavanaugh Family. R.I.P.

Uncle Caz and Aunt Dawn - October 06, 2021 at 09:25 PM

RJ

Sorry to hear about my son passing .his father ray thomas jr

Ray thomas jr - October 07, 2021 at 01:20 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Raymond "R.J." Thomas.



October 06, 2021 at 08:44 PM

JH

“ R.J. Was a great friend. We hung out all the time when we were younger. One of the best moments I remember with RJ is singing the song “There’s Nothing Better Than Love” by Luther Vandross and Gregory Hines. I sang Luther’s part and he sang Gregory’s part. I think of him every time I hear it. Lol. We had really good times together. Love ya, buddy. Rest In Peace, brother.

Joe Havenner - October 06, 2021 at 08:15 PM