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**Patrick H. Thomas**

Patrick H. Thomas, 70, of Bowling Green, entered into rest Saturday, November 5th, 2016 at his residence. Patrick was born March 17th, 1946 in Atlanta, GA to the late Harry and Opal Young Thomas. He graduated from Leitchfield High School, where he played baseball all four years. He then attended WKU, majoring in broadcasting and journalism. During the late 1960's, he worked at Burgess Funeral Home.

Patrick got his start in law enforcement as a teenage dispatcher for the Leitchfield Police Department and the Grayson County Sheriffs' Department. He then went to work with the Bowling Green Police Department. He worked as the area's first DARE officer, a polygraph examiner, hostage negotiator, criminal intelligence officer, master [police officer](#), media relations officer, and more. In addition to his duties with the police department, he served as a member of the Bowling Green Human Rights Commission.

After retiring from BGPD in 1999 after a 28-year career in law enforcement, he worked as an FBI crime analyst with the Violent Criminal Apprehension Program in Quantico, VA on some of the most well-known criminal cases in recent memory. He retired from the FBI and moved back to Bowling Green in 2005. Patrick continued to serve with the Warren County Sheriff's Department Cold Case Unit until the time of his passing.

One of the great loves of his life was baseball. During breaks from college at WKU, he umpired professional baseball for two years. He worked in the Northern League of Professional Baseball, which was designed for college players in the Dakotas. He later coached his two sons in baseball for 14 years in the Warren County Parks and Recreation Department. In his retirement years, he enjoyed watching and cheering on his grandsons and granddaughters in their various sporting events. Patrick was also one of the charter members of the Warren County Parks board, of which he was still serving as a board member.

Patrick was a member of Christ United Methodist Church in Bowling Green, loved to tell stories and was loved by many. He was a great police officer, FBI analyst, husband, father, grandfather, friend, confidant, and mentor to many.

Patrick is preceded in death by his wife, Donna Howell Thomas, and son, Sean Patrick Thomas. He is survived by sons Darrel (Darla) Knight, of Franklin, and Maj. Christopher (Jennifer) Thomas USMC (Ret), of Mission Viejo, CA; daughter Dena (Jeff) Bowles, of Alvaton; grandsons, Cory (Allie) Bowles, Kyle (Candace) Bowles, Tyler Knight, Zach Thomas, and Aiden Thomas; and two granddaughters, Caitlin Bowles and Dru Knight. Several nieces and nephews.

Expressions of sympathy can be made to Warren Co. Parks & Recreation or Gary A. Raymer Scholarship Fund.

Services will be 2:00 p.m. Friday, November 11, 2016 at J. C. Kirby Lover's Lane Chapel with burial to follow in Fairview Cemetery. Visitation at the funeral home will be Thursday from 1:00 until 8:00 p.m. and Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Online condolences can be made at [www.jckirbyandson.com](http://www.jckirbyandson.com).

**Funeral Home**

**J.C. Kirby and Son Lovers Lane Chapel**  
820 Lovers Lane Bowling Green, KY 42103  
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