Thomas Handley

**Life Story of Thomas J. Handley**

**Early Life**

Thomas J. Handley grew up in Tillar, Arkansas, as the **first-born son of David and Verna Handley**. We grew up together as children, attending the same church and schools.

**Love and Marriage**

Thomas once told me that when he first saw me at just three weeks old, he knew I was the one he wanted to marry. He told his father, *“I have met my wife.”* His father replied that he would first have to go through my father.

We began dating when I was sixteen years old, and we were married when I turned eighteen and a half.

Together, we shared **43 years of marriage**, raising **six children and one grandson**.

**Family and Faith**

Thomas was a wonderful man who made sure his family always had everything they needed. More importantly, he ensured that **God was at the center of our lives**.

For that, we love him deeply and miss him dearly.