



THOMAS ZIMMERMAN

May 13, 1946 - April 1, 2026

Thomas (Tommy) A. Zimmerman, 79 of New Castle, went to be with His Heavenly Father on Wednesday, April 1, 2026. He was preceded in death by parents, Robert J. Zimmerman and Dreama C. Zimmerman; brothers, Robert W. Zimmerman and David A. Zimmerman; and mother & stepfather, Joy & Walton Paxton.

He is survived by loving wife of 58 years, Rhonda Zimmerman; daughters, Shannon (Jeff) Kelley and Tasha (Shaun) Hannah; grandchildren, Morgan Kelley (Jeremy), Emily Kelley, Jakob Hannah, and Blake Hannah; brothers, S. Gale (Ann) Zimmerman and James F. (Martha Joe) Zimmerman; sister & brother-in-law: Sandra & Mike Hughes; and many cousins, nephews, nieces, & friends.

He was a member of the New Castle Christian Church. Tommy was on the Town Council 2008-2025, was Town Mayor 1988-1990 & 1992-1995, PSA Board 2008-2025, School Board 1986-2005. He was the projectionist at Lynn Drive-in for almost 2 decades, taught Karate, and loved motorcycles, 4-wheelers, old hot rod cars, and watching drag racing. He was a loving husband, father, and grandfather,

Special thanks to Good Samaritan Hospice, also to Jade Booe and Shaun Hannah for helping on short notice.

Funeral Services will be held at 11:00 AM Saturday, April 4, 2026, at the New Castle Christian Church with Pastor Bill Frazier officiating. Interment will follow at Huffman Memorial Park. The family will receive friends 10 AM – 11 AM before the service.

Cemetery Details

Huffman Memorial Park

Cumberland Gap Rd.
NEW CASTLE, VA 24127

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

New Castle Christian Church
282 Salem Ave
New Castle, VA 24127
(540) 864-5212

Funeral Service

APR 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

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282 Salem Ave
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Interment

APR 4 (ET)

Huffman Memorial Park
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Tribute Wall

AB

“ *Alice Williams Butcher lit a candle in memory of THOMAS ZIMMERMAN*



Alice Williams Butcher - April 22 at 11:28 AM

TP

“ *I'm so saddened to hear of Tommy's passing which I only learned about last Sunday at church after asking for an update on his health. What a wonderful person... Christian husband father grandfather brother friend and pillar of our community. Wish I could have attended his service. Tommy I know you're with the angels now and fought hard through your battle of illness. Your family are all so amazing and you will be terribly missed by everyone. I am sending ongoing prayers for family and friends. "Be still" and rest peacefully my brother in Christ and friend.*

Tina Pierce - April 21 at 10:02 AM

DP

“ *Deborah Parsons lit a candle in memory of THOMAS ZIMMERMAN*



Deborah Parsons - April 14 at 04:21 AM

MS

“ *Mark Kandi Shires lit a candle in memory of THOMAS ZIMMERMAN*



Mark Kandi Shires - April 11 at 12:15 PM

KW

“ *Rhonda, Shannon, Tasha and family: I'm so sorry to hear of Tommy's passing. I have so many fond and fun memories with you all. From keeping the girls, to hanging out by the pool and our time together, Tommy will be missed! Thinking of you all during this difficult time and sending prayers of peace! Love to you all ☐.*
Karen Wiseman



Karen R Wiseman - April 09 at 11:26 PM

LN

“ *Leslie Epperson Nelson lit a candle in memory of THOMAS ZIMMERMAN*



Leslie Epperson Nelson - April 08 at 09:20 PM

LC

“ Shannon, I am so sorry for your loss! Your Dad was such a wonderful man who did so much for the community. I will remember his fun sense of humor as a kid at church. I had forgotten he was the projectionist at the Drive-In, but what a great memory! I can see him in his karate outfit now. May you and your family be comforted during this time. Sending lots of love, Lee Anne LaPrad Carroll

Lee Anne Carroll - April 07 at 12:49 PM

AD

“ Prayers for peace and comfort for entire family. Always enjoyed times with Tommy working around the church. We were painting a room one day and he told me he'd just found out he was sick. He said he thought the doctor wouldn't like him being in the paint fumes or on a ladder. I told him to leave that I could do it and he said, "no, I'm going to do all I can as long as I can". He gained my full respect that day for his commitment to serve!

Anthony Dillon - April 05 at 08:37 PM

KS

“ Tasha, so sorry to hear about the passing of your dad. Praying for you and your family

Kimberly Saunders - April 04 at 12:36 PM

JS

“ I was deeply saddened to hear of your loss. Tommie will be remembered for his kindness and the impact he had on his family and others around him. Sending you and your family prayers that you may find peace and comfort in the days ahead.



Juanita Smith - April 04 at 11:09 AM

SM

“ Sending prayers 🙏 to the family.



Susie Mattox - April 04 at 08:29 AM

CD

“ Praying for the Family 🙏 Sending Our Condolences.



Carolyn Drewry - April 03 at 11:54 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of THOMAS ZIMMERMAN.



April 03 at 03:59 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of THOMAS ZIMMERMAN.

April 03 at 03:59 PM

JS

“ Jackie,Patrick, JW & Jasper Sessions purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of THOMAS ZIMMERMAN.



Jackie,Patrick, JW & Jasper Sessions - April 03 at 03:31 PM

JS

“ Jackie,Patrick, JW & Jasper Sessions planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of THOMAS ZIMMERMAN.

Jackie,Patrick, JW & Jasper Sessions - April 03 at 03:31 PM

SL

“ Sending lots of thoughts and prayers to your family during this difficult time. If you need anything we are here for you,

Shannon Little, Alice Hutchison and Jolie Mckinney

Shannon Little - April 03 at 03:05 PM



“ Sending thoughts and prayers for your family.



Betsy All - April 03 at 12:52 PM

LM

“ *Lisa Minnix lit a candle in memory of THOMAS ZIMMERMAN*



Lisa Minnix - April 03 at 08:27 AM

TR

“ *Truck Enterprises Roanoke purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of THOMAS ZIMMERMAN.*



Truck Enterprises Roanoke - April 02 at 03:26 PM

PD

“ *Rhonda and family, I'm so sorry to hear about Tommy passing. May God comfort you during this difficult time. Keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers.*
Patricia Shires Duncan and Family

Patricia Shires Duncan - April 02 at 12:02 AM

LL

Rhonda sorry for your loss. Linda Robertson Lee

Linda Robertson Lee - April 04 at 01:56 PM