



Bobby Gene Thigpen

November 29, 1935 - May 1, 2026

Bobby Gene Thigpen, 90, of Summerville, South Carolina, entered into eternal rest on Friday, May 1, 2026. Born on November 29, 1935, in Dillon, South Carolina, he was the son of the late Joe Bruce Thigpen and Rachel Barrentine Thigpen.

Bobby was a devoted husband, loving father and grandfather, and a hardworking man who cherished his family. He was married to his beloved wife, Linda Freeman Thigpen, for over 56 years! For more than 30 years, Bobby worked as an auto body repairman with Norton and Richardson Body Shop in Summerville, where he created lasting friendships. He was known as an avid pool shark. He loved cheering on Carolina football and Braves baseball, watching NASCAR, and found great joy in gardening, camping, and fishing. In his later years, Bobby's greatest happiness came from spending time with his grandchildren. He could often be found on the sidelines of their games, with a pack of bubble gum. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

He is survived by his loving children: Susan Kathleen Getz (Mark) and Barbara Lynn Dion (William); his grandchildren: Bobbie Jean Goodman (David), Trey Kemmerlin, and Brittany Gonzales; as well as his great grandchildren: Drew Goodman, Jordyn Goodman, Scarlett Gonzales, and Nora Gonzales. He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Linda Thigpen;

his parents; his siblings: J.B. Thigpen (Edna), Helen Owens (Hoyt), Raymond Thigpen (Edna Lee), and Johnny Thigpen; as well as many nieces and nephews.

A visitation of family and friends will be held on Thursday, May 7, 2026, from 11am until 12pm at James A. Dyal Funeral Home, 303 S. Main Street, Summerville, SC 29483. The funeral service will begin at 12pm in the Chapel. Burial will immediately follow at Johnson-St. Paul Cemetery, Country Club Road, Hampton, SC 29924.

Upcoming Events

Visitation

MAY 7. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

James A. Dyal Funeral Home
303 S. Main Street
Summerville, SC 29483
(843) 873-4040
<https://www.jamesadyal.com>

Funeral Service

MAY 7. 12:00 PM (ET)

James A. Dyal Funeral Home Chapel
303 S. Main Street
Summerville, SC 29483

Burial

MAY 7 (ET)

Johnson-St. Paul Cemetery
Country Club Road
Hampton, SC 29924