



Mr. Thomas Eugene Bivens

July 13, 1924 - August 11, 2019

Mr. Thomas Eugene Bivens passed away on Sunday, August 11, 2019 at the age of 95 years. He was born July 13, 1924 in Archer, Florida, to Charles and Pearl (Carter) Bivens.

Mr. Bivens was raised in Camilla, Georgia, moved to Lima, Ohio, then relocated to Saginaw, MI. He was a WWII Veteran of the United States Army. While in France, he converted to the Catholic faith in 1952. He received an Honorable Discharge as Sergeant First Class (Retired) after 21 years of service. He retired as an Administrative Assistant from Central Foundry Div. of General Motors Corp. and then worked as a counselor at OIC of Metropolitan Saginaw. Thomas earned his Associate's Degree in Business from Edward Waters College in Jacksonville, FL in 1943 and continued his studies receiving an Associate's Degree in Psychology from Delta College in 1979.

Being devoted to his family, he loved spending quality time doing family activities. Thomas Bivens was dedicated and steadfast to God and the Catholic Faith. He was a faithful member of S.S. Simon & Jude Catholic Church, after a merger, he then became a member of St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church and the choir. He loved living in and working in his community. He retired as the President of the Buena Vista School Board District in 1983 and was active in several organizations: The Knights of Peter Claver, The Serra Club, Frontiers International, The Buena Vista Boosters

Club, and he attended classes of Tonya & Leroy BV Ballroom Dancing. He enjoyed dancing, singing, tennis, and going to the casino.

He leaves to cherish his memory four children, Helen Bivens, Dwayne (Olivia) Bivens, Charles Bivens and John (Sharon) Bivens; six grandchildren, Sharika, John John, Aman, LaMar, Shawn, Sr.(Daphne), and Tyler; five great-grandchildren, Shawn, Jr., Jeremy, Mekhi, Jordan and Charlie; one sister-in-law, Lillie Bivens; brother-in-law, Johnny P. (Jean) Johnson; three nephews; one niece; special relative, Trish Bivens, other relatives and special friends, Mable Holloway and Bobby Davis.

Mr. Bivens was preceded in death by his loving wife, Helen M. Bivens; parents, Charles and Pearl Bivens; two sisters, Mildred Bivens and Annie Colley; two brothers, George McClain and Milton Bivens.

The family will greet friends at 10:00 a.m. Friday, August 16, 2019 at St. Francis de Sales Church, 3945 Williamson Road, Saginaw, MI 48601 followed by an 11:00 a.m. Mass. Father John Mancini will officiate with interment in Great Lakes National Cemetery, 4200 Belford Road, Holly, MI 48442. Friends may call at the church on Thursday from 4:00 until 8:00 p.m. A vigil will take place at 7:00 p.m.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **15**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

St. Francis De Sales Church
3945 Williamson Road
Saginaw, MI 48601

Family Hour

AUG **16**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Francis De Sales Church
3945 Williamson Road
Saginaw, MI 48601

Funeral Service

AUG **16**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Francis De Sales Church
3945 Williamson Road
Saginaw, MI 48601

Tribute Wall



“ Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Thomas Eugene Bivens



Browne's Mortuary - August 20, 2019 at 09:35 AM

CP

Helen, Dwayne, Charles and John , I was so sorry to hear about the loss of your Dad. I remember when I first met all of you back in 74' .. I am so honored to have known your Dad , as well as the entire Bivens family. He was such a joy and I have many many fond and happy memories from Our Lady, , St. Mary's and St. Joes. Love and prayers

Christopher Powe - August 20, 2019 at 05:03 PM

DR

Helen, I am so sorry about the loss of your dad. He was very supportive of me when I worked at BUena Vista School District. He truly loved God and always showed his love for God and his church. He will be missed. He was a true friend. I thank God for blessing me to know him. Through him I met Helen and thank God for the continued fellowship. I pray Gods strength for the whole family. Love you all and for sharing your wonderful dad.

Demona Reed - August 22, 2019 at 10:34 PM

CM

“ *Helen, My prayers are with you and your family during this trying time. May the Lord wrap his comforting arms around you.*



Carla Mason - September 07, 2019 at 04:35 PM

RB

“ *Rosette Blakes sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Thomas Eugene Bivens*



Rosette Blakes - August 22, 2019 at 07:01 PM

RB

Rest in Perfect Peace Mr. Bivens

Rosette Blakes - August 22, 2019 at 07:01 PM

AJ

“ *We are praying for the Bivens family during this Great loss, trust our Lord for you Healing & comfort.*



Apostles Mattie Jackson - August 22, 2019 at 10:07 AM

CS

“ So sorry for your loss. Praying for the family.
Love you.



Colleen SMITH - August 20, 2019 at 10:39 AM



“ Carolyn Spencer lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Thomas Eugene Bivens



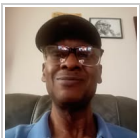
Carolyn Spencer - August 20, 2019 at 10:03 AM

LO

“ Leah O'Daniels lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Thomas Eugene Bivens



Leah O'Daniels - August 19, 2019 at 01:48 AM



“ Orlando Jones sent a virtual gift in memory of
Mr. Thomas Eugene Bivens



Orlando Jones - August 18, 2019 at 02:56 PM

JS

“Helen, and other family members you are in my thoughts and prayers. I was totally at a loss when I heard of Mr. Bivens passing. I've known Mr. Bivens for numerous years and then got a chance to meet Helen , who also became a friend. She truly loved her father and where you saw one the other was close by. Mr. Bivens will truly be missed, his smile and his youthful spirit. Helen I am praying for you and the family and if there is anything I can do don't hesitate to call.



Janie Surles-Cork - August 18, 2019 at 01:48 PM

AJ

Praying for the family.

Apostles Mattie Jackson - August 22, 2019 at 10:05 AM

LE

“LUCY ERBY lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Eugene Bivens



LUCY ERBY - August 17, 2019 at 10:20 AM

SJ

“My condolences to Helen and the entire Bivnes family. I'm so sorry for your loss. 🙏

Sarah Jones - August 17, 2019 at 12:45 AM

GC

“ *Gwen Conway sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Thomas Eugene Bivens*



Gwen Conway - August 16, 2019 at 06:37 PM

AB

“ *I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Bivins while a student at OLHOC school. Mr. Bivins was always very support of all student activities and very involved. Every so often I would call to check on the status of Dwayne back while Dwayne was on active duty. Mr. Bivins remembered me and never forgot my name. God bless the Bivins family and I'm sure I'm not the only to say he was a great man and Father.*

Andrew Branch - August 16, 2019 at 01:32 PM

CA

“ *So sorry for your loss I just found out praying for you and your family.*



carolynriley - August 16, 2019 at 12:30 PM

BW

“ *Tom Bivens was a wonderful and caring man. He loved his family, community and especially children. He was a man of his word and always met you with a smile. You will be missed.*

Barb Weigandt

Barb Weigandt - August 16, 2019 at 12:25 PM

VH

“ *My condolences to you all during this time.*

Vivian Hubert - August 16, 2019 at 10:40 AM

MF

“ *Mrs. Lola Powe And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Eugene Bivens*



Mrs. Lola Powe and Family - August 16, 2019 at 12:47 AM

CT

“ *Claudia Thompson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Eugene Bivens*



Claudia Thompson - August 15, 2019 at 11:20 PM

JF

“ *Jerry Rance Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Eugene Bivens*



Jerry Rance family - August 15, 2019 at 08:28 PM

RC

“ *Man Mr Bivens was like the neighbourhood grandad growing up. I will miss him dearly, and to three family my prayers are with you all*



Robert Conner - August 15, 2019 at 05:02 PM

JE

“ *To the Bivens family, Your dad was a special man with always a kind word. He will truly be missed by all. Know that your in my prayers.*



Jennifer - August 15, 2019 at 01:58 PM

AP

“ *Ann M. (McKether) Patrick lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Eugene Bivens*



Ann M. (McKether) Patrick - August 15, 2019 at 01:09 PM

EB

“ *Elder Scott Bliss lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Eugene Bivens*



Elder Scott Bliss - August 15, 2019 at 12:57 PM

DJ

“ Sincerest condolences to Mr. Thomas Biven's family and friends. You are in my thoughts and prayers.



David C. Stephenson Jr. - August 15, 2019 at 09:07 AM

JB

“ To Helen and family. So sorry for your loss I'm praying for you and your family 🙏🙏🙏



Janice Brown - August 15, 2019 at 06:11 AM

BD

“ Betty, Cedric And Eric Donald lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Eugene Bivens



Betty, Cedric and Eric Donald - August 15, 2019 at 05:43 AM

BH

“ Condolences to the family. Thomas made an impact upon many people especially those in his BV Community his delightful smile and the sparkle in eye as he greeted you are most memorable.

Barbara Hill - August 14, 2019 at 10:23 PM

FM

“ Truly one of a kind sweet soul ! He was my "other daddy" and I as well as others were blessed for having known him. His legacy of grace and kindness will live on and his star will always shine bright !! RIP sweet man

Faye Mason - August 14, 2019 at 06:31 PM

DM

“ Deborah Morris-Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Eugene Bivens



Deborah Morris-Williams - August 14, 2019 at 05:51 PM

BM

“ To Mr. Bivens' Family:

I am very saddened to hear of your loved ones passing. I became acquainted with Mr. Bivens during my time at OIC of Metropolitan Saginaw-years and years ago. Mr. Bivens was one of my teachers and such a kind hearted, soft spoken and humble person. I will never forget you Mr. Bivens!! Family I share in your sorrow. May God wrap his arms around all of you and hold you very close. Rest on Mr. B!

Betty Mitchell - August 14, 2019 at 05:32 PM

TC

“ *RIH Mr. Bivens*



Tracy L. Cormier - August 14, 2019 at 03:10 PM

JU

“ *Mr. Bievns a honest and sweet man
To his children you are in my prayers. God be with you*

Judy Powe

Judy - August 14, 2019 at 02:13 PM

RC

“ *Rhonda Clark sent a virtual gift in memory of
Mr. Thomas Eugene Bivens*



Rhonda Clark - August 14, 2019 at 01:17 PM

HF

“ *MY CONDOLENCES AND PRAYERS TO HIS
FAMILIES AND FRIENDS, HE WAS A GREAT
PERSON, REST ON MY FRIEND.*



HERBERT FLOURNOY - August 14, 2019 at 09:35 AM

WS

“ *William Doxie Sr lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Eugene Bivens*



William Doxie Sr - August 14, 2019 at 08:23 AM

JG

“ *Jocelyn Michele Gordon-Mack lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Eugene Bivens*



Jocelyn Michele Gordon-Mack - August 13, 2019 at 11:05 PM



“ *So sad. Mr. Bivens always called or sent Letters to the Editor about my newspaper articles. He was a big supporter of me and others at The News. He was such a kind and thoughtful man. He loved to laugh. I'll truly miss him. Rest in heaven Mr. Bivens. Condolences to his family 🥺*



Mary Lawrence

Mary Lawrence - August 13, 2019 at 09:15 PM

PD

“ Thoughts and prayers are with you and your family, especially now.

Pastor Dodson, First Lady Traci, Jeff, Jr. and the Trinity Missionary Baptist Church of God In Christ Petersburg Virginia and God promise that He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Rev.21:4.



Pastor Dodson - August 13, 2019 at 06:36 PM

GB

“ Gwen Bowman sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Thomas Eugene Bivens



Gwen Bowman - August 13, 2019 at 06:15 PM

BP

“ My sincere prayers and condolences for the Bivens family. Helen and Charles your Dad was special always full of life. There are so many things I could say about Mr. Bivens. He will be missed by all that came across his path here on earth. He will leave forever in our hearts. Rest In Peace.



Barbara Payton - August 13, 2019 at 05:36 PM

BH

“ *Barbara Hollis-Lawson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Eugene Bivens*



Barbara Hollis-Lawson - August 13, 2019 at 02:51 PM

CP

“ *Charlotte Perkins sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Thomas Eugene Bivens*



Charlotte Perkins - August 13, 2019 at 01:54 PM

TF

“ *The Clark Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Eugene Bivens*



The Clark Family - August 13, 2019 at 01:31 PM

FM

“ *Fay McKinnie lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Eugene Bivens*



Fay McKinnie - August 13, 2019 at 01:17 PM

FF

“ *Fay McKinnie & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Eugene Bivens*



Fay McKinnie & Family - August 13, 2019 at 01:14 PM

CJ

“ *C. Jarrett-Mason lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Eugene Bivens*



C. Jarrett-Mason - August 13, 2019 at 11:47 AM

AC

“ *So long my friend it's not good bye but see you later. Gregory street won't ever be the same. Helen and Shawn and family we love you guys!*



Arwanda Conner - August 13, 2019 at 08:41 AM

TG

“ *Our deepest condolences go out to the entire family. Mr. Bivens was truly a sweet man. May God bless and comfort you all. RIP Mr. Bivens, Sincerely Tarsha Mayo-Grissom and family.*

Tarsha Grissom - August 13, 2019 at 02:57 AM

SM

“ Sam And Deborah Mack lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Eugene Bivens



Sam and Deborah Mack - August 12, 2019 at 10:21 PM

CP

“ Cheryl Payton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Eugene Bivens



Cheryl Payton - August 12, 2019 at 09:52 PM

SH

“ Sonny &Freddie Hodges sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Thomas Eugene Bivens



Sonny &Freddie Hodges - August 12, 2019 at 09:06 PM

SH

“ Sonny &Freddie Hodges sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Thomas Eugene Bivens



Sonny &Freddie Hodges - August 12, 2019 at 09:05 PM

CC

“ Cheryl Cooper lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Eugene Bivens



Cheryl Cooper - August 12, 2019 at 08:29 PM

EL

“ Edith Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Eugene Bivens



Edith Lewis - August 12, 2019 at 05:52 PM

SF

“ Sherrie Williams & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Eugene Bivens



Sherrie Williams & Family - August 12, 2019 at 05:45 PM

DH

“ Deidre Hunter lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Eugene Bivens



Deidre Hunter - August 12, 2019 at 05:00 PM

PM

“ Pamela Monroe lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Eugene Bivens



Pamela Monroe - August 12, 2019 at 03:57 PM

AP

“ Ann M. (McKether) Patrick lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Eugene Bivens



Ann M. (McKether) Patrick - August 12, 2019 at 03:55 PM

BH

“ Brenda Harris lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Eugene Bivens



Brenda Harris - August 12, 2019 at 01:37 PM

FM

“ Fayerene Meeks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Eugene Bivens



Fayerene Meeks - August 12, 2019 at 01:01 PM

MC

“ Marie Clark-Parker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Eugene Bivens



Marie Clark-Parker - August 12, 2019 at 12:40 PM

JH

“ Judy Holloway-Mayes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Eugene Bivens



Judy Holloway-Mayes - August 12, 2019 at 11:55 AM

JS

“ Joyce Stanley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Eugene Bivens



Joyce Stanley - August 12, 2019 at 11:38 AM

GC

“ Gloria Cormier lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Eugene Bivens



Gloria Cormier - August 12, 2019 at 11:23 AM

MD

“ *My prayers are with you during this time.
Such a GREAT man. Excellent dancer, he's
dancing in Heaven now. Smiling.....*



Marquetta Davis - August 12, 2019 at 10:47 AM