



Thomas William Hodge Sr.

January 27, 1945 - June 6, 2026

Thomas W. Hodge, Sr., 81, of East Ridge, TN, passed away on June 6, 2026.

Thomas proudly served his country in the United States Army and was a well-known businessman in the community as the owner and operator of Tom's Auto Supply. A talented mechanic and hot rod enthusiast, Tom had a lifelong passion for automobiles and enjoyed sharing that passion with family and friends. He was also a devoted fan of Elvis Presley and could often be found enjoying his favorite music. Above all, Tom was a loving father, grandfather, and great-grandfather who treasured the time spent with those he loved.

Tom was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Vicky Hodge; his parents, Horace and Myrtle Hodge; and eight siblings.

Left to cherish his memory are his children, Janet (James) Ray, Tammy (Joe) Kniat, Angela (Jeremy) Bloodworth, Tommy (Kim) Hodge, Willie (Keena) Hodge, and Steven Hodge; 13 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; brothers, Harold Hodge and Grady Hodge; several nieces and nephews; and his lifelong best friend, David Long.

The family extends a heartfelt thank you to Hearth Hospice, especially Tina Henson, for the loving care and compassion shown to Tom during his final days.

Funeral services will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 11, 2026, in the chapel of Ryan Funeral Home & Crematory with Bro. Eric Greeson officiating. The family will receive friends on Wednesday from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and Thursday from 1:00 p.m. until the service hour at Ryan Funeral Home & Crematory.

Interment will be held at Chattanooga National Cemetery on Friday, June 12, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. with military honors.

Tom often spoke of how much he longed to be reunited with his beloved wife. His family finds comfort in knowing that he is now "finally back in his baby's arms again."

Cemetery Details

Chattanooga National Cemetery

1200 Bailey Ave
Chattanooga, TN 37404

Upcoming Events

Visitation

JUN 10. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Visitation

JUN 11. 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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Service

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