



Thomas E. Grosboll

March 7, 1942 - February 17, 2019

Thomas E. Grosboll, 76, of Petersburg, died on Sunday, February 17, 2019, at Memorial Medical Center. He was born on March 7, 1942 in Springfield to Thomas K. and Kathryn Kelly Grosboll. He married Nancy Tolan in 1973 and she survives. He is also survived by five children: Rachelle (Mike) Snopko of Washington, IL; Angela (John) Schilsky of Westlake, Texas; Natalie (Brian) Mitchell of Springfield, IL; Nathan (Jodi) Grosboll of Petersburg, IL, and Ryan Grosboll at home. Additionally, he is survived by ten grandchildren: Gavin, Reese and Toby Snopko; Caroline, Claire, and Kate Schilsky; Nadia and India Mitchell; and Aiden and Audrey Grosboll. His surviving siblings include Nancy Cobb of El Segundo, California; Cathie Smith of Petersburg; Connie Brauer of Cambria, California; John Grosboll of Petersburg; and Jan Costello of Petersburg. Several nieces, nephews and cousins also survive.

Tom (Tommy) graduated from Petersburg Harris High School in 1960 and also served in the Army National Guard for six years. He was a lifelong Menard County farmer who spent his entire life in the Sandridge precinct. He never tired of the many facets of agriculture. He was especially happy when his son Nathan became a part of the farming operation. Grain and livestock production were the mainstay of the operation until livestock production was replaced by the restoration of antique tractors. Father and son restored many antique tractors, some of which were featured on the cover of Green magazine, a John Deere collector publication.

Tommy was not only known for his love of farming, he was known for his colorful personality, his sense of humor, his outgoing nature, his quick wit, and his love of people, especially his family. His ten grandchildren will especially remember the joy he shared with them while picking and shucking sweet corn, or when giving them rides on the Razor, or allowing them to buy anything they wanted at the Dairy Queen and the Dollar General. They also will remember that his truck and his pockets were always filled with tic tacs, and he would often engage them in an original and unique tic tac game.

Per his wishes, his organs have been donated to the Gift of Hope, an agency that coordinates organ and tissue donation and supports families of donors in the northern three-quarters of Illinois and northwest Indiana.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, February 21, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg. A funeral service will be held on Friday, February 22 at 10:00 a.m. at Central Presbyterian Church in Petersburg with burial to follow at Oakland Cemetery. Pastor Diane Ludington will be officiating the services.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the Petersburg Rural Fire Department or the Menard County Food Pantry.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **21**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Hurley Funeral Home - Petersburg
122 West Douglas Avenue
Petersburg, IL 62675
(217) 632-2500
<https://www.hurleyfh.com/>

Funeral

FEB **22**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Central Presbyterian Church of Petersburg
210 W. Douglas
Petersburg, IL 62675

Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas E. Grosboll*

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *Nancy & family - so sorry to hear of Tommy's passing. My deepest sympathies to all in this time of sorrow. May God bless & keep you.*

June (Minor) Simmons

June Simmons - February 23, 2019 at 09:53 AM



“ *Tom And Tracy Humphrey lit a candle in memory of Thomas E. Grosboll*



Tom and Tracy Humphrey - February 21, 2019 at 04:40 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Thomas E. Grosboll.*



February 21, 2019 at 09:41 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas E. Grosboll.*



February 21, 2019 at 07:18 AM



“ *We are so sorry for the loss of your brother and friend. We know you will have lots of good memories to hold onto once this pain has subsided. We've not lost a sibling, but know it has to be very difficult. May God be with you during this time of grief and loss.*

Lawrence & Charlotte Wohler

Charlotte Wohler - February 20, 2019 at 11:53 AM



Ken and I are deeply saddened to hear of Tommy's passing. We send this prayer along with our condolences and love to all of you: God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, Courage to change the things I can, And the wisdom to know the difference. He gave so much to his family, friends and community. God Bless You All, Ken and Lynn Devermn

Ken and Lynn Deverman - February 20, 2019 at 01:47 PM



“ *Larry And Mary Hundt lit a candle in memory of Thomas E. Grosboll*



Larry and Mary Hundt - February 20, 2019 at 08:10 AM



“ I remember one year helping Tommy with harvest. I noticed when he came to the end rows He would knock a lot of corn stocks down. Thanking Tom was really sloppy at the ends, only to notice later an elderly gentleman, Carl Keesling, (hope I have his name spelled correctly) pull into the field and shucked the down corn and throw it in the back of his truck as fast as he could. You see Carl was retired and living on a meager income. Carl would end up with a pretty good truck load of corn by the end of harvest and I’m sure could’ve used the extra money and it probably didn’t feel like charity to him. I gained a lot of respect for Tommy at that point.
Randy Tolan

Randy Tolan - February 19, 2019 at 07:42 PM



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Randy Tolan - February 20, 2019 at 02:51 PM



So sorry for the loss of Tommy ,I have lots of fond memories working at R&H and Ayerco and my ex husband working for him he will be missed may he Rest In heaven

Lisa Maness Boggs - February 22, 2019 at 05:48 PM



“ Nancy, I am so sorry. I am praying for you, your children, and grandchildren to be comforted at this most difficult time.

Marilee Tolan Stone

MarileeTolan Stone - February 19, 2019 at 07:23 PM

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“ Our sincere thoughts and prayers go out to the Grosboll family. We have been friends with Tommy for many years, and he will be sadly missed. Keep all the good memories in your heart, and it will get you through the hard times ahead of you.

Tom and Grace Ann (Klauzer) Robinson

Grace Ann Robinson - February 19, 2019 at 06:36 PM

DS

“ Condolences and prayers to the Tom Grosboll family. RIP Tommy as you will be missed.

Dick Stiltz

Dick Stiltz - February 19, 2019 at 04:51 PM

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“ Our sincere sympathy to the Grosboll family. My brother Denny & Tommy were friends for many years through the National Guard. May god comfort you in the days to come.

Johnny & Sandy "Leach" Estill

Sandy Estill - February 19, 2019 at 04:16 PM

 Lisa Jill
Ulrich
Thompson

“ So sorry for your family's loss Roger & Lisa Thompson

Lisa Jill Ulrich Thompson - February 19, 2019 at 04:12 PM



“ *Lisa Jill Ulrich Thompson lit a candle in memory of Thomas E. Grosboll*



Lisa Jill Ulrich Thompson - February 19, 2019 at 04:11 PM



“ *To all of the Grosboll girls and Family, I'm so sorry for your loss. You all are in our thoughts and prayers at this very sad time. Hold the good memories close to your heart. Peace be with you. Dana Blair*

Dana Blair - February 19, 2019 at 03:14 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas E. Grosboll.*



February 19, 2019 at 02:44 PM