



Thomas F. Sanders Jr.

January 24, 1935 - November 6, 2017

Thomas Franklin Sanders Jr., 82, of Springfield, IL, formerly of Mason City, IL passed away on November 6, 2017 at his home. He was born on January 24, 1935 in Lincoln, IL the son of Thomas Franklin and Ruby Marie (Ferguson) Sanders. He married Glenna Steveson in 1956. She preceded him in death in 1988. Tom then married Jean Baker in 1992 and moved to Springfield, IL where he resided until his passing. Jean survives him.

Tom is survived by two daughters, Tina Fisher of Wasilla, AK, Leann (Phil) Parker of Wilmington, NC, one son, Timothy (Cindy) Sanders of Mason City, IL, two sisters, Edyth Lochenour, and Marilyn Francis both of Mason City, IL, three stepsons, Tim (Mary) Black of Cleveland, OH, Greg (Angie) Black of Auburn, IL, and Todd Black of Springfield, IL. Tom is also survived by his grandchildren, Cody Fisher- White, Wendy Maupin, Jay Sanders, Kimberly Minder, Mindy Frohn, Brandy Powell, Molly Sanders, Emma and Erin Sanders, Shannon Park, Samantha Parker, Phillip Parker Jr., and Levi Barnes. He had eighteen great grandchildren, three step grandchildren, and six step great grandchildren. Tom was preceded in death by his parents, one daughter, Debbie Barnes, and one sister, Ruth Miller.

Tom went to a country school until he was in fourth grade. His family then moved to a farm in Mason County where he attended school until the family moved to a farm near San Jose, IL. He finished out his school years there. After Tom's marriage to Glenna in 1956 they moved to San Diego, CA where he worked for ConAir Aircraft. After one year they moved back to Mason City.

Tom taught himself to be a plumber, air conditioner/heating expert. After passing his tests and receiving his Plumbing License, he started his own business. During the depression in the 80's he and his family moved to Vail, CO where he did plumbing work until the economy improved. He and his family returned to Mason City where he continued his business. He owned and operated his plumbing business for over 20 years before retiring. Tom loved building and doing jobs with his hands. Besides his plumbing business, he built two houses and three apartment complexes in Mason City. During Tom's marriage to Jean, he renovated a house, and built a sunroom that was then turned into a Bed and Breakfast. They operated the B&B together for ten years. Everyone that knew Tom would describe him as the most honest person they knew. He was also the most kind, gentle, and sincere person you would know.

A graveside service will be held for Tom on Saturday, November 11, 2017 at 11:00 AM at Mason City Cemetery in Mason City, IL. Rick Kehl will officiate. A luncheon will follow the services. Memorials may be made to the Mason City to Peoria St. Jude Run.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.hurleyfh.com
Hurley Funeral Home in Mason City, IL is assisting the family with arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Mason City Cemetery

Mason City, IL 62664

Previous Events

Graveside Service

NOV 11. 11:00 AM (CT)

Mason City Cemetery
Mason City, IL 62664

Tribute Wall



“ Thomas F. Sanders Jr.

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ I have fond memories of traveling to Mason City to see Grandma Ruby, Grandpa Tom, Uncle Tom, Aunt Edie, Aunt Marilyn and their families. Uncle Tom was such a sweet man. His big sister Ruth (my mom) thought the world of her baby brother. He was always “Tommy” to her !

Pamela Olson - November 11, 2017 at 09:46 PM



“ I have so many good memories of traveling to Mason City to see Uncle Tom, Aunt Edie, Aunt Marilyn and their families. Uncle Tom sure was a wonderful guy. My mom, his big sister Ruth, thought the world of her baby brother. He was always “Tommy” to her!

Pamela Olson - November 11, 2017 at 09:21 PM



“ You are my favorite grandpa 😊 best ever. Loved it when we lived in IL and had holidays at your house with the family. A lot of memories playing soccer in the yard with the cousins or board games in the front room.

You guys still have the same toys in the toy box! I remember when you had an office inside the lumber yard and when grandpa Garvice and I would go by we would stop in to see you. I'm so glad you got to see the Cubs win the World Series in 2016!! Go Cubs Go!! Now you can watch them win more in heaven.



Shannon Park - November 09, 2017 at 11:01 PM

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“ Tom was a neighbor of my mom and dad in Springfield, and he helped them with many projects. He always had a smile on his face and willingness to help in his heart. His presence in their/our lives was a joy, and his absence from it will be painful. Thank you, Tom, for sharing yourself with us. Sincerely, the Schwarberg family

Larry Schwarberg - November 09, 2017 at 10:20 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas F. Sanders Jr..



November 08, 2017 at 12:08 PM

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“ Kevin Tholen
Springfield IL

Kevin Tholen - November 07, 2017 at 04:48 PM

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“ Hi Jean. Kevin here. You were at one time good friends with my Mom, Pat. I have vivid memories of driving into town with my Mom and sister, and you would make us homemade ice cream with that old hand cranking thing-a-ma-jig. HA!! You were a very important person in my Mom's life for a season and I've NEVER forgotten it. I knew Tommy through one of my Dad's...Jim. Tommy was and is simply a fantastic human being and I know how much my Mom...would want you to know...how much she thought of both of you.

Thanks for the wonderful memories, Jean, and God bless you and your beloved Tom.

*ps. Tell Todd I said hello! I believe he escorted me around The State Fair one year when all of us went down together. I'm sure that was an absolute treat for Todd to have to watch me at The Fair.
(sarcasm!)*

Kevin Tholen, Springfield IL - November 07, 2017 at 04:46 PM