



Thomas "Tom" A. Gentis

February 22, 1959 - August 10, 2023

Thomas "Tom" A. Gentis, 64 of Keystone, passed away Thursday evening, August 10, 2023, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Tom was born on February 22, 1959, in Bluffton to Jack Allen Gentis & Barbara J. (Slusher) Gentis Dunwiddie. He graduated from Southern Wells High School with the class of 1977. On July 26, 1980, Tom married his high school sweetheart, Kim L. (Lovell) Gentis.

Tom started working at Bluffton Tire while in high school and worked his entire career there until 2023. He was the true definition of an outdoors man! He loved spending time at Loon Lake fishing. When he was not on the water, he could be found collecting guns, coon hunting, coaching his sons' baseball teams or attending the local Whitetails Unlimited events in the fall. Tom also enjoyed farming and anything he could do outside.

He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Kim Gentis of Keystone and two sons, Dustin (Joli) Gentis of Greeley, Co., and Corbin (Kaitlyn Roby) Gentis of Bluffton. He was a loving PaPaw to 6 grandchildren: Cora-Bryn, Clayton, Riley, Brooklyn, Grayson and Hattie.

Tom is also survived by his siblings; Yvette Runkle of Bluffton, Bernie Kleinknight of Geneva, Tracy (Rhonda) Gentis of McNatt, Dan Dunwiddie of Bluffton, David (Cathy) Dunwiddie of Ossian, Doug (Amy) Dunwiddie of Bluffton, Donna Eisenhut and Diana (Stuart) Mutzfeld, both of Fort Wayne. He is preceded in death by his parents, stepfather, Merlin Dunwiddie and a sister, Debbie Kemarly and two brother-in-laws; Randy Runkle and John

Kleinknight.

Visitation will be held from 2 P.M. to 8 P.M. on Thursday, (August 17, 2023) at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton.

A service to celebrate Tom's life will be held at 10:30 A.M. on Friday, (August 18, 2023) at the funeral home with calling for one hour prior to the service.

Memorials may be made in Tom's memory to the Wells County Whitetails – Catch a Dream Foundation or to The LiGHT program at the Wells County Foundation.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Lemler family of Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can send memories or online condolences to the Gentis family at www.thomarich.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 17. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
<http://www.thomarich.com>

Visitation

AUG 18. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
(260) 824-3850
info@thomarich.com

Celebration of Life Service

AUG 18. 10:30 AM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
<http://www.thomarich.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Thomas "Tom" A. Gentis*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - August 17, 2023 at 02:17 PM

CD

“ *Kim & Family, You have our deepest sympathy on your loss. Tom was a great person to have known. We will keep you all in our prayers. Ed & Celia Dunmoyer*

Celia K Dunmoyer - August 22, 2023 at 05:54 PM

RP

“ *Tom was more than just a coworker but a friend to me that could brighten up every day with just a comment or a joke he will be missed by everyone in that was fortunate enough to have known him*

Randy Paul - August 17, 2023 at 09:45 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" A. Gentis.*



August 16, 2023 at 05:44 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Life Tributes*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - August 16, 2023 at 11:45 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" A. Gentis.



August 16, 2023 at 11:31 AM



“ Douglas C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas "Tom" A. Gentis.

Douglas C. - August 16, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ Douglas C. purchased the *Pink Potpourri Bouquet* for the family of Thomas "Tom" A. Gentis.



Douglas C. - August 16, 2023 at 10:42 AM



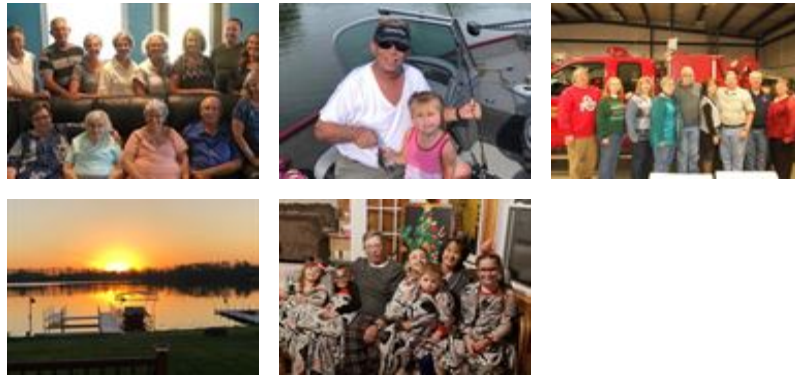
“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" A. Gentis.



August 15, 2023 at 08:43 PM



“ 153 files added to the album LifeTributes



Thoma/Rich,Lemler Funeral Home - August 15, 2023 at 10:07 AM



“ Valerie Jackson lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tom" Gentis



Valerie Wilson Jackson - August 15, 2023 at 12:16 AM

BC

“ My wife and I are very sorry for the Gentis family's loss, Tom was one hell of a man I liked him a lot very sad to hear he passed away we will keep you all in our prayers. Call me God protect you all guide you through life keep you on the right path and help you with your sorrow and heavy hearts God bless y'all

Bill Gladys Coffield - August 14, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ Mrs. Fields Crimson Nibbler Trunk was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" A. Gentis.



August 13, 2023 at 09:15 PM

SJ

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Scott & Elaine Johnson - August 13, 2023 at 02:44 PM

LY

“ Kim, Dustin and Corbin families,

I am so very sorry to hear of Tom's passing. My sincere sympathy thoughts and prayers for you all. Tom was a great guy and was a pleasure to do business with for my vehicle needs. Hugs to you Kim



Lynnette - August 12, 2023 at 04:09 PM

LW

“ *Our condolences to the family, Tom was a great guy he will be sadly miss. Thoughts and prayers to the whole family*



lesia wood - August 11, 2023 at 09:27 PM

DO

“ *My condolences to the family! Sorry to hear of Tom's passing!*

Dan Oswald - August 11, 2023 at 09:25 PM

BK

“ *Bernadine Kleinknight lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tom" Gentis*



Bernadine Kleinknight - August 11, 2023 at 08:32 PM

DG

“ *Saddened to learn of Tom's passing. He was such a wonderful guy to talk too. He was probably one of the first people I met when I came to Bluffton 53 yrs ago. We were always swapping fish stories. The Gentis family will be in our prayers. Dan Gerdom*



Dan Gerdom - August 11, 2023 at 01:02 PM