

Thomas "Tom" K Masterson

June 3, 1941 - November 20, 2017

Thomas "Tom" K. Masterson, 76, of Bluffton, passed away on Monday morning, November 20, 2017, at his residence surrounded by his loving family. Tom was born on June 3, 1941 in Wells County, Indiana to Jason J. & Elizabeth Irene (Emerick) Masterson. He graduated from Bluffton High School in 1959 and attended some classes at Ivy Tech. He worked for 41 years at Franklin Electric in Bluffton with 32 years as a supervisor. Tom was a member of the S.A.L – American Legion Post #111 of Bluffton, Elks Lodge in Bluffton, Jaycee's, Bluffton Pal Club and was a member of Calvary Lutheran Church in Bluffton. He enjoyed coaching youth baseball and softball leagues for over 18 years, bowling, hunting and fishing and the 14 years at Lake Tippy. He was a loyal IU Fan and his entire life was dedicated to his family.

Tom and Joyce E. (James) were married on August 6, 1983 in Uniondale. He is survived by his wife Joyce along with children: Randy (Glenda) Masterson of Pennville, Roxann (Jim) Vernon of Avon Park, FL, Rea (Roger) Hudson of Bourbonnais, IL, Rebecca Masterson of Markle, Tonya (Christopher) Hoffman and Diana (Springer) Whitted, both of Fort Wayne, along with 16 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren.

Tom is also survived by siblings: Martha Irvin of Ossian, IN, Patricia Adams of Bluffton and James Masterson of Bluffton.

He is preceded in death by his parents and two brothers Gene & William "Bill" Masterson.

Funeral Services will be held at 1:00 P.M. on Saturday (Nov. 25th) at the

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Pastor John Pannkuk will officiate. Calling hours will be held from 2 to 8 on Friday (Nov. 24th) at the funeral home and from 11 to 1, prior to the service on Saturday. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery in Bluffton. Memorials may be made to Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home or American Cancer Society.

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

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

3101 East Division Road
Bluffton, IN 46714
(260) 824-2832
<http://www.themonumentcenter.com/about/cemeteries/>

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **24**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

NOV **25**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Service

NOV 25. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Thomas "Tom" K Masterson*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - November 24, 2017 at 12:49 PM



“ *Thomas "Tom" K Masterson*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Words cannot express our appreciation for all the prayers and kind words during this time of sorrow. We Thank you for your condolences and for being with us. God Bless you all.*

Roxann Vernon - November 29, 2017 at 10:50 AM

SH

“ Dear friends,

I am sorry to hear of Tom's passing, he was a great part of my young life at F.E. and mentored and cared for me like a son.

Joyce, I have two special memories of you, one with us both in the shower at Lady Di's house in Bluffton on her move-in. Hanging that curtain was so humorous at the time, and when my mother came to adopt your husky.

Lady Di,

Oh my dear friend and partner in fun, it has been too long and I miss you !!!

Becka,

You could always make me laugh, I miss seeing your smile.

And the rest of the Masterson Family,

I always enjoyed seeing the family get together, Tom loved you all so much.

Dear Tom,

Belated thanks for all that you were and did, you are loved and will be missed greatly.

Shane Shaw

Shane - November 26, 2017 at 07:21 PM

RB

*Oh my...tomorrow will be 2 years and I'm just now reading this.
Oh Shane, thank you for this, it made me giggle and I definitely needed that.*

*Thank you for all the kind words you had said about the family, especially about dad, he was one of a kind ❤️
Get ahold of me 260-820-2736*

*God bless you,
Becca*

Rebecca Bates - November 19, 2019 at 11:25 AM

CD

“ *We send our prayers and condolences to Tom's loved ones, he was a good neighbor and friend for many years.*

Cindy and Jerry Dillon - November 25, 2017 at 04:31 PM

TM

“ *Tena McElhaney lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tom" K Masterson*



Tena McElhaney - November 24, 2017 at 07:59 AM

AG

“ *ANDREA GROVER lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tom" K Masterson*



ANDREA GROVER - November 23, 2017 at 07:23 AM

CS

Thinking of your family

Christine Schug - November 25, 2017 at 04:41 PM

MB

“ *I had no idea Tom was sick, he was such an awesome guy and I would like to wish you all my deepest sympathy...Maria Baller Bear*



Maria Baller Bear - November 22, 2017 at 06:53 PM



“ *Lavender & White Tied Nosegay was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" K Masterson.*



November 22, 2017 at 06:52 PM

JS

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Doug & Julie Swisher and family*



Julie Swisher - November 22, 2017 at 06:04 PM



“ 94 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - November 22, 2017 at 02:19 PM

RV

Love my family! So many great memories! Dad I love you with all my heart!!!!

Roxann Vernon - November 23, 2017 at 08:25 AM

RM

What an amazing man too have in my life...you have taught me so much about life...I miss and love you so much ❤️

Rebecca Masterson - November 23, 2017 at 11:22 PM

TM

“ *My prayers are with the Masterson family in this time of sorrow.*



Teresa Moser - November 22, 2017 at 09:32 AM

PG

“ Pam Grice lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tom" K Masterson



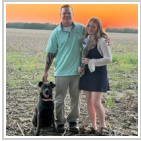
Pam Grice - November 22, 2017 at 09:30 AM

BH

“ Our condolences.



Bob and Lisa Hinkledire - November 22, 2017 at 01:00 AM



“ When I was younger, at Patona Bay on Lake Tippy, every time he would be at the store "Millies", He would buy me his favorite Ice cream they sold there, Carmel Ice Cream. He got me hooked on those lol. Then he would randomly walk up behind me if he seen me walking around the park, and pull my pants up, and tell me, to get a belt. I will miss you Uncle Tom! glad we got to bowl together in the championship!

Justin Adams - November 22, 2017 at 12:10 AM

RC

“ Roxanne Christianson lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tom" K Masterson



Roxanne Christianson - November 21, 2017 at 07:57 PM

EL

“ Take comfort that he is no longer in pain. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Joe & Elaine Soblit

Elaine - November 21, 2017 at 06:32 PM

TM

“ Tina Morris lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tom" K Masterson



Tina Morris - November 21, 2017 at 06:16 PM



“ Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" K Masterson.



November 21, 2017 at 05:11 PM

JY

“ He was a very good friend and worked together for years. Glad i got to go down and see just a few weeks ago before i came back out to az. We talked about the good times we had together. I would be there if i could. Love you Tom Baldy

Jerry Young - November 21, 2017 at 05:08 PM

MC

“ *Mychel And Chris Coratti lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tom" K Masterson*



Mychel and Chris Coratti - November 21, 2017 at 03:05 PM

SM

“ *Tom was a friend of my brother Larry McFarren. Condolences to the family.*

Suzanne McFarren Markley - November 21, 2017 at 01:55 PM

DS

“ *Dave And Sandy Stout lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tom" K Masterson*



Dave and Sandy Stout - November 21, 2017 at 01:41 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" K Masterson.*



November 21, 2017 at 01:30 PM

BL

“ 2 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Brooke Leist - November 21, 2017 at 07:15 AM

BL

Grandpa Tom always knew how to make the kids smile with his Donald duck voice.

Brooke Leist - November 21, 2017 at 02:55 PM

JW

“ *You kids are in Our thoughts. Jim and Sally Williams*



Jim and Sally Williams - November 20, 2017 at 05:16 PM