

## Thomas "Tom" B. Skurner

March 9, 1929 - February 18, 2015

Thomas "Tom" B. Skurner, 85 of Bluffton, passed away at River Terrace Estates at 3:25 PM on Wednesday, February 18, 2015.

Tom was born on March 9, 1929 in Johnstown, PA. to John & Katherine (Lison) Skurner. On December 6, 1958 in Bluffton, Tom and Beverly J. (Edris) Skurner were married. She precedes him in death in 2010.

He served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict as a First Lieutenant. He worked at Navistar as a metallurgist in Fort Wayne for 30 years and retired in 1994. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bluffton and the American Legion Post #111.

Survivors include his children: Cindy (husband Darrell) Shepherd of Hometown, IN, Jack (wife Becky) Skurner of LaOtto, IN, Karen (husband Robert) Lesko of Kokomo, IN, James A. (wife Shannon) Skurner of Houston, TX along with nine grandchildren: Michael Shepherd, Janelle Shepherd, Rachel Skurner, Benjamin Skurner, Lauren Lesko, Andrew Lesko, Adam Lesko, Vaughn Skurner and Grant Skurner.

Tom is preceded in death by two brothers, John & Frank Skurner and three sisters, Veronica Slezak, Mary Mizak and Kay Kohler.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday (February 27, 2015) at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bluffton. Rev. Father Pius N.

Ilechukwu will officiate. Burial will follow at Emmanuel Cemetery in Rockford, Indiana. Calling hours will be held from 3 to 8 on Thursday at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton, and for one hour prior to mass at the church.

Memorials may be made in Tom's memory to St. Joseph Catholic Church or Wells County Alzheimer's Support Group. 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](http://www.thomarich.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Emmanuel Cemetery

5000 W 200 N  
Bluffton, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 26. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

FEB 27. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St Joseph Catholic Church  
1300 N Main St  
Bluffton, IN

## Service

FEB 27. 10:00 AM (ET)

St Joseph Catholic Church  
1300 N Main St  
Bluffton, IN



# Tribute Wall



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



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**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - February 26, 2015 at 01:27 PM



“ *Thomas "Tom" B. Skurner*

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September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



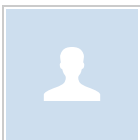
“ *Jack, Becky, and all the Skurners -*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.*

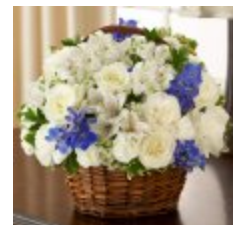
*Scott Morrison and Alicia Rosenfeld*



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**Scott Morrison** - February 26, 2015 at 06:11 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" B. Skurner.*



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February 26, 2015 at 11:52 AM

MK

“ *Jack, Becky and Family:*

*Prayers from us in the Indianapolis area.*

*God bless you all during this difficult time.*

*Mike and Madeline Krokos and family*

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**mike krokos** - February 26, 2015 at 10:06 AM



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“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to the Skurner family. I knew your Dad not only from growing up with Jack in Bluffton ... but I was lucky enough to be a co-worker at Navistar with Tom too. I have many memories of Tom and Bev as they were the kindest and most wonderful people in the world. If I didn't have parents ... I would have wanted them to be mine. I even spent a few overnights at the Skurner homestead when in Jr High as Jack and I were very good friends. I remember Tom canning vegetables, laying brick, watching football on TV ... such a great guy. At Harvester, let me tell you, he was the expert in metallurgy. To Jack and to the rest of the family my thoughts and prayers go out to you all. My deepest sympathy to the Skurner family.*

*Bill & Donna Struver*

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**Bill Struver** - February 26, 2015 at 05:43 AM

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“ *The Clarks, Janet & Rick purchased the European Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Thomas "Tom" B. Skurner.*



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**The Clarks, Janet & Rick** - February 25, 2015 at 11:06 PM



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



February 24, 2015 at 09:01 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Skurner family  
~Friends and Co-workers at Lutheran Rehabilitation*

**Lisa** - February 24, 2015 at 01:41 PM



“ *Your friends at Tabula Rasa. purchased the Eternal Memories for the family of Thomas "Tom" B. Skurner.*



**Your friends at Tabula Rasa.** - February 24, 2015 at 09:35 AM



“ *54 files added to the album Life Tributes*



**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - February 23, 2015 at 11:32 AM

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“ *Tom was a dependable expert in reading broken surfaces of metal parts brought to him. Frank H. Osborn-co-worker*

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**Frank H. Osborn** - February 22, 2015 at 12:19 PM