



Thomas E. Glassmaker

March 1, 1944 - July 3, 2016

Thomas E. Glassmaker, age 72 of Alhambra, IL, died Sunday, July 03, 2016, at Barnes-Jewish Hospital (BJC) in Saint Louis, MO.

He was born March 01, 1944, in Highland, IL, the son of Earl and Helen (nee Trautner) Glassmaker.

On April 24, 1965, he married Marjorie Ann Abert at Salem UCC in Alhambra, IL. She survives in Rural Alhambra.

He was a member of Salem United Church of Christ. He was also a member of Alhambra Volunteer Fire Dept. (retired); Highland Historical Society; Alhambra-Grantfork Telephone Co. (Vice President); Madison County Fair Board (Sheep Superintendent).

Tom was born in Highland and graduated Highland High School in 1962. He was an All Conference Football Player. He served in the US Army Reserves from 1962 to 1968. He had worked at Genteman Chevrolet, and General Steel in Granite City for 10 years. Then worked at Granite City Steel for 31 years, retiring in 2002. He also farmed north of Alhambra since 1965. He raised crops, hogs and sheep. He raised rabbits in his youth. Tom has shown his sheep at state and county fairs since 1962. Through his efforts, he arranged for Granite City Steel to donate all the tin for the exhibition barns at the

Madison County Fair Grounds. He restored antique tractors in his spare time and displayed them at the Highland Power Show at the Louis Latzer Homestead. Tom owns a number of antique John Deere Tractors and a McCormick Deering Tractor that his grandfather, George Glassmaker purchased new from Robert Dauderman Farm Equipment in 1926. He sold seed corn for 40 years and was recognized as Trail Blazer Dealer of the year by Funks G-Hybrid. He was always involved with Boy Scouts - Eagle Scouting. He was Scout Master in Grantfork for many years and several of his scouts made Eagle Scout. He was a big sports fan. He watched Cardinal Baseball, Rams Football, and high school, college and professional sports.

Survivors include :

Wife - Marjorie A. Glassmaker nee Abert, Alhambra, IL

Daughter - Melissa L. (William Becker) Glassmaker, Saint Louis, MO

Daughter - Lynn A. (Burton "B.J.") Floyd, Mackinaw, IL

Grandchild - Ainsley A. Floyd, Mackinaw, IL

Grandchild - Gabriel T. "Gabe" Floyd, Mackinaw, IL

Grandchild - Luke W. Becker (twin), St. Louis, MO

Grandchild - Cooper T. Becker (twin), St. Louis, MO

He was preceded in death by :

Father - Earl J. Glassmaker died 3/17/1974

Mother - Helen A. Glassmaker nee Trautner died 2/20/2009

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Wednesday, July 06, 2016, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL and from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM on Thursday, July 07, 2016, at Salem United Church of Christ in Alhambra, IL.

Funeral service will be at 11:00 AM on Thursday, July 07, 2016, at Salem United Church of Christ in Alhambra, IL., with Rev. Jerry Amiri officiating.

Interment will be at Salem Cemetery in Alhambra, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital; Alhambra Fire Dept.; or Charity of the Donor's Choice.

Previous Events

Evening Visitation

JUL 6. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home - Highland

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Tribute Wall



“ Always enjoyed seeing Tom at the sheep shows.
He will be missed.
Condolences to the family.

Ed and Jean Ann Mies

Ed Mies - July 07, 2016 at 09:10 AM



“ Margie and Family, Sorry to hear about the loss of your loved one.
Thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Tami Kershaw

Tami Kershaw - July 07, 2016 at 08:31 AM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the
family of Thomas E. Glassmaker.



July 06, 2016 at 02:43 PM



“ 3 files added to the album Tom's Farm



Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home - July 06, 2016 at 11:35 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas E. Glassmaker.



July 06, 2016 at 09:15 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas E. Glassmaker.



July 05, 2016 at 07:37 PM



“ You have our deepest sympathies and prayers for your family at this difficult time

David & Valarie Mueth - July 05, 2016 at 03:50 PM



“ Our deepest condolences to you and your family at this difficult time. May you find comfort in your memories. You are in our prayers. Mark and Carol Streamer

Carol Streamer - July 04, 2016 at 03:30 PM

BA

“ *BetsyWharton, Curt, Rex, and Gary Abert purchased the Quiet Expressions for the family of Thomas E. Glassmaker.*



BetsyWharton, Curt, Rex, and Gary Abert - July 04, 2016 at 02:49 PM

GN

“ *My deepest sympathies to you Lynn, BJ, Ainsley, Gabe and family. I was so saddened to hear of your loss. May the arms of our Lord give you strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow. Love and hugs, Ginny Newberry*



Ginny Newberry - July 04, 2016 at 10:58 AM

AL

“ *Andrea, Tim, Ben & Andrew LePain purchased the Violets And Butterflies for the family of Thomas E. Glassmaker.*



Andrea, Tim, Ben & Andrew LePain - July 04, 2016 at 09:39 AM

AL

“ *Andrea LePain lit a candle in memory of Thomas E. Glassmaker*



Andrea LePain - July 04, 2016 at 08:59 AM

BB

“ *Tom was always the cousin at every family gathering who had a joke to share: his laughter will always be remembered.*

Beverly Boeschen - July 04, 2016 at 08:02 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas E. Glassmaker.*



July 03, 2016 at 10:22 PM

TS

“ *One of my most favorite memories was watching Tom and Missy at her wedding with that hootin' and hollerin' father-daughter dance. I will always have a smile on my face remembering him. So sorry for your loss. (Love, Tracey aka "Girlie"). xoxo*



Tracey Stone - July 03, 2016 at 09:30 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas E. Glassmaker.*



July 03, 2016 at 09:28 PM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas E. Glassmaker.*



July 03, 2016 at 09:26 PM



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



July 03, 2016 at 09:21 PM

CE

“ Dear Margie and Family, We are very sorry to hear of Tom's passing. I fondly remember sharing HHS bus rides from Alhambra to Highland with stops along Rt 160 where Tom would join us. I recall saving a seat so Tom and I could sit together. During our HHS years, we played football together where I was a guard next to TT, Tackle Tom! Please know that Kathy and I are thinking of you and may our prayers be a comfort to you during these days of sorrow.

Sincerely yours,
Carl & Kathy Ernst

Carl Ernst - July 03, 2016 at 07:23 PM

JB

“ June Barney lit a candle in memory of
Thomas E. Glassmaker



June Barney - July 03, 2016 at 05:32 PM

MO

“ Sad to hear of your loss, God Bless you all. Mike Otto

Michael Otto - July 03, 2016 at 05:22 PM