



Louis "Tom" Thomas Korniak

August 13, 1933 - February 22, 2026

Louis Thomas Korniak (Tom), 92, passed away February 22, 2026, at Parkview Haven Nursing Home. Tom was born to Louis and Rose (Froncek) Korniak in East Chicago, Indiana on August 13, 1933.

On November 8, 1958, Tom married the love of his life Patricia Siegrist. They were blessed with 5 children. Together they built a life based on hard work, faith, and full of love.

Tom had a passion for agriculture. A 1952 graduate of Wheatfield High School, he was an active 4-H and FFA member earning his American Farmer Degree. He was a lifelong grain and livestock farmer. Nothing made him happier than driving his gravel roads to check on the crops and the cattle. On the same roads, he was the first to teach all of his kids and grandkids to drive.

Throughout his career he served many years on the Jasper County Weed Board, spent countless hours on the combine, and kept families fed with Korniak Farms Freezer Beef. Tom enjoyed passing on his appreciation for agriculture to future generations. He loved mentoring 4-H youth in selecting their project for the year. He was fortunate enough to have raised and sold back-to-back Grand Champion 4-H Barrows at the Indiana State Fair.

If you asked Tom, his biggest accomplishment in life was his family. He was

the husband, dad and Dzia Dzia everyone deserves. He shared his wisdom, was the family jokester, the Euchre King, and was the front row supporter at every event, whether it was a basketball game, choir concert, or livestock show. He always had time for the ones he loved. Everyone has a core memory of sitting around the table playing cards with him. He was a strong believer of just ONE more game of euchre or Skip Bo, even if it meant staying up past bedtimes.

Tom lived a life of service and was proud member of his community. He was a veteran of the United States Army where he served during the Korean War. Tom also served as the Barkley Township Trustee for several years, was a longtime member of the Knights of Columbus, a devoted parishioner of St. Augustine Catholic Church, and even drove a bus route from Rensselaer Central School Corporation. Everyone knew and loved Tom Korniak.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents, sister Anne Marie Nichols, brothers-in-law Bill Valade, Jay Nichols and son-in-law Eric Young.

Tom is survived by his wife Patricia; children Kim Young, Thomas (Kim Mitchell) Korniak, Nick (Lynn) Korniak, Andrew (Andrea) Korniak, Jeremy (Linda) Korniak; grandchildren Rosalie Korniak, Kasey Korniak, Nicole (Kyle) Wallace, Natalie (Cooper) Smith, Jacob (Zoe) Korniak II, Megan (Zach) Stegmuller, Allison Korniak; great grandchildren Wyatt Howe, Benjamin Wallace, Maxwell Wallace; sibling Frances Valade and several other nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A visitation will be held at Jackson Funeral Chapel on Thursday, March 5, 2026, from 9:00AM to 12:00PM Central Time. A Funeral Mass will follow at 12:00PM at St. Augustine Catholic Church with Father Joshua Bennett and Father Rick Nagel officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Calvary Cemetery with full military rites.

Memorials may be made to the Gibault School for Boys (<https://www.gibault.org/donate/>) or St. Augustine Catholic Church (<https://www.osvhub.com/saugustine-parish/giving/funds>).

Cemetery Details

Mt. Calvary Cemetery - Rensselaer

Mt. Calvary Cemetery
Rensselaer, IN 47978

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 5. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer
250 N. McKinley Avenue
P.O. Box 70
Rensselaer, IN 47978
(219) 866-5123
info@jacksonfuneral.com
<https://www.jacksonfuneral.com>

Funeral Mass

MAR 5. 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Augustine Catholic Church
318 North McKinley Avenue
Rensselaer, IN 47978
(219) 866-5351
<https://stmichaelpastorate.org/>

Military Rites

MAR 5. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Louis "Tom" Thomas Korniak



Jackson Funeral Chapels - March 04 at 03:14 PM



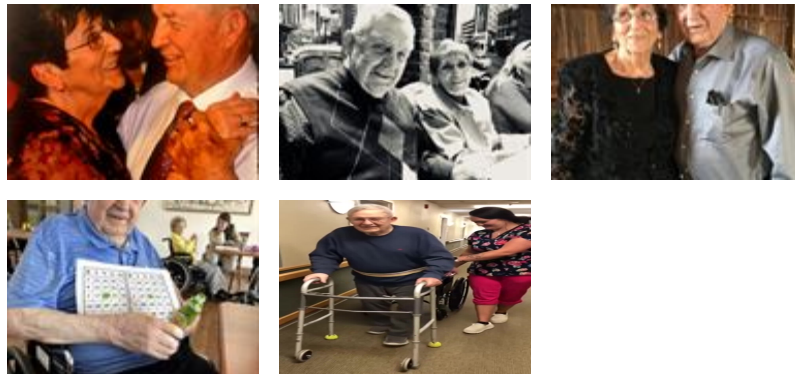
“ Judie Steiner lit a candle in memory of Louis "Tom" Thomas Korniak



Judie Steiner - March 05 at 04:31 PM



“ 98 files added to the album LifeTributes



Jackson Funeral Chapels - March 04 at 02:50 PM

LT

“ Love Sean and Marnee Toth purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Louis "Tom" Thomas Korniak.



Love Sean and Marnee Toth - March 04 at 01:10 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Louis "Tom" Thomas Korniak.



March 04 at 12:04 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Louis "Tom" Thomas Korniak.

March 04 at 12:04 PM

MF

“ Mary Hamm and Mandy Wallick families purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Louis "Tom" Thomas Korniak.



Mary Hamm and Mandy Wallick families - March 03 at 10:03 PM

MF

“ Mary Hamm and Mandy Wallick families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Louis "Tom" Thomas Korniak.

Mary Hamm and Mandy Wallick families - March 03 at 10:03 PM

AA

“ Anjie & Dan, Janet & Allen purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Louis "Tom" Thomas Korniak.



Anjie & Dan, Janet & Allen - March 03 at 09:59 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Louis "Tom" Thomas Korniak.



March 03 at 02:58 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Louis "Tom" Thomas Korniak.



March 03 at 01:08 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Louis "Tom" Thomas Korniak.

March 03 at 01:08 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Louis "Tom" Thomas Korniak.



March 03 at 12:12 PM



“ Love The Hummel Family purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Louis "Tom" Thomas Korniak.



Love The Hummel Family - March 02 at 04:48 PM



“ Love The Hummel Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Louis "Tom" Thomas Korniak.

Love The Hummel Family - March 02 at 04:48 PM

GF

“ Greg Gilmore and family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Louis "Tom" Thomas Korniak.



Greg Gilmore and family - March 01 at 02:16 PM

GF

“ Greg Gilmore and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Louis "Tom" Thomas Korniak.

Greg Gilmore and family - March 01 at 02:16 PM

RS

“ Roger Siegrist. Earl & Marlene Siegrist purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Louis "Tom" Thomas Korniak.



Roger Siegrist. Earl & Marlene Siegrist - February 28 at 12:05 PM

RR

“ I got to meet him years ago when I worked at the Gerring's farm. Both Tom n his wife Pat were very gentle n caring couple. I live in Texas now. But when we're in Rensselaer we always would visit them.

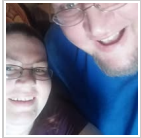
Robert Rodriguez - February 25 at 08:48 PM



“ *Marsha Gratner lit a candle in memory of Louis "Tom" Thomas Korniak*

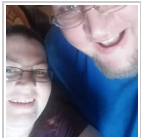


Marsha Gratner - February 25 at 02:52 PM



“ *I worked with him on his farm all my teen years to bailing straw to gardening too doing pig work etc. prayers for Korniak family*

Nicholas Tychek - February 25 at 12:30 AM



“ *Nicholas Tychek lit a candle in memory of Louis "Tom" Thomas Korniak*



Nicholas Tychek - February 25 at 12:27 AM

GK

“ *Greg And Kim Kaufman lit a candle in memory of Louis "Tom" Thomas Korniak*



Greg and kim Kaufman - February 24 at 07:11 PM

LE

“ Lynda Edwards lit a candle in memory of Louis "Tom" Thomas Korniak



Lynda Edwards - February 24 at 07:04 PM

BI

“ I was 7 years old when I learned the polka at their wedding reception, which was upstairs from where Hudson's Sporting Goods was located. Always had good memories of Tom!

Bill - February 24 at 07:00 PM

JB

“ Judy Burvan lit a candle in memory of Louis "Tom" Thomas Korniak



Judy Burvan - February 24 at 06:10 PM

SS

“ Suzanne Smith lit a candle in memory of Louis "Tom" Thomas Korniak



Suzanne Smith - February 24 at 05:26 PM

NL

My deepest sympathy to Pat & Families, from Sugar

Norma Liersch - February 24 at 05:32 PM

BR

Very sorry for the loss of Tom. Prayers said for Pat and family.

Barbara Robinson - February 24 at 07:16 PM

GM

Sincere sympathy to Pat and the family.

gail mitchell - March 01 at 01:45 AM