



Thomas Pinion

June 6, 1946 - March 10, 2011

Thomas J. Pinion, age 64, formerly of Hershey, Nebraska, and currently of Wolcott, Indiana, died Thursday, March 10, 2011 at IU Health Arnett, Lafayette, Indiana.

Thomas was born June 6, 1946 in North Platte, NE to the late Lloyd and Lillie Pinion. He spent the first thirtysome years of his life living and working on his parent's farm near Hershey. Thomas attended a one room school house "Nichols" from grades 1 thru 5. He graduated from Hershey High School in 1964. He attended the University of Nebraska-Kearney, receiving a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration in January, 1969 and a Master of Business Administration Degree in 1979. He also received a Master's Degree in International Management from the Thunderbird Graduate School of International Management in Glendale, AZ in 1974. In addition, he completed the American Banker's Association Compliance school at the University of Oklahoma in 1987.

Thomas joined the U.S. Army in March 1969, and served three years in the Army. He was a Counter-Intelligence Agent with the U.S. Army Intelligence branch. He served with distinction in Viet Nam, earning the Bronze Star and the South Vietnamese Army's Outstanding Second Class Service Medal. Thomas served with intelligence units attached to the 1/5th Mechanized Brigade (QuangTri, Viet Nam) and the 101st Airborne Division (Hue, Viet

Nam) while in Viet Nam. He attained the rank of Sergeant.

Thomas married Linda F. Butrick in October of 1981 in Hershey, NE. They have three children - Jennifer (Travis) Hemen, Castleton, SD, Lori Pinion, Rensselaer, IN and Sara Pinion, Valparaiso, IN. Thomas and Linda divorced in 1995.

Also surviving are two grandsons, Gavin and Landen Hemen, one brother, Robert (Patricia) Pinion, Hershey, NE and one sister, Ellen (Randy) Heil, North Platte, NE, several nieces and nephews, and his two close friends, Sherrie and Stacie.

Thomas worked for Birdwood Products in North Platte, NE from 1964-1978. Beginning in 1981 he worked for the University of Nebraska Extension Service as a farm business consultant six years; the Hershey State Bank nine years and the Bank of Wolcott, Wolcott, Indiana from 1996 to present. Thomas was a past member of the Hershey Lions Club; was past chairman and member of the Lincoln County Nebraska Planning Commission; and a member of the Hershey United Methodist Church.

Thomas enjoyed spending most of his off work time puttering around home and spending time on his computer. He was an A+ Certified Computer Technician and used those talents both at home and at his job with the Bank of Wolcott. Thomas loved to read and was interested in science fiction and history. Thomas also was an amateur carpenter. He enjoyed working with wood, and his greatest accomplishment was building a two-story home on his family farm near Hershey, in which he and his family lived for twelve years before moving to Indiana.

Previous Events

Service

MAR 14. 1:00 PM.

Graveside

Tribute Wall



“ Sara,
So sorry to hear about your Dad. May your fond memories of him support you and make you smile during your grieving process. If you need anything just let me know.
Dawn Franko##imported-begin##Dawn Franko##imported-end##

March 14, 2011 at 03:51 PM



“ Lori, Sara, and Jennifer,

Our prayers are with you all. Uncle Tom had a great and fulfilling life and will be missed, but remember that he is now with the Lord.

God Bless,

Casey, Kimberly, Dylan and Cameron##imported-begin##Casey Pinion##imported-end##

March 14, 2011 at 10:48 AM



“ Sara, My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Deborah Hall##imported-end##

March 13, 2011 at 07:58 PM



“ We are so sorry for loss. Your Uncle Bob is married to my sister Pat, and I also was in high school the same time as your Dad. Our prayers are with you.

Sally White Oliverius##imported-begin##Jim and Sally Oliverius##imported-end##

March 12, 2011 at 03:20 PM



“ Sorry to hear about Uncle Toms passing. our thoughts and prayers will be with all of you.##imported-begin##Tal and Kelly Pinion##imported-end##

March 12, 2011 at 01:56 PM



“ Lori, Sara, and Jenny I think you know how special your dad was to me. He was like my second dad. He was a very private but caring man and I will miss him everyday.##imported-begin##Sherrie Auxier##imported-end##

March 12, 2011 at 11:30 AM



“ Lori, Sara,&Jenny,
So sorry to hear of Tom's passing. He was a classmate as well as a neighbor and friend for many years. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of you. With Sincere Sympathy, Rodger & Carolyn White##imported-begin##Rodger & Carolyn White##imported-end##

March 11, 2011 at 05:24 PM



“ *Lori, Sara, and Jennifer*

Know that we are so very sorry and extend our deepest sympathy. We have you in our thoughts and prayers. We will be thinking of all of you at this very difficult time.

God Bless##imported-begin##Uncle Bob and Aunt Pat##imported-end##

March 11, 2011 at 03:08 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family. Tom will be greatly missed he holds a special spot in my heart. Rest in peace my friend your pain and suffering is no more.##imported-begin##Kathy Weaver##imported-end##*

March 10, 2011 at 08:38 PM