



Thomas "Tom" Potts

December 28, 1936 - November 18, 2020

Thomas "Tom" Potts, 83, of Rensselaer, passed away November 18, 2020 at Franciscan Health Lafayette East.

Tom was born at home on December 28, 1936 to the late Chester R. and Venita "Toots" Farrell Potts and was raised in the Goodland area.

Tom is a graduate of Goodland High School class of 1954.

Tom and Mary Lou Reed of Kentland were married June 23, 1956 at the Main Post Chapel at Fort Knox, KY. Tom and Mary Lou made their first home in Oakdale, LA while Tom was in the Army at Fort Polk, LA. After discharge from the military they lived in Goodland, IN before moving to Rensselaer in 1973. Tom retired from Jasper County REMC. He enjoyed his family, sports and the outdoors.

He is a member of the St. Augustine Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus Council 1881, American Legion Post 29 and firing squad.

Tom is survived by his: wife, Mary Lou of Rensselaer, two daughters, Deborah L. (Tom) Garrison of Indianapolis, IN, Denise M. (Brent) Eldridge of Warsaw, IN; two sons, Gary L. (Cindy) Potts of Apopka, FL and Greg W. (Colleen) Potts of Salt Lake City, UT; six grandchildren; Amber Garrison & Ryan Baize

of Columbus, IN, Alicia Garrison (friend Ryan Jochim) of Indianapolis, IN, Amanda Eldridge of Lafayette, IN, Andrew (Miranda) Eldridge of Mentone, IN, Jackson Potts of Orlando, FL and Jenna Potts of Apopka, FL, one great grandson, Connor Baize; two step-grandchildren, Mellissa (Bob) Pachowiak of Lafayette, IN and Tom (Heather) Garrison of Lafayette, IN. Sister Janet Coffey of La Vergne, TN and sister in law, Marge Potts of Monticello, IN.

Tom is preceded in death by his mother, father, and brothers, John Robert Potts and Donald Potts.

A Funeral Mass will be held at St. Augustine Catholic Church, Rensselaer, on Monday, November 23, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. CST with Father Joshua Bennett officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Calvary Cemetery with military rites. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Augustine Catholic Church or St. Augustine Catholic School.

Social distancing will be observed and masks must be worn at all services due to the current pandemic.

A "Celebration of Life" will be held at a later date to share memories with the family.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Calvary Cemetery - Rensselaer

Mt. Calvary Cemetery
Rensselaer, IN 47978

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

NOV **23**. 10:30 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

MW

“ I met Tom through working at REMC. Although he was retired, he was still active mowing for the company. As a new hire, he greeted me anytime he saw me. Even after leaving REMC he genuinely cared about how my life was each time I saw him. I am so saddened to hear of his passing. Tom is one of the kindest and most genuine men I have ever met. Heaven gained an angel for sure. Prayers to his family ❤️

michelle hanna wilmington - November 29, 2020 at 10:31 PM

RH

“ Mary Lou, So sorry for your loss. Special thoughts and prayers for you and family. Special memories of our visits/talks at the Legion.

Ruth Hershberger - November 23, 2020 at 11:05 AM



“ Comfort & Light 30" Sonnet was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" Potts.



November 21, 2020 at 07:05 PM

LP

“ Mary Lou, Deb, Gary, Denise and Greg,

Prayers for God's comfort! Rest in peace,
Tom!



Lib Prohosky - November 21, 2020 at 06:15 PM



“ Sorry for passing of Tom, always enjoyed working at K&C Hall with him. Prayers

Nancy Nagel - November 21, 2020 at 06:32 AM

JM

“ Ellen and I will keep Tom in our prayers on Monday..We both will miss him.

Phil and Ellen McGraw

j.philip mcgraw - November 20, 2020 at 10:27 PM

LS

“ Lynn Standish lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tom" Potts



Lynn Standish - November 20, 2020 at 07:48 PM

LK

“ So sorry to hear about Tom's passing. You're in our thoughts and prayers.



Larry and Judy Koebcke - November 20, 2020 at 06:53 PM

SH

“ Susan Healey lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tom" Potts



Susan Healey - November 20, 2020 at 04:19 PM

MU

“ Mike Unger lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tom" Potts



Mike Unger - November 20, 2020 at 11:20 AM

KO

“ Tom was a fun loving, caring person. When you needed help he was always there. He was a loving son, husband, father and grandfather. He left to those he loved many, many loving memories.

Kathryn Oreovicz - November 20, 2020 at 09:02 AM

DB

“ What a sweet and easygoing man. Always a smile on his face. He will be missed. prayers to Mary Lou

DEBBIE BALTES - November 20, 2020 at 08:02 AM

TP

“ *Tim Potts lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tom" Potts*



Tim Potts - November 20, 2020 at 07:50 AM

JB

“ *Judy Burvan lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tom" Potts*



Judy Burvan - November 20, 2020 at 07:09 AM

GS

“ *Gary Sheffer lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tom" Potts*



Gary Sheffer - November 19, 2020 at 10:42 PM

DT

“ *Diana And Bob Tiede lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tom" Potts*



Diana and Bob Tiede - November 19, 2020 at 10:32 PM

JV

“ I loved Tom’s sense of humor. I’ll never forget how much he made me smile every time I came to visit. He will be missed. Praying for Mary Lou and her family.



Jocelyn Ventrello - November 19, 2020 at 09:02 PM

LR

“ Lori Templeton Rose lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tom" Potts



Lori Templeton Rose - November 19, 2020 at 08:39 PM

HL

“ Homer And Theresa Lakin lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tom" Potts



Homer and Theresa Lakin - November 19, 2020 at 08:17 PM