



Thomas E. Farmer

October 16, 1931 - March 31, 2024

As the saying goes ... you can't keep a good man down and Tom Farmer was one of the BEST. To some, he was the "Big Kahuna".

He was strong and passionate in everything he did from being an incredible "family man", a die-hard Notre Dame fan, golfer, dancer, puzzle solver, card player and all-around lover of life! With a twinkle in his blue eyes, he often entertained his family by singing all sorts of songs from Tommy Dorsey (Marie) to Bob Marley. Tom was reliable and kind from saving baby ducklings to helping countless family members with anything they needed. And children loved him!

Tom was born in Toledo, Ohio to Maurice G. Farmer and Marie (Schlagheck) Farmer, the second child of seven siblings. He attended St. Charles Borromeo grade school and after graduating, attended Saint Meinrad Seminary in Indiana. He completed his high school years at Central Catholic High School, graduating in 1950. He also attended the University of Dayton for one year before enlisting in the U.S. Air Force. After basic training, he was sent to school in Fargo, N.D. and then to bases in California. He played first baseman while in the Air Force and evidently played so well, that when the pitcher was transferred to another base, he requested a transfer for Tom too!

While stationed in Ruislip, England in 1955, for his final year in the Air Force,

he met Pamela J. Maidment, his wife of 23 years which ended in divorce in 1979. They raised two daughters who idolized their dad, Gail (Drew) Masse and Frances Farmer (Daniel) as well as two beautiful granddaughters, Ellen and Haley Masse who will miss him dearly.

Tom and Janet Dame would then share a life together for forty-five years until his passing at home on Easter Sunday morning, at 92 years of age. During their years together, Tom loved and was loved by Janet's children: Angie (Ralph) Juhnke, Linda (Jeff) Johnoff, Julie (Keith) Large, Sue (Lynn) Ireland, and Jennifer (Harry) Hiler as well as Janet's grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He will be greatly missed by all.

Tom was a hard-working man and worked for many years at Spicer Dana Corporation in Toledo as a machine set-up operator. Through his hard work, his family was able to enjoy many, many trips together both overseas and throughout the U.S.

Tom is survived by his brother Richard (Kathy) Farmer and sisters Peggy (Nick) Huffer and Marylu (Tom) Gouttierre as well as many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father Maurice, mother Marie (Herman Poscharscky), sisters Nancy (Jim) Allen and Patricia (Norm) Harrigan and youngest brother and beloved friend Mickey (Bobbie) Farmer.

A visitation will be held at Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Road, Toledo, Ohio between 3:00 and 8:00 p.m. on Friday, April 5th with a Scripture Service at 7:00 p.m. A Funeral Mass will be held at Corpus Christi Catholic Church, 2955 Dorr Street, Toledo, Ohio on Saturday, April 6th at 9:00 a.m. with a celebration of life luncheon to follow. No graveside services will be held.

Contributions in Tom's honor can be made to Ohio Living Hospice or a charity of your choice. The family would like to thank Ohio Living Hospice for the

loving care given to him at home.

Tom truly touched many lives and the memories of him will help sustain those who loved him. As Tom would say "until we meet again ... No Shenanigans!"

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 5. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home
1770 S. Reynolds Road
Toledo, OH 43614

Scripture Service

APR 5. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Mass

APR 6. 9:00 AM (ET)

Corpus Christi University Parish
2955 Dorr St
Toledo, OH 43607

Tribute Wall

DW

“ Gail and Frances, My condolences on the passing of your Dad. As a youngster living across the street on Gould Rd I loved your Dad and always outside willing to play catch. What a great man for sure and I know he will be missed. I will never forget him. Dave Williams

Dave Williams - April 07, 2024 at 12:18 AM

FF

Wow Dave, it's been forever since we were neighbors! Thank you so much for the memories....he was a wonderful man and we will miss him dearly

Frances

Frances Farmer - April 07, 2024 at 10:22 AM

GM

Dave that means so much to us. Thanks for reaching out because I know he always loved our neighborhood "family" on Gould Road.
Gail

Gail Masse - April 27, 2024 at 10:03 AM

MK

“ My Thoughts and prayers to Tom's 2 daughters Gail and Fran. His longtime love Janet and the families. Had the opportunity to re-connect with Tom the last several years, seeing him at a few Dame family functions and an annual drawing for a March Madness pool at the Players Club! Two Great Toledo Memories! How appropriate, that Tom being a huge IRISH fan, he would spend 4 plus decades with a "Dame". I should have nicknamed Janet "Notre"!!! So sorry for your loss.

M Kreuz - April 05, 2024 at 06:29 PM

GM

*I love this! I'm taking you up on the nickname.
Janet Notre. :)*

Gail Masse - April 27, 2024 at 10:05 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of
Thomas E. Farmer.*



April 05, 2024 at 10:25 AM

JR

“ *Tommy was such a great guy..even after I was not “officially” a part
of the Farmer family, he always treated me with such love. I knew
that no matter what the circumstance, I could call him and he would
be there for me. What a full life he lived, and how fortunate were
those who were part of his life to have known him. He was a special
uncle to my sons and to their families. He was the anchor of the
Farmer family, and loved so much. I hope that all who loved this
special guy will cherish his memory, and that these memories will
ease their sorrow., Love, Joy and Jerry Roman*

joy Roman - April 04, 2024 at 05:56 PM

GM

*I am so grateful for you Aunt Joy. Dad had so much love to give and
you were such an important part of our lives that I am glad he was
there for you. Thanks so much to you and Jerry for being there with us.
Love you, Gail*

Gail Masse - April 27, 2024 at 10:07 AM

JR

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joy Roman - April 04, 2024 at 05:45 PM

JR

Tom with his younger brother, Mickey

joy Roman - April 04, 2024 at 05:46 PM

GM

I remember that day because I was a little girl and got to be there. They were kindred spirits and are hopefully sharing a margarita up stairs. :)

Gail Masse - April 27, 2024 at 10:08 AM

AG

“ *Even so I knew that his health was declining and that he was in a very progressed each already, I was still shocked by the fact that he left us. Tom was the father of my ex-wife Frances, and when I came from Germany in 1996 to the United States he embraced me with open arms. Tom was a larger than life guy and he had the heart of an elephant if not a dinosaur. He was the man who helped me to make the US my home and he was the person who was all there if you could help. I don't remember how often he took me and Frances to the airport, but I do remember, when we had to reschedule our trip to Shanghai, because he was in the hospital and we thought we could lose him - that one time he couldn't take us. Tom, you are greatly missed, I send you my wishes from France - where I live now - and I regret I couldn't be there in your last hours. You will be in my heart and mind until my time has come. From the depth of my heart, Allan Guilpain.*

Allan Guilpain - April 04, 2024 at 04:42 PM

AG

Oh - the priest mentioned the peace kiss on the mouth! Unmistakable sign that you are now part of the Farmer clan 😊. It prepared me for my life here in France, where you are welcomed by the brother's kiss on both cheeks.

Allan Guilpain - April 06, 2024 at 02:17 PM

GM

Allan - Thank you so much for your beautiful tribute to our dad. Dad had so much love to give that I am happy you were part of our clan! I couldn't be happier for you that you are now settled in France because of your love for that country. I hope to visit you there one day. :)

Gail Masse - April 27, 2024 at 10:11 AM

CV

“ 2 files added to the album VIDEO TRIBUTE



COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - April 04, 2024 at 01:39 PM

LK

“ Leo&Rita, Layne&Cole Kramer purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Thomas E. Farmer.



Leo&Rita, Layne&Cole Kramer - April 03, 2024 at 04:06 PM

LP

“ Uncle Tom one of my earliest memories of you encouraging me leap from your garage roof into your back yard pool at the age of five !!! What a man , strong , supportive, full of fun and love , you will be greatly missed by family and friends and all whose hearts you touched. RIP all my love your nephew Lee

Lee Prentice - April 03, 2024 at 04:10 AM

GM

Lee, he loved you too sweetheart. ❤️

Gail Masse - April 03, 2024 at 07:58 AM