



Thomas J. "Tommy" Grant

November 9, 1955 - November 29, 2025

Thomas J. "Tommy" Grant, age 70, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, November 29, 2025 at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee. He was born on November 9, 1955, the ninth of fifteen children born to Daniel and Elizabeth Grant. Tommy married Jill (Berghouse) Grant in Kankakee on August 11, 1990.

Tommy was a member of St. John Paul II Catholic Church, formerly St. Martin of Tours, where he served as an altar boy growing up. He attended Southern Illinois University and was a graduate of Kankakee Community College and Bishop McNamara High School.

Tommy began working for LaCost Amusements in 1977 and purchased the business in 2013 renaming it Grant Amusements. He made many lifelong friends of the customers he supplied with juke boxes, pool tables, and various other coin-operated games. They appreciated his honesty in business dealings and his work ethic. His favorite waitstaff will miss his humor and generous tips. Tommy was a father figure and a supportive and loving uncle to his many nieces and nephews. He was always ready to help fix broken toys, tune up bikes, assist with school and home projects, and give advice when needed.

Surviving are his wife of 35 years, Jill of Kankakee; brothers David (Terri)

Grant and Patrick Grant of Bourbonnais, Jeffrey (Beth) Grant, Matthew (Kathy) Grant, and Peter (Lesley) Grant of Kankakee; sisters Kristin Grant, Denys Grant, Laurie Bass, Lisa Grant, Julie Martin, Martine Berghouse, and Danita Swanson of Kankakee; sister-in-law, Pamela Grant of Kankakee; brother-in-law Kim (Jenny) Jensen of Yorktown, VA; and an aunt, Teddy Brosseau of Kankakee. In addition, he has over 80 nieces and nephews who will miss him dearly but will have incredible memories of Uncle Tommy forever.

Tommy was preceded in death by his parents; brother Dana Grant; sister Donna Grant; brothers-in-law, Kurt Berghouse and Dirk Martin; sisters-in-law Nina Grant, Diana Grant, and Suzanne Berghouse Graham; in-laws Richard and Irma Jean Berghouse; a nephew Kyle Chillemi; and a niece Marissa Grant.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial visitation will be held from 2:00 PM until 7:00 PM with an interim 5:00 PM memorial service on Monday, December 8, 2025 at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee. A private inurnment will be later at St. Joseph Cemetery in Manteno.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society honoring friends and family, or to the family to donate to local Kankakee events which Tommy loved to attend.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Cemetery

9000 E. Road
Manteno, IL 60950
(815) 263-6287

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

DEC 8. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home
1480 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Memorial Service

DEC 8. 5:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DF

“ *My condolences to Jeff and the entire Grant family*

David Finch - December 27, 2025 at 05:59 AM

MB

“ *I'm so sorry to hear of Tommy's death. My prayers go out to his entire family.*

Marian Barry - December 22, 2025 at 10:17 AM

PZ

“ *I was saddened to learn of Tom's passing. My sincere condolences to all of Tom's family.*

Paul Ziemer - December 08, 2025 at 06:36 PM

GP

“ *Jill and the entire Grant family. My thoughts are with you during this very difficult time. Jill and Tom were my “Gateway” into the entire Grant family many years ago and what an amazing family it is! Tommy, your passing will impact so many people for so long. , as did your life. You are one of the good ones who blessed us with your presence but left us too early.*

Gordon Perino - December 08, 2025 at 11:07 AM

SR

“ *Jill and family, We are so very sorry to hear of Tom's passing. Our hearts are with you at this difficult time. Susan & Mark Reising*

Susan Reising - December 07, 2025 at 11:12 PM

AK

“ My sympathies to Tim’s family. May your memories shared bring you great comfort.
I attended Bishop McNamara with Tom and his brother, Jeff. They were such nice men.
Tom impressed me as someone who cared about others and it appears he carried that through his entire life. Well done, Tom.
Enjoy the journey to Heaven and may we be blessed to join you!

Anne Hogan Keegan - December 07, 2025 at 02:53 PM

RW

“ Jill, I am so very sorry to hear about your loss. I am thinking about you and beaming good thoughts of strength and comfort your direction. Roger Webber

Roger Webber - December 05, 2025 at 01:39 PM

MS

“ Jill I am so sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers to you and the family!



Michelle Sadler - December 04, 2025 at 10:15 AM

JR

“ Very sorry to hear of Tommy’s passing. My sincere condolences to all of his friends and family.



Jim Riley - December 04, 2025 at 09:50 AM

SP

“ Sherry P. lit a candle in memory of Thomas J. "Tommy" Grant



Sherry P. - December 04, 2025 at 09:31 AM

SP

Jill and the Grant family my sincere condolences. May God wrap you all in his love 🙏

Sherry P. - December 04, 2025 at 09:34 AM

SN

“ Steven L. Norman lit a candle in memory of Thomas J. "Tommy" Grant



Steven L. Norman - December 03, 2025 at 06:30 PM

SN

From a former St. Martin altar boy to another, rest in peace Tommy 🙏 My condolences to Jill and the Grant family ...

Steven L. Norman - December 03, 2025 at 06:50 PM

CT

“ RIP Tommy

Chet and Bucko Tooper - December 03, 2025 at 12:29 PM

LG

“ My husband John (now deceased) was great friends with Tom. They worked together at Lacost Amusements for years. Tom was a great man and I hope he greets the heavenly gates with John and the Grant family. And Jill I pray for your strength. I have been there. Prayers to you. 🙏

LINDA BAUMAN ST GERMAINE - December 02, 2025 at 09:13 PM

DW

“ Jill I'm so so sorry for your loss .Prayers to you and your family. 🙏
Walt & Debbie Wall

Debbie Wall - December 02, 2025 at 02:24 PM

MT

“ On behalf of the Johnson family, we extend our heartfelt condolences to the Grant family. May God's love surround you and bring comfort as you remember Tommy and the beautiful life he lived.

Maureen (Johnson) Thompson - December 02, 2025 at 01:27 PM



“ Blessings to Tommy on his heavenly journey. Condolences Jill, to you and the grant family. What sadness to lose him so young. Tommy was always so jovial and friendly. His smile always lit up the area when he entered!



nansi chandler-norum - December 02, 2025 at 12:34 AM

MB

“ *The Mullinax family are sending Jill, and the entire Grant family, our sincere condolences, and prayers during this very difficult time. May God wrap Tommy in his arms, and watch over each and every one of you. 🙏*

Mary Mullinax Brandt - December 01, 2025 at 07:45 PM

SB

“ *We are sending Jill and the entire Grant family our condolences and prayers during this extremely hard time. Sue and Dave Boudreau*

Susan Boudreau - December 01, 2025 at 07:20 PM



“ *Kaye Wallace lit a candle in memory of Thomas J. "Tommy" Grant*



Kaye Wallace - December 01, 2025 at 05:11 PM

LS

“ *sorry for your loss*



Larry Suprenant - December 01, 2025 at 05:07 PM

TM

“ *Tom Mallaney lit a candle in memory of Thomas J. "Tommy" Grant*



Tom Mallaney - December 01, 2025 at 04:44 PM

RB

“ *I am so very sorry for your family's loss. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers.*



Rhonda Bouchard - December 01, 2025 at 04:17 PM