



## Thomas Laurent

October 31, 1945 - September 9, 2009

Thomas Laurent -- Martinton Thomas "Tom" Laurent, 60, of Martinton, died Saturday (Sept. 9, 2006) from injuries on Aug. 19. Visitation will be from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, with a 7 p.m. wake service, at the Clancy-Gernon-Houk Funeral Home, St. Anne. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Beaverville. Rev. Robert Coleman will officiate. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery, Beaverville. Memorials to the restoration of St. Mary's Church or to the St. Mary's Hall Painting Fund would be greatly appreciated. Mr. Laurent was a farmer in the Martinton and Beaverville area. He was born Oct. 31, 1945, to Harry and Parmelle Regnier Laurent in Kankakee. Tom graduated from St. Anne High School and Eastern Illinois University. Tom was a member of St. Mary's Church, Beaverville, served as a Eucharistic Minister, usher, member of Founders Day committee and restoration road crew and supporter of St. Mary's "Souls of Harmony." He was a substitute teacher for Donovan and Clifton schools. He was a trustee on the Martinton Fire Department for 15 years. He served in the Vietnam War from 1968-1972 and earned the Bronze Star medal. Survivors include his wife, the former Judy Knorr, whom he married April 11, 1997, in Kankakee; one son, John Laurent of Victorville, Calif.; two stepsons, Greg and Sheila Knorr of Clifton, Terry Knorr and Randy McGill of Bourbonnais; one stepdaughter, Cindy and Joe Jamnik of Kankakee; one brother, Norm and Janis Laurent of Naperville; one grandson, Jake Laurent of California; seven stepgrandchildren, Tim, Chris and Jenna "Monkey" Jamnik of Kankakee,

Lane, Austin, Mason and Kenton Knorr of Clifton, and three stepgreat-grandchildren. Also surviving are two special sisters-in-law, Mary Nugent of Manteno, and Betty and Jerry Paquette of Bourbonnais; one brother-in-law and sister-in-law, John and Peggy Christiansen of Denham Springs, La.; a special friend and mother of grandson Jake, Jeana Laurent of California; mother-in-law, Virginia Christiansen of Bradley; and many nieces and nephews; and extended families. He is preceded in death by his parents; two brothers-in-law, Danny Nugent and Jerry Gleason; and father-in-law, Wilson Christiansen.

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“ Judy and family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in the loss of Tom. I had just saw you both at my moms sale and he always had a smile on his face and always made everyone around him smile also. He will be missed by many.##imported-begin##Vickie and Kevin Stroo##imported-end##

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“ I have known Tom from the St Anne Academy school days..Tom was in the same class as my brother Jim Starkey they played basketball together at the academy and also in high school.I always enjoyed Tom and he had such a great smile.He was humorous,witty and I enjoyed talking with him. He will be truly missed. i¿½My deepest sympathy to his family.##imported-begin##Roberta Starkey Russell##imported-end##

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“ I am so sorry to hear of Tom's death. I will always have fond memories of him from high school days. My sympathy goes out to his family.##imported-begin##Joan (Henneinke) Gehm##imported-end##

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“ I am so sorry to hear of Tom##imported-begin##Joan (Henneinke) Gehm##imported-end##

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“ Dear Judy and Family:<br><br>My heart goes out to you. I hope you will forgive me for not coming to the wake. I don't think I would be much help to you. I will say a special prayer for you. I call me when things quiet down. Love Mickey##imported-begin##Mickey Kreissler##imported-end##

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“ He was always a fun person to be around when he was substituting at Donovan, because he would always joke around with the kids and that was always a lot of fun. He was always very nice about everything.##imported-begin##Brian Newman##imported-end##

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“ John, Judy & Family:  
 We are so very sad to hear of your loss. Tommy was a good man and will truly be missed by all. You're in our thoughts & prayers. Sue "Reichert" Ryan

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“ So sorry for your loss, Tom was a great man. He was always ready to i time while teaching the kids and always willing to help anyone in need. children have shared several fond memories about when he taught the Donovan. Greg will miss Tom taking up the collection at church he wou play around with Tom and Tom would bop him on the head with the ba. Greg would laugh. Tom always had a smile on his face. We appreciate done for the church and the community. He will be missed greatly! Our and prayers are with you.

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“ My family and I wanted to express our deepest sympathies to Tom's family and friends. Norm, I am thinking about you.  
  
Though Tom and I haven't seen each other much since high school days, those, and those preceding, contained a significant amount of great memories, growth experiences, and activities that probably shaped both our lives to some extent.  
  
Tom always stood out for his heart. He always invested every amount of energy and ability he had in whatever he did. It was a soft and compassionate heart as well. I can easily visualize him donating his time and energy to prepare for the Beaverville gathering.  
  
He has moved on to a better place, and we celebrate his life.   
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“ My deepest sympathy to Tom's family. A special hug to John and to Norm and Janis. Love, Jeanne  
##imported-begin##Jeanne Kinder##imported-end##

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