



Thomas W. Maass

March 2, 1925 - September 3, 2021

Thomas W. Maass, age 96, of Kankakee passed away Friday, September 3, 2021 at Heritage Village in Kankakee. He was born March 2, 1925 in Kankakee, the son of William & Theresa (Ray) Maass. Thomas married Mary Jannusch on September 28, 1946 in Kankakee.

Thomas was the former Police Chief in Kankakee from 1965-1970. He also served as Sheriff of Kankakee County from 1970-1974. He was a lifetime member of the Shriners, American Legion Post 85, Kankakee V.F.W. and the Kankakee Elks. He was a member of the National Association of Sheriff's and the National Association of Police Chief's. Thomas helped W.D. Gousset with the formation of The Hundred Club and was honored by the American Red Cross for achieving 16 gallon blood donation. He enjoyed reading, gardening, and traveling.

He was a veteran of the United States Army having served in the 101st Airborne Division. He participated in D-Day and served as an M.P. in England and Paris.

Surviving are his wife, Mary Maass of Kankakee; one son and daughter-in-law, Thomas C. & Miriam Maass of Kankakee; one daughter and son-in-law, Janet & Rick Foltz of Santa Rosa Beach, FL; and three grandchildren, Casey Maass, Rachel Maass (Andy Lopez), and Lauren (Trevor) Baron. Thomas is preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, William, Rodney, and James; and one sister, Rosemary Morrison.

Private family services will be held. Interment will be at Abraham Lincoln

National Cemetery in Elwood.

Memorials may be made to the Uplifted Care, St. John United Church of Christ, or Salvation Army.

Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 Hoff Road
Elwood, IL 60421

Tribute Wall

Anne
Fiordalisi

“ Anne Fiordalisi lit a candle in memory of
Thomas W. Maass



Anne Fiordalisi - January 14, 2022 at 10:42 AM

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Fiordalisi

“ My name is Anne Marie Fiordalisi, I am the granddaughter to Violet Ray. My Mom, brother Bobby and sister Louise took a train from Cleveland to Chicago then to the Maass family farm to visit Grandma family. This was in the later 60's. I remember grandma told me we had a police chef in the family. I think I remember seeing him' May he rest in peace. XXXOOO

Anne Fiordalisi - January 14, 2022 at 10:42 AM

IS

“ Tom was great guy, worked with him and his son at Shapiro Developmental Center we had a lot of fun and had a few beers now and then, take care my friend Ike & Sheryl Sutherland



Ike & Sheryl Sutherland - September 26, 2021 at 02:01 PM

PZ

“ Tom, sorry to learn of the passing of your dad. Condolences to you and tour family.

Paul Ziemer - September 14, 2021 at 04:14 PM

MM

“ *Michael & Rita Morris lit a candle in memory of Thomas W. Maass*



Michael & Rita Morris - September 13, 2021 at 11:35 AM

TD

“ *Tom & Miriam. So sad to learn of the passing of your father. I feel fortunate to have met him through my parents when I was growing up. Nice guy, great police Chief and Sheriff. My condolences to the family.*

Tom Dandelles - September 12, 2021 at 02:35 PM

CB

“ *Sympathy at the loss of a great man, may your memories bring joy often. Chris Buhr*

Chris Buhr - September 12, 2021 at 06:47 AM

LJ

“ *Tom was a wonderful friend to my family, and helped us on many occasions. One of the really great guys.*

Lynn Reilly Jackson

Lynn Jackson - September 11, 2021 at 02:24 PM



“ *I Have You In My Heart Plush Blanket was purchased for the family of Thomas W. Maass.*



September 11, 2021 at 10:40 AM



“ *My condolences to your family. I had the pleasure of helping Tom and Mary for a while. I loved listening to Tom's stories. He was a joy to be around. My thoughts and prayers go out to all of you.*

Melissa Eckhardt - September 10, 2021 at 11:12 PM



“ *My condolences to you Tom, Miriam , your mom and family. Always enjoyed talking and laughing with your dad at work. Take care*

Elizabeth Jenkins - September 09, 2021 at 12:21 PM



“ *My dad, Glen Dubree, was a friend of Tom's back in the day. My dad was a deputy sheriff and we lived on the Southside*

Glendal Kilbride - September 08, 2021 at 01:29 PM



“ *Tom was a great man rip sorry for family*



Larry suprenant - September 08, 2021 at 12:27 PM

LY

“ Tom was a great man, will always have a special place in my heart,
Prayers to his family

Larry Yoakum - September 08, 2021 at 11:14 AM

VD

“ Virginia R Dominick lit a candle in memory of
Thomas W. Maass



Virginia R Dominick - September 08, 2021 at 11:12 AM

JB

“ Thoughts,prayers and sympathies are with all of you. Tom was a
great man.

Riverview Pharmacy

John Bourrell - September 07, 2021 at 11:33 PM

LT

I feel bad for the family. I grew up across the street from "Mr. Maass"
We were always lucky because the Sheriff lived by us. But he was
always the same person, no matter his title. He showed kindness and
respect to everyone. Then, he was just as good to My kids. Prayers to
the family.

Lisa Trumble - September 08, 2021 at 11:54 PM

CK

“ What a long life of service to his country and his community!
Prayers and condolences to his family.

Chris Keller - September 07, 2021 at 05:14 PM

GM

“ *My deepest condolences on the passing of Tom.* ”

Gary Mitchell - September 07, 2021 at 01:26 PM