



## Thomas C. Merten

October 28, 1947 - November 24, 2021

Thomas C. Merten, age 74, of Bradley, passed away Wednesday, November 24, 2021 at his home.

He was born October 28, 1947 in Kankakee, the son of Clarence & Luella Berns Merten.

He married Kathleen Hayhurst on April 15, 1978 in Kankakee.

Thomas worked for Armstrong. After his retirement, he worked part time at Court Street Ford.

He made leather belts, holsters, or really anything that anybody wanted. He enjoyed golfing, camping at Lake Clinton, and fishing. He loved his dogs and playing "Santa Claus."

He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

Thomas was a parishioner of Maternity B.V.M. Catholic Church in Bourbonnais.

Surviving are his wife of 43 years, Kathleen Merten of Bradley; one son and daughter-in-law, Kurtis & Melissa Merten of LaCross, WI; two daughters, Roxanne Logan of Lafayette, IN and Melissa Merten of Bradley; one sister, Patricia & Melvin Hebert of Herscher; one brother, Daniel & Debbie Merten of Bourbonnais; and three grandchildren, Kylee, Nathan, and Seth.

Thomas is preceded by his parents; two infant children, Christina and Thomas; one infant brother, William; and one granddaughter, Camilla.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

There will be no visitation.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, December 3 2021 at Maternity B.V.M. Catholic Church in Bourbonnais. Rev. Jason Nesbit will celebrate the Mass.

Inurnment will follow at All Saints Cemetery in Bourbonnais.

Memorials may be made to Maternity B.V.M. Catholic Church.

Arrangements by Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais.

# Cemetery Details

## All Saints Cemetery

1839 W. Route 102  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914  
(815) 933-2342

# Previous Events

## Memorial Mass

DEC 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

Maternity B.V.M. Catholic Church  
308 E. Marsile  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914  
(815) 933-8285  
<http://www.mbvchurch.org/>

# Tribute Wall

DA

“ I hope someone sees this at such a late date. I just saw Tom's name in the Spring 2022 Irish Update "Rest In Peace" column. I no longer have any kin in the Kankakee area so I had no way of knowing about Tom's passing. He and I were early childhood friends and neighbors on Grand Ave in Bradley and went to St Joe's and Bishop Mac together. We are/were the same age. Tom, Jimmy Prince and I were fast friends as kids, having met around age 5 when our folks moved to Grand. We roamed the neighborhood together and enjoyed being kids. After highschool we lost touch as I moved away and out of state. I will always remember Tom as a kind, caring person with a sense of humility uncharacteristic of many kids. I hope he was that way as an adult too. His photo which accompanies this obituary reminds me of his father, "Buck". So long old friend.

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**Dave Anderson** - April 18, 2022 at 06:01 PM

MA

“ Kathy and family I'm so sorry for your loss. Tom was a great guy. I'll never forget the time he shot me with an arrow when I was 5. He was playing being a hunter ( he told me to keep my head under the picnic table but no did I listen ) he felt so bad when he brought me home that he broke his bow and arrows in half. He will truly be missed. God bless 🙏🏻🙏🏻

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**Mary Adams** - December 03, 2021 at 08:50 PM

DR

“ Tom had the kindest heart and would do anything for a friend. He will truly be missed. I had the privilege of working with Tom and being a camping family too. ❤️❤️❤️

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**Debbie Raines** - December 03, 2021 at 07:48 PM

KD

“ *Kathy,  
We are so sorry to hear of Tom's passing. Our  
condolences to you and your family.  
Kathy Decker and Joe Marcotte*



**Kathy Decker** - December 02, 2021 at 04:24 PM

TB

“ *Our Deepest Sympathy to Tom's family. He  
was a super & fun guy. I (Tim) worked at  
Armstrong with him. RIP Tom.*



**Tim & Vickie Bertrand** - December 01, 2021 at 06:08 PM

DT

“ *Kathy so sorry for your loss 😞 My deepest condolences to you and  
your family. 🌹🌹🌹🌹🌹🌹*

**Deborah Tofte** - December 01, 2021 at 04:15 PM

ML

“ *MARK LAMORE lit a candle in memory of  
Thomas C. Merten*



**MARK LAMORE** - November 29, 2021 at 11:34 AM

BD

“ *Jim DuVall, my husband, we're great friends. They loved talking cars. Tom was Ford and Jim was Chevy. Tom really loved it when in 2016, Jim bought a new Ford truck. Rest In Peace Tom*

**Betty DuVall** - November 28, 2021 at 08:59 PM

KP

“ *Sending my deepest sympathy to you and yours. Tom was one of the nicest people I know as an adult and as playmate as part of the Grand Avenue kids growing up.*

**Kathy Pechauer** - November 28, 2021 at 06:48 PM

JE

“ *Kathy & Family. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

**Julie Ponikvar Ebersole** - November 27, 2021 at 07:55 PM

GM

“ *Gene McHugh lit a candle in memory of Thomas C. Merten*



**Gene McHugh** - November 27, 2021 at 04:38 PM

RO

“ *Roberta Olson lit a candle in memory of Thomas C. Merten*



**Roberta Olson** - November 27, 2021 at 12:31 PM

BP

*Kathy I am so very sorry for your loss. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Barbara Phillips** - November 28, 2021 at 10:29 PM