

Thomas E. Renchen

March 31, 1952 - August 12, 2019

Thomas E. Renchen, age 67, of Manteno passed away Monday, August 12, 2019. He was born on March 31, 1952 in Kankakee, the son of Frank Jr. & Vera B. (Bowman) Renchen. Thomas married Joyce Bisselle on December 16, 1977 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manteno.

Thomas grew up on a farm where he learned his many talents of being able to fix many things from watching his Grandfather. Thomas graduated from Manteno High School as the Salutatorian and received his Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Illinois State University. After his father passed away in 1975, Thomas ran the operations of Sunny Acres Mobile Home Park for over twenty five years.

Thomas was interested in genealogy, and he enjoyed flying planes. He liked going to car shows and had an affinity for antique Jeeps to hunt for parts for his 1948 Willy's Jeep that he was in the process of restoring. He supported different organizations, but was significantly involved with the American Cancer Society – Relay For Life and Alzheimer's Association. Most of all, he enjoyed spending time with his family.

Thomas was a former member and past President of the Manteno Chamber of Commerce and a lifetime member of the Manteno Sportsman's Club.

Thomas was involved in St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manteno in several ministries and was a member of Immanuel United Church of Christ in Peotone, where he taught Sunday school with his wife and served on church council as a trustee, Elder, and then Senior Elder of the church.

Surviving are his wife, Joyce Renchen of Manteno; one daughter and son-in-law, Nicole Renchen & Igal Rubinshtein of Chicago; one son & daughter-in-law, Kyle Thomas & Jennifer Renchen of Bloomington; two grandchildren, Luke and Cora Renchen; two brothers and one sister-in-law, Richard Renchen of Manteno and William & Judith Renchen of Bourbonnais; one aunt, Nedine Bowman, and life-long family friends, Karen Contois of Momence and Clifford & Sharon Hamilton of Manteno. Thomas was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Robert R. Renchen; paternal grandparents, Frank Sr. & Lillian (Stauffenberg) Renchen; and one aunt, Marian Katherine Renchen. Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial visitation will be held from 10 a.m. until the time of the 11 a.m. memorial mass on Monday, August 19, 2019 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manteno. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or the American Cancer Society. Arrangements by Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Manteno.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

AUG **19**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Church
207 S. Main St.
Manteno, IL 60950
(815) 468-3403
<http://www.stjosephmanteno.com>

Memorial Mass

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Tribute Wall

CC

“ Catherine Crunk lit a candle in memory of Thomas E. Renchen



Catherine crunk - September 15, 2022 at 08:46 PM

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Catherine Crunk - February 03, 2021 at 01:20 AM

CC

Tom your very missed by me cathy crunk.i miss all the laughs we had together.and arm wrestling..lol that was us.im sure you see vern in heaven with you.i just wanted to drop a line.my condolences to joyce.she loved you.god bless you save me a seat.. 🙌😎🙏

Catherine crunk - September 15, 2022 at 08:49 PM

MH

“ I grew up with Nicole from 4th grade on through high school. Joyce and Tom were wonderful parents and were always great to talk to. They were always supportive and very proud of their kids. I had the pleasure of waiting on Joyce and Tom while I worked at cracker barrel for several years between 2011 and 2016 and I always enjoyed seeing them and hearing about the family. I'm so very very sorry to hear about the passing of Tom. My thoughts, prayers, and condolences are with all who were close to him. <3<3<3

Maureen Werntz Hess - August 27, 2019 at 08:22 PM

EG

“ We grew up with Tom always living across the street from us. He was so much more than a friend. I will always be grateful for his brotherhood with Cliff. Tom is one of our angels now and will always be grateful for the time he spent loving us.

eveline gagliano - August 20, 2019 at 12:56 PM

MH

“ Many memories of you sharing love, a helping hand, prayers before we dug into a shared meal. Hug paul and bobby and yur mom for me. <3

Melanie Holmes - August 18, 2019 at 10:25 PM

JF

“ James & Ann Ford (Family) lit a candle in memory of Thomas E. Renchen



James & Ann Ford (Family) - August 18, 2019 at 06:20 PM

JA

We send our love and prayers to you and your family. We will always remember the good times and His smile & jokes. The Lord be with You !

James - August 18, 2019 at 06:28 PM

LN

“ Joyce, so very sorry for your loss. I grew up living in Sunny Acres Mobile Home Park and Tom was always so great to us. He will never be forgotten. My prayers and thoughts are with you.



Lori Satkowski Nichols - August 18, 2019 at 11:36 AM

TT

*“ Joyce and Family,
We are so saddened to hear of Tom's passing and our prayers are with you and your family. Tom & Janice Taylor*

Thomas N Taylor - August 18, 2019 at 10:45 AM

CC

“ Sooo sorry. We will miss him soo much. He was always so helping to all he met and never saw him without a smile on his face. God has a great one up there helping him . Love to you all. Frank and Camille Carlson

Camille Carlson - August 18, 2019 at 10:41 AM

PS

“ Joyce and family,
I'm so sorry for your loss. Tom was always so friendly and kind. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Paula Shelton

paula shelton - August 18, 2019 at 07:17 AM

VK

“ The holidays will never be the same. We will miss you so much! Love always, Eric, Val, Alan, Chloe, & Taylor❤️



Val Kietzman - August 18, 2019 at 06:58 AM

BT

“ So sorry to hear about Tom's passing. He was very helpful and resourceful when we worked together for MHS Show Choir. He put his heart and soul into everything he did and it showed. Our thoughts and prayers to the Renchen Family.

Barry Thompson - August 17, 2019 at 04:48 PM

AM

“ Joyce,
I am so sorry to here about Tom. Your family is in my prayers.

ann mcclain - August 17, 2019 at 03:53 PM

BH

“ *Bonnie And Jerry Holman lit a candle in memory of Thomas E. Renchen*



Bonnie and Jerry Holman - August 17, 2019 at 02:20 PM

BH

We lived in Sunny Acres many years ago. Frank was our landlord. Remember Tom well.

Bonnie and Jerry Holman - August 17, 2019 at 02:22 PM

PG

“ *Patrick Gee lit a candle in memory of Thomas E. Renchen*



Patrick Gee - August 17, 2019 at 01:18 PM

PG

Gone much too soon! R.I.P. Thomas. Many good memories from all our years in school and especially all our times at the Manteno Beach. 🙏



Patrick Gee - August 17, 2019 at 01:23 PM

DS

“ *My deepest sympathy to the family. Tom was very nice man and very helpful to us when we moved to Sunny Acres and was good to all the kids. RIP*

Debbie Swaite - August 17, 2019 at 12:09 PM

AG

“ Amy Greenley lit a candle in memory of Thomas E. Renchen



Amy Greenley - August 17, 2019 at 10:58 AM

CH

“ Joyce and family. We are so very sorry for your loss of Tom. He will be missed by all who knew him. Prayers, hugs and love, Chris & Jim Hansley



Chris & Jim Hansley - August 16, 2019 at 12:30 PM

CR

“ Carolyn Rice lit a candle in memory of Thomas E. Renchen

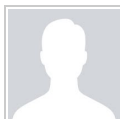


Carolyn Rice - August 16, 2019 at 10:43 AM

CR

Always Kankakee County Relay: Morning Star Evangelism team will miss you...Carolyn Team Captain

Carolyn Rice - August 16, 2019 at 10:45 AM



My family will truly miss our brother Tom, cause he was a part of our family. We will always remember what he meant to us, and have a place in our hearts, and prayers. The Hamiltons

Cliff Hamilton - August 17, 2019 at 12:22 PM

MM

“ MR MRS sent a virtual gift in memory of
Thomas E. Renchen



MR MRS - August 16, 2019 at 08:50 AM

RM

“ Rick And Kim (Dominick) Magruder lit a
candle in memory of Thomas E. Renchen



Rick and Kim (Dominick) Magruder - August 15, 2019 at 09:19 PM

MA

“ We are so sorry for your loss, beyond what words can convey. Tom
will be sorely missed by all who loved him. We feel privileged to be
among that group. Sending prayers and hugs to you and your
family, Marla and Rasmi Abdallah

Marla Abdallah - August 15, 2019 at 06:32 PM

CM

“ Don and I are so sorry to hear of your loss.
We will keep your family in our prayers. With
our condolences, Charmaine Morgan



Charmaine Morgan - August 15, 2019 at 06:19 PM

GH

“ We are so sorry to hear about Tom. Always really enjoyed him as a young man who I knew from having parties out at his folks with classmate, Bob Renchen, at church and of course, our neighbor. He was such a nice guy and know he will be missed by many. Our sincere condolences. Gary & Sue Hoskins

Gary & Sue Hoskins - August 15, 2019 at 05:20 PM

CG

“ Christine Genis lit a candle in memory of Thomas E. Renchen



Christine Genis - August 15, 2019 at 05:08 PM

CG

Very sorry for your loss Joyce. Sending prayers to you and your family.

Christine Genis - August 15, 2019 at 05:12 PM

TP

“ Joyce and family, I'm so sorry for your loss. Tom was one of the nicest guys you'd ever want to meet. So many memories when we lived at Sunny Acres and babysat Nicole. Prayers for you all.

Tammie Ozee Paladin - August 15, 2019 at 01:48 PM



“ Gabe Hegedus lit a candle in memory of Thomas E. Renchen



Gabe Hegedus - August 15, 2019 at 01:33 PM



I'm so very sorry for your tremendous loss, Prayers to you and your family.

Gabe Hegedus - August 15, 2019 at 01:32 PM

MM

“ *Mary Morgan lit a candle in memory of Thomas E. Renchen*



Mary Morgan - August 15, 2019 at 12:50 PM

MP

“ *I am so sorry to hear about Tom. My deepest sympathy to the family. I will always remember driving around the corner and seeing Nicole, Kyle, and Tom on the roof of the house. They were putting on a new roof! I was totally impressed!*

Marian Pollard-Wheeler - August 15, 2019 at 12:42 PM

MS

“ *Joyce and family. I am so sorry for your loss. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Relay won't be the same without him. He was truly a nice guy.*



Michelle Sadler - August 15, 2019 at 12:07 PM

VD

“*Joyce, Nicole, Kyle, all Tom's family. i don't have enough words to say how sorry I am. Such a fantastic guy and a true gentleman. Tom please R.I.P. until we meet again. my love Virginia.*



Virginia R Dominick - August 15, 2019 at 11:33 AM