



Thomas R. Stevenson

March 6, 1932 - December 14, 2010

A memorial service for Thomas R. "Tom" Stevenson, 78, of Chebanse, will be held at a later date in the summer. Cremation rites have been accorded. He died Tuesday (Dec. 14, 2010) at his residence. Arrangements are by the Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee. Mr. Stevenson was a mechanic at Bear Brand Hosiery. He also worked at Armstrong World Industries for 32 years, retiring in 1995. He was born March 6, 1932, in Chebanse, the son of James and Alice Haselow Stevenson. He served in the U.S. Army from 1952 to 1954 during the Korean conflict. Surviving are his wife, the former Mildred "Millie" Deany, whom he married Nov. 27, 1954, at Sts. Mary & Joseph Catholic Church in Chebanse; two sons and daughters-in-law, Michael and Marijo Stevenson, of Kankakee, Patrick and Kathy Stevenson, of Chebanse; one daughter, Amy Jo Stevenson, of Gilman; four grandchildren, Christopher, Timothy, Jennifer and Jill; six great-grandchildren, Chastian, Chance, Cole, Cooper, Kaden and Peyton; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Marie Vickery, of Aroma Park, and Karen and John Diel, of Wisconsin; and three brothers and sisters-in-law, Leslie and Brenda Stevenson, of Arkansas, Dale and Susan Stevenson, of Kankakee, and Kenneth "Slim" and Bonnie Stevenson, of Martinton. He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Mark Alan Stevenson; two brothers, Richard and Danny Stevenson; one sister and brother-in-law, Etta and Tom Aubertin; and one brother-in-law, Patrick Vickery.

Tribute Wall

Mose
Junior

“ *Mose Junior lit a candle in memory of
Thomas R. Stevenson*



Mose Junior - August 29, 2019 at 01:22 PM

JS

“ *Sending my Deepest Sympathy to all Tom's family. His smile and
laugh and most of all his kindness will never be forgotten. I bet he's
up there now making bird feeders for all the doves in heaven. I will
always treasure the one he made for me. His love of nature and
birds and all good things was his legacy. He will not soon be
forgotten. May he rest in peace.*

Joan Sweeney - December 23, 2010 at 08:29 AM

SB

“ *Tom Stevenson and his family have played a major part in our
family's lives. The Stevenson family have been our neighbors for
more year than I want to count. Tom was a good, kind hearted,
helpful and cheerful gentleman who was always available when you
needed a helping hand. He always had a big smile and a big hello!
We share with others when we say we will miss Tom. God Bless the
family. Our prayers are with you.*

Sharon Beegle - December 19, 2010 at 11:51 AM

HF

“ *To the Stevenson family...Tom will be greatly missed by our family. He was a special gentleman with a big heart. We have such special memories of him and will cherish them forever. We enjoyed each and every day we were able to be with him. We will keep your family in our prayers. He will be greatly missed.*
The Hoekstra's

Hoekstra family - December 18, 2010 at 08:58 PM

VT

“ *Viki Turngren lit a candle in memory of Thomas R. Stevenson*



Viki Turngren - December 18, 2010 at 06:51 PM

VT

“ *I've only known Tom for the past couple of years since becoming a member at the pit. It only took but a minute though, to see how special a person he was. He was easy to talk to and had a knack for making you feel right at ease. Kinda like you've known him all of your life. I loved to listen to his many stories and he had a bunch! God bless your family, Millie, in your hour of need. Tom will be sadly missed by many...*

Viki Turngren - December 18, 2010 at 06:50 PM

SF

“ *Millie, We just want to tell you and your family how special Tom was to me and my boys. He was truly a wonderful man. We came out to the pit not only to swim and sun, but to see Tom. You both are very special people and he will be missed alot. Take care Millie. Lisa, Tommy, Luke, Jesse, and Auggie Szczepanski*

Szczepanski Family - December 18, 2010 at 09:50 AM

RM

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Tom always came over to our garage sales or would just wander over to see what Ron was up to in the garage. We also knew him well when the kids were young & we took them to the pit. He will be missed by many!*



Ron Deb Meents - December 17, 2010 at 02:01 PM

SW

“ *millie my heart breaks for you and ur family.tom was what can i say you already know what a great man he was.we became fast friends from the first day we met.he had a way to make everyone feel special.and took for granted how special he was. he will be missed by many in so many ways God Bless*



sherry woolsey - December 17, 2010 at 08:40 AM

DP

“ *Folks like Tom made being in business a pleasure. It was always a so nice to see him come in. Dick Panozzo, Country Fruit Market. My sympathy to all of you.*

Dick Panozzo - December 16, 2010 at 07:39 PM

AW

“ *mr stevenson will always be in my heart, he was such a wonderful man and friend, mike and family ,let us remember the good time, with a big smile on our face, (knowing that this is what mr stevenson wanted) with a big smile on his face. may God keep you and your family in perfect peace. LOVE ANNIE.*

ANNIE WINFIELD\FAMILY - December 16, 2010 at 01:07 PM



“ *Millie, you were certainly blessed to share your life with such a wonderful man. He was so giving to everyone. We were always thankful for his generosity to the first graders at Chebanse with the birdhouses. What a memory! AND I just discovered that he and I shared the same birthday. May God hold you in His loving arms for comfort during this difficult time.*

Janet Sheppard - December 16, 2010 at 12:18 PM

PF

“ *Perez Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Thomas R. Stevenson*



Perez Family - December 16, 2010 at 09:33 AM

WF

“ *Walter Crosley And Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Thomas R. Stevenson*



Walter Crosley and Family - December 16, 2010 at 06:36 AM

MB

“ *Minnie Brewster lit a candle in memory of Thomas R. Stevenson*



minnie brewster - December 15, 2010 at 09:34 PM

WC

“ *When I think of Tom, I remember the day he came storming down the street to the station to complain about the gas prices on the outside sign (\$1 difference between grades instead of 10 cents). He did not find the humor in my little April Fools joke. Tom was a good man with a huge heart of gold that he hid behind that sometimes gruff exterior and will be greatly missed. Millie, you and your family have my deepest sympathies and are in my thoughts and prayers.*



Wally Carpenter - December 15, 2010 at 09:32 PM



“ *Dennis Deany lit a candle in memory of Thomas R. Stevenson*



Dennis Deany - December 15, 2010 at 09:17 PM

CB

“ Chris Benoit lit a candle in memory of
Thomas R. Stevenson



Chris Benoit - December 15, 2010 at 04:24 PM

JP

“ What can anyone say about Tom other than he was just the nicest man in the world! It seems like Tom was always outside puttering in the yard when I would be coming home off the interstate. He always had a big smile and a wave to make everyone feel welcome from their trips to town. The years we spent as members of the Pit are also filled with warm memories of Tom. I remember one time we spent hours sitting there talking about Type1 diabetes.

Millie, you were blessed to have Tom as your loving husband and father of your children. Now you will have him as your guardian angel always :)

Jodi Papineau - December 15, 2010 at 03:17 PM

RE

“ I have so many great memories of Tom and his family. I love all of you.

Devon & Tom have a lot of catching up to do. When Tom tried to teach J.R. to swim I remember J.R. saying "NO way Hosea!"

Thanks to Tom, Junior became a great swimmer. Praying for each of you as you are going through this difficult time.

love and hugs,

Reba

Reba Estes - December 15, 2010 at 01:37 PM

CF

“ About 40 years ago when we first joined "The Pit" I came out with 2 young children very afraid of deep water. Thanks to Tom's inexhaustible patience he had them swimming and unafraid in a short time. Tom was a very good friend. My prayers and thoughts are with the family and friends--I know he will be missed.

Chloe Frooninckx - December 15, 2010 at 12:33 PM