



## Thomas Wanamaker Jr.

June 2, 1969 - March 11, 2017

Thomas Wanamaker Jr., age 47, of Kankakee, passed away Saturday, March 11, 2017 following an accident.

He was born June 2, 1969 in Willoughby, OH, the son of Thomas Sr. & Lynda Hamilton Wanamaker.

Thomas married Sophie Konopka on October 19, 1987 in Carrollton, OH. He had been the Workforce Development Manager for the Manhattan Mechanical Services.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving for 20 years and was a proud tanker.

Thomas was a graduate of Chicago State University, earning a Bachelor of Arts Degree. He also graduated from Colorado Technical University, earning his Executive Masters of Business Administration degree.

He enjoyed helping people and loved the outdoors.

Surviving are his wife, Sophie Wanamaker of Kankakee; one son, Tyler Wanamaker of Kankakee; his mother, Lynda Wanamaker of White Oak, PA; one sister, Lesley Tassone of Willoughby, OH; and his maternal grandmother,

Louis Hamilton of Willoughby, OH.

Thomas is preceded in death by his father.

Visitation will be held 2:00 – 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 19, 2017 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais.

Funeral Procession will leave at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, March 20, 2017 from Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home for an 11:00 a.m. military burial at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the donor's choice in memory of Thomas.

# Cemetery Details

## Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 Hoff Road  
Elwood, IL 60421

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 19. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.  
295 Main St., NW  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914  
(815) 932-1214  
cgfuneral@gmail.com

## Funeral Service

MAR 20. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

MB

“ Tommy the Tanker was always a smiling face whenever I visited the Starcon office in Illinois. He was of integrity and humble, but most of all he was someone I was proud to call my friend. It had been too long since we last visited, but I know the next time we do we will not have to part ways. Rest in peace my friend.  
Mark

Mark Bay - April 18, 2017 at 04:35 PM

IS

“ Whenever Tom was in Cleveland he would stop by to say hello. We'll miss him..

Irene Sliwinski - April 04, 2017 at 06:15 PM

IS

“ Sophie and Tyler, my thoughts and prayers are with you. Irene



Irene Sliwinski - April 04, 2017 at 06:10 PM



“ Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." was purchased for the family of Thomas Wanamaker Jr..



March 17, 2017 at 10:04 AM

BW

“ Tom was not only an amazing leader but a great friend as well. This man had a heart of gold and would do anything for anyone just to see them smile. He welcomed me with open arms when I became part of the Manhattan Mechanical team and I truly felt included because of him. He touched so many lives and will never be forgotten. Rest in Paradise my friend! Condolences to Sophie and Tom.



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**Britni Willis** - March 17, 2017 at 10:01 AM

BW

Tyler\*\*

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**Britni Willis** - March 17, 2017 at 10:02 AM

 JD  
Creager

“ Thomas Was a good man, the world needed him. God wanted him. Bless the family in their time of need.

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**JD Creager** - March 17, 2017 at 08:58 AM

 Dawn  
Graham-  
Irving

“ Darryl and I made a donation to <https://couragebeyond.org> in honor of Tom so he can continue helping others. He was all about paying it forward and we will continue doing so in his name. "I love you man!"

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**Dawn Graham-Irving** - March 15, 2017 at 05:36 PM

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“ Tom is the man who helped any and everyone no matter what. I can't begin to tell you the good times we had in the short amount of time I got to spend with him. I'll always love Tom, and his no nonsense approach to taking care of business. He has certainly helped me to become a better man in my personal and my professional life. Dawn and I will always love Tom, and continue to cherish his memory. For Tyler and Sophie, don't ever hesitate to let us know if you need anything, we will always be there for you. We love you dearly. RIP my friend.

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**Darryl Irving** - March 15, 2017 at 01:35 PM

KA

“ My heart and prayers go out to Sophie, Tyler and the Wanamaker family. Tom has truly been a pivotal part of my sons Tony and Kyle's lives. I only the pleasure of meeting Tom once but the impact he made on their and many others lives will always be greatly appreciated and forever remembered.



*Deepest sympathies,  
Kim Asta*

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**Kim Asta** - March 15, 2017 at 11:48 AM

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*Deepest sympathies to Sophie, Tyler and the family.  
JC Schimmel*

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**John Schimmel** - March 15, 2017 at 01:30 PM



“ *Chuck Goodrich and Gaylor Electric, Inc. purchased the Memories 44" Sonnet for the family of Thomas Wanamaker Jr..*



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**Chuck Goodrich and Gaylor Electric, Inc.** - March 15, 2017 at 11:46 AM