



Thomas William Grove

November 16, 1940 - August 30, 2014

Thomas W. Grove age 73, of Dixon, died at KSB Hospital on Saturday, August 30, 2014. He was born on November 16, 1940 in Dixon to Murrie E. and Anna Lucile (Mayes) Grove. He graduated from St. Mary Grade School and Dixon High School. During his high school football career, he was named Honorable Mention All-State Football Team in 1957. He attended Northern Illinois University where he played football for two years. Tom served in the National Guard for six years. He was employed by IDOT and worked on the bridge crew. He was employed by Commonwealth Edison for 27 years in Substation Construction retiring in 1995.

He was a past president and member of the Illinois Gamebreeders Association and participated in the gamecock tradition that extended back in his family for over a hundred years. In most recent years, Tom developed an interest in homing pigeons. He flew them in competition and belonged to the Rock River Pigeon Club. He was a lifelong Notre Dame Football fan and never missed a Saturday afternoon in the fall watching the Irish win their football games. An item on his bucket list was to visit Ireland. A few years ago, he, Gracie and Bridget checked off that item and had a memorable Irish trip. He was a member of St. Patrick Church in Dixon.

Tom married Gracie Wolf at St. Patrick Church in Dixon, on July 20, 1968. He is preceded in death by his parents and brother Neil P. Grove.

Survivors include his wife and daughter Bridget Grove of Dixon, 2 brothers Murrie (Christina) Grove of Port Charlotte, FL and Mark (Jill) Grove of Belvidere. and nieces and nephews: Kim, Rachel, Patrick, Victoria, Nathan and Nicholas Grove.

Visitation will be held on Friday, September 5, 2014, from 5-7 pm in Jones Funeral Home in Dixon, IL with scripture reading at 7 pm.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday September 6, 2014 beginning with a 10:00 am Prayer service in Jones Funeral Home in Dixon, followed by a 10:30 am Mass of Christian Burial in St. Patrick Church in Dixon with the Rev Bernard Sehr officiating.

Burial will follow in Oakwood Cemetery in Dixon. A memorial has been established to St. Mary School and St. Patrick Church.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood

416 S Dement Ave
Dixon, IL 61021

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 5. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Jones Funeral Home, Dixon
204 South Ottawa
Dixon, IL 61021
Ph: 815-288-2241
info@thejonesfh.com
<https://www.thejonesfh.com>

Service

SEP 6. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church in Dixon
612 S. Highland Ave.
Dixon, IL 61021
(815) 284-7719
office@stpatrickdixon.comcastbiz.net
<http://www.stpatrickdixon.org>

Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas William Grove*

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Thomas William Grove*

December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM



“ *Dear Gracie and Bridget,
I just heard of Tom's passing and want to express my sympathy to you. You were all a part of my life growing up as Tom and my dad, Elmer, participated in the "gamecock tradition". There were always plenty of stories after a Saturday night adventure.
Life changes and moves on, but we do have the memories. I hope those memories bring you comfort in the days ahead.
Sincerely, Lynn Ringler-Kevern*

Lynn Kevern - September 06, 2014 at 11:31 PM



“ *Grace,
News just reached Springfield. What a surprise. Even though I don't hear from you very often, you are special to me and I know you and Tom were a great team. Please know that my thoughts and prayers with you.*

Mary Ellen and Ed

Mary Ellen Gaffney - September 05, 2014 at 07:30 PM

MH

“ Gracie and family, I was sorry to learn about Tom's passing. I recall as a youngster watching Tom play baseball at Reynolds field multiple times and I remember on occasion sharing with my Uncle Dutch Grove our mutual admiration for how competitive and fearless Tom was as a player. I looked up to Tom then from my vantage point of being a few years younger. As we became adults I always noted how quiet, unassuming and modest Tom was - - each time I encountered Tom and called out his name to him in friendly greeting, he would react with honest quiet surprise that I would recognize and remember him. My sympathy to you all for the loss of a good partner/parent/man.

mike heckman - September 03, 2014 at 09:22 AM

JS

“ I played football with Tom for 3 years at DHS. Tom was left guard , I was right guard, and Roger Trotter was center. Very few defensive players got through the middle.
I considered Tom a friend,and he will be missed. We send our thoughts and prayers to
Tom's family,
.Sincerely.

Jim and Caraline Salzman

Jim and Caraline Salzman - September 03, 2014 at 08:57 AM

JG

“ One of my memories of Tom was that he was one tough nut as a football player. As I recall, he played "both ways" as an offensive guard and defensive tackle, maybe linebacker. He, no doubt, was the lightest starting lineman on the team. Pound for pound, they came no tougher than Tom. He was one of four teammates named first team all conference. I wish there were films available to remind us how ferociously he applied his mind and skills in football games.

We were homeroom classmates throughout high school. Tom had a connection to my Dad during his time working for IDOT.

Tom was a good man. Always fun to see at reunions. Sorry to know of his passing.

John Gerlach

John Gerlach - September 03, 2014 at 07:41 AM

WS

“ I just received the notice about Tom's passing. Tom and I were friends since St. Mary's. We went through 12 years of school together and it was always a pleasure to see him at the reunions. Tom was always a gentleman and a man who worked silently to accomplish his goals. He was a great friend and I'll certainly miss him. I'll always remember him in my prayers.

William (Bill) J. Cahill

William J. Cahill, Sr. - September 02, 2014 at 09:23 AM

ST

“ My memories of Tom go way back to our high school years. I know I speak on behalf of the entire DHS Class of 1958 in sending condolences to Tom's entire family on their loss. Sally (Melvin) Tiffany

Sally Tiffany - September 02, 2014 at 08:26 AM

TC

“ *Bridget. My family and I our sorry for the passing of your Pappa. God's Grace will get you through this but it will be difficult. A broken heart is hard to mend but with everyone praying for you God does have the power. Reach out to us. That's why we're here. Tom, May you RIP And may you be your family's special Angel while on earth. Love to you and yours. Teresa Coomes and family*

Teresa Coomes - September 02, 2014 at 07:37 AM

NI

“ *Blessings to both of you, Gracie and Bridget. I pray that God will comfort you during this time. We extend our love and sadness at your loss. Love, the Haller Family (Nicki, Jason, Naya, Evie, Joe and Lily)*

Nicki - September 02, 2014 at 06:50 AM