



Thomas "Tom" N. Rutherford

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Thomas "Tom" N. Rutherford, 80, passed away Monday, March 16, 2015 at Parkview Regional Medical Center, Fort Wayne. Born in Wells County, he was the son of the late William and Mary Rutherford. The US Army veteran served his country during the Korean Conflict. He was a member of St. James Lutheran Church, New Haven where he was a faithful choir member. He worked for many years as a carpet salesman, and he was with Advanced Tree Technology / Bruick Brothers Produce for the past 17 years. He was a 42 year member of New Haven Lions Club and received the Melvin Jones Fellow award for his dedicated humanitarian services. He also volunteered for both the St. James Food Pantry and First Baptist Bread Ministry.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Lu Ann; daughters, Beth Rutherford of Indianapolis, Lora (Tony) Konieczki of Auburn, and Amy (Shawn) Gibbons of Carmel; grandchildren, Alison (Josh), Kristen, Jacob, and Jason; sister, Nona Harris of Huntington; and sister-in-law, Sharon Rutherford of Texas. He was also preceded in death by his siblings, Lois Fisher, Wilma Schamerloh, Lou Ann Brown, and Bill Rutherford.

Funeral service is 10:30 a.m. Thursday, March 19, 2015 at St. James Lutheran Church, 1720 St. Rd. 930 E., New Haven with calling one hour prior. Pastor Dave Williamson officiating. Calling is also 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 St. Rd. 930 E., New Haven. Burial in IOOF Cemetery, New Haven. Preferred memorials to St. James Lutheran Church or New Haven Lions Club. For online condolences please visit www.harperfuneralhome.com



Tribute Wall

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SL

Stacey Branstator-Law posted:

R.I.P. Uncle Tom

March 26 at 11:00 AM

RF

Robin Fisher posted:

Uncle Tom (and Aunt Lu) were so wonderful and welcoming to me when I married into the family 25 years ago. He was such a funny man, and I remember being struck by his immense pride in his wife and daughters. I'm thinking of all of you at this very difficult time. Love, Robin

March 26 at 11:00 AM

ST

Steve And Cindy Tollas posted:

Sorry to hear of Tom's passing. He will be missed at the lake, especially his Fourth of July music.

March 26 at 11:00 AM

JW

Julie Woessner posted:

Good bye to my favorite uncle. I'll miss you.

March 26 at 11:00 AM

DM

David Morisette posted:

I offer my condolences to all. Tom made me feel like a member of the family from the very beginning. He was insightful and always quick with a joke. I will miss him greatly.

March 26 at 11:00 AM

OL

Orville & Ellen Lazenby posted:

Our love and sympathy to Lu and her family at this time. We enjoyed knowing Tom and admired him and the example he set as he lived his life. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Orville & EllenLazenby, Laura Lazenby and Rob Ritz

March 26 at 11:00 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Thomas by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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