



# Thomas E. Kurtz

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## **Thomas E. Kurtz**

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**T**homas E. Kurtz, 93, passed away on Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at The Cedars, Leo. Born in Milan Township, Allen County, Indiana, he was the son of the late Ralph E. and Erlena (Yerks) Kurtz. Tom was a lifelong and active member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Harlan, Indiana. He served his country in the US Navy during World War II and farmed with his brothers, John and George, for over 50 years. He served many organizations including the Maumee/Milan Township and East Allen County Schools Boards for 24 years, the Harlan Memorial Cemetery Board for 45 years, the Harlan Lions Club for over 50 years, and the Harlan Community Association for several years. He is survived by his loving wife of 74 years, Dorothy; sons, Van Kurtz of Buffalo, NY and Philip (Verna) Kurtz of Fort Wayne; grandchildren, Christopher (Julie) Kurtz of New Haven and Kirstin (P. Thomas) Pinit of Portland, OR; great grandchildren, Alyssa, Kaitlyn, and Jacob Kurtz, Casey and Griffin Pinit of Portland OR; and brothers, John and George Kurtz. He was also preceded in death by his infant daughter, Theresa Susanne Kurtz; and siblings, Robert Kurtz, Marjorie Klopfenstein, Mary Catherine Klopfenstein, Doris DeLong, and Helen Lantz. Funeral service is 11 a.m. Friday, March 8, 2019 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 18330 St. Rd. 37, Harlan with visitation one hour prior. Pastor Don Delagrange officiating. Visitation is also 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the church. Burial in Harlan Memorial Cemetery, Harlan. Preferred memorials are to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Harlan Community Association, or Harlan Memorial Cemetery. Arrangements by Harper's Community Funeral Home, 740 St. Rd. 930 E., New Haven. To share online condolences, go to [www.harperfuneralhome.com](http://www.harperfuneralhome.com)



**Public Viewing**

**Thursday**, March 7, 2019  
 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM ET  
 **Holy Trinity Lutheran Church**  
18330 St. Rd. 37, Harlan IN 46743



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**Thursday**, March 7, 2019  
 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET  
 **Holy Trinity Lutheran Church**  
18330 St. Rd. 37, Harlan IN 46743



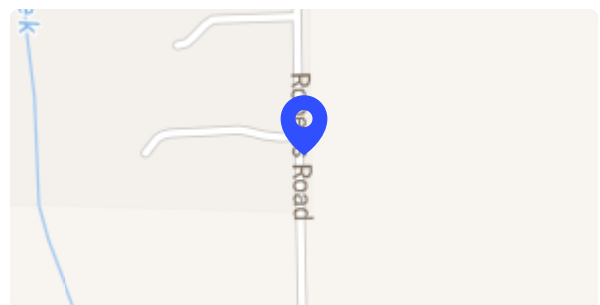
**Funeral Service**

**Friday**, March 8, 2019  
 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET  
 **Holy Trinity Lutheran Church**  
18330 St. Rd. 37, Harlan IN 46743



**Cemetery Details**

**Harlan Memorial Cemetery**  
11400-11598 Roberts Rd, Harlan IN 46743





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OP

**Our Deepest Condolences, Bobby & Kim Pavkovich** sent a European Sympathy Dish Garden to the Kurtz family.

March 6 at 7:33 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Cheryl's Classic Gift Tower to the Kurtz family.

March 5 at 3:02 PM



GL

**Gary Leman** posted:

Tom was a very special client who was a "classy" gentleman. Dotty, Phil, Verna, Chris and Julie, and all of you, God has promised to soothe our sorrows and heal our hearts. I pray that you will experience God's peace which surpasses all of our understanding at this time!. Gary Leman

March 4 at 9:25 AM

LV

**Lois Vongunten** posted:

I was so shocked to hear of Tom's passing. He was so fun to visit and would show me his poems etc that he wrote. I will truly miss visiting him. Our thoughts/Prayers are with you all at this time. Kent/Lois VonGunten in Spring Hill, Florida.

March 3 at 5:38 PM

JC

**Jim Crouse** posted:

Verna, My condolences to you and your family on the passing of your father-in-law, who was apparently a pillar of church and community. We can rejoice that he knew our Lord and Savior! May God strengthen especially your husband, his brother, and their mother in this time. Jim Crouse Retired part-time security guard, Magnavox/Raytheon

March 3 at 1:02 PM



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**Anonymous** sent a Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White to the Kurtz family.



March 1 at 5:32 AM



**Brian Eager** posted:

On behalf of short fellows everywhere, I would like to point out that Tom, while not tall in a physical sense, cast a very tall shadow of influence for good in our community. Rest well, good and faithful servant. Brian and Barbara Eager

February 28 at 10:54 AM



**Sylvia Kratzman** posted:

So sorry for your loss. Tom, Dorothy, and I had many wonderful conversations about life and family. He was very proud of his family. Sylvia Kratzman caretaker at the Cedars

February 28 at 10:36 AM



**Bill And Bev Chagoya** posted:

Tom will be missed by many

February 28 at 9:02 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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