



Thomas Jay Leisure

November 14, 1944 - December 22, 2014

Thomas Jay Leisure, 70, a life long Rush County resident, passed away at his home in Rush County on December 22, 2014. He was born November 14, 1944 in New Castle to Eugene & Jenny Lou (Glendenning) Leisure. Tom was a 1962 graduate of Mays High School. He received his Bachelor's degree in Education from Indiana Central University in Indianapolis and his Master's degree from Ball State University. While at Indiana Central, Tom was drafted into the US Army. Tom married Maureen Sheehan on April 12, 1966 and they were married for 29 years.

Tom spent his entire life in Rush County. His family had spent time in Minnesota on Leech Lake since the 1940's. He was an avid outdoorsman and fisherman and enjoyed watching football. Tom was a member of the Bass Masters Club and the Lewisville Masonic Lodge #72 F&AM.

He began his teaching & coaching career in Rushville at RCHS where he taught Health & Physical Education and coached football & wrestling. He retired in 1981. Tom taught & coached in Cambridge City for a few years. Tom had also farmed and worked for ICAP in New Castle for a short time before joining Farm Bureau Insurance in Rushville. He worked selling insurance until his retirement in 2012.

Tom is survived by his mother, Jenny Lou Leisure of Carthage, a son, Nicholas & wife Suzanne Leisure of Rush County, daughters, Joni & husband Adrian Degner of Columbus and Melinda Griffin of Greenfield, a brother, Alyn Leisure of Rush County and grandchildren, Alexander & Abigail Leisure, Rye

& Rowan Heckerman, Cass & Claudia Leisure, Clay & David Griffin and River & Thomas Degner. He was preceded in death by his father.

Services will be held at 2 PM Monday, December 29, 2014 at Moster Mortuary, Rushville with John Skomp presiding. Friends are welcome to visit at the mortuary from 1-6PM Sunday, December 28. Burial will be in the Hannegan Cemetery. Masonic rites will be observed at 5:30 PM Sunday evening at the mortuary and the Rush County Veteran's Honor Guard will provide military honors at the mortuary on Monday.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hannegan Christian Church.

Tom requested that everyone dress casually. He was a casual kind of guy & believed in being comfortable.

Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas Jay Leisure*

January 28, 2023 at 12:19 PM



“ *Terry Eckart lit a candle in memory of Thomas Jay Leisure*



terry eckart - December 29, 2014 at 09:44 PM



“ *Jean Stanly lit a candle in memory of Thomas Jay Leisure*



Jean Stanly - December 28, 2014 at 05:08 PM



“ *Greg Raiké lit a candle in memory of Thomas Jay Leisure*



Greg Raiké - December 27, 2014 at 08:36 PM

MD

“ Michael & Robin Degner purchased the Let It Snow for the family of Thomas Jay Leisure.



Michael & Robin Degner - December 26, 2014 at 10:03 AM

JB

“ Judy Nichols Barber lit a candle in memory of Thomas Jay Leisure



Judy Nichols Barber - December 25, 2014 at 08:59 PM

LP

“ It's been 40 some years since I have seen Tom but the one experience on the school bus was priceless. RIP Tom.

Larry Peggs - December 25, 2014 at 06:29 PM

MG

I'm guessing this experience involved a lunch box? :)

Mindy Leisure Griffin - December 27, 2014 at 03:09 PM

JD

I told Dad that my little Thomas (now 2 years old) is just the kind to bust someone in the head with a lunchbox, and he just smiled. :)

Joni Degner - December 27, 2014 at 04:56 PM

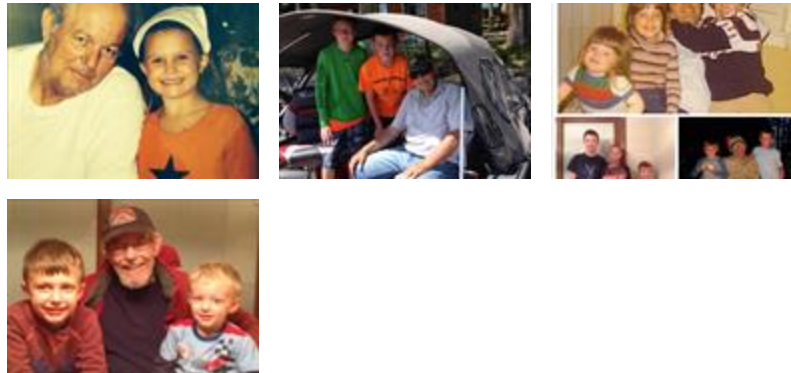
TE

Mr Leisure will b missed, he was my Phs . Ed teacher in high school. Other comments above, made me smile as my mom went to school w Mr. Leisure n told me about the lunch box incident back in 76. I asked him about it one day and he asked my mom's name then made the connection:-) God Rest Your Soul Mr. Leisure!!

terry eckart - December 29, 2014 at 09:41 PM

MA

“ 4 files added to the album River and Thomas with Pappo



Mammo - December 24, 2014 at 12:21 PM

RW

“ *I have such great memories of Tom and am very thankful for his leadership and his helpfulness to me as I began my teaching and coaching career. I could never have worked for a better guy to learn how to enjoy coaching, work hard, and build relationships with the players. I am also very thankful I got to spend some time with him, Maureen, Nick, and many former players and coaches who got together a couple years ago at the Legion. He will certainly be missed.*

Rick Wimmer

Former Rushville Ass't FB Coach

Rick Wimmer - December 24, 2014 at 08:27 AM

MG

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Michael Griffin - December 24, 2014 at 07:20 AM

MG

The happiest I ever saw him was the day of his daughter's wedding.

Michael Griffin - December 24, 2014 at 11:19 PM

JD

He had a lot of fun that night. Love this picture of him.

Joni Degner - December 27, 2014 at 06:41 AM

MK

“ *My cousin was know as "Tink" when we were young. I know his Mom and family will miss him a lot. Mary Lou (King) Shields*

Mary Lou King-Shields - December 23, 2014 at 04:32 PM