



E. Thomas Beatty

January 27, 1938 - February 2, 2019

Earl Thomas Beatty, 81 of Clare, passed away surrounded by prayers, hymns and hugs while loving memories were shared by those who stayed close by his side to help send him off to heaven. While saying our good-byes to the best husband, father, grandfather and friend anyone could have, our sorrow was lightened knowing that waiting for him were the open arms of his beloved mother and a permanent seat at the card table as his dad's Euchre partner.

Earl, better known as Tom, Tommy, Tommy Tittlemouse, dad, grandpa and papa, entered this world as the son of Archie and Hazel (Ackerman) Beatty on January 27, 1938. Tom spent his entire life living in the Clare area attending a one-room schoolhouse in Vernon Township and graduating from Clare High School in 1956. He may have been a little on the short side but he enjoyed playing football and baseball as well as being a member of Future Farmers of America. He also was lucky enough to meet the love of his life, Carol Jean Kleinhardt. Ever the practical man, he told Carol that as soon as they had \$500 in the bank, they could get married. Needless to say, it didn't take her long to meet that challenge and they were united in marriage on June 14, 1958.

Tom worked hard to support his beautiful bride as a butcher at Kroger before moving to Semigs Meat Market and then ending up his working career as a pipefitter at Dow Chemical in Midland, Michigan, retiring in 1995.

Tom and Carol raised three incredible children Shelia, Keith and Kraig. Tom managed to pass on his love of sports to his sons and enjoyed coaching their Little League teams, all the way from minor league to pony. For years he played second base on a men's slow pitch softball team, bowled on Wednesday nights, golfed in a Monday night league and enjoyed playing poker, pinochle and euchre whenever he could get a game together. His favorite euchre partner was his dad and they took great pleasure in "schooling" Keith and Kraig every chance they got. For the past few summers, he had a standing tee time with his friend Ron Kunes and his cousin Leroy Eisenhower. His son Keith accompanied them on Fridays to give them a true foursome.

Tom joined his dad as a member of Clare Masonic Lodge 404 and served as Worshipful Master three times during his tenure. As a Mason, Tom tirelessly volunteered his time to make our community a better place to live. He was also a member of the Clare United Methodist Church and enjoyed tending the pig (with his lifelong friend Carl Strouse) at the annual church camp family dinner and he wasn't afraid to wash a dish or two.

Tom was a proud grandfather and proved to be the biggest fan of each of his six grandchildren. He enjoyed attending just about every athletic contest, 4-H event, play or activity in which they were involved. His quiet presence in the stands, audience or sidelines was all his grandchildren needed to feel his never-ending love and support. After retiring, Tom and Carol loved spending their winters in Texas making lots of friends, playing cards, horseshoes, shuffleboard, golf and occasionally crossing the Mexican border for some authentic Mexican vanilla and some cheap Kahlua. They enjoyed traveling near and far, whether camping in northern Michigan, "hitting the slots" in Las Vegas or enjoying a luau in Hawaii.

Tom is survived by his wife Carol, daughter Shelia Ann (Luke) Line, sons Keith Thomas (Terri) Beatty and Kraig Roger (Andrea) Beatty; grandchildren Hailey Marie (Josh) Barton, Kelsey Terese (Jordan) McConnell, Tyler Thomas (Gabrielle) Beatty, MacKenzie Renae (Kyle Laming) Line, Blake Kurtis Beatty, Brooke Kristen Beatty; Great-Grandson, Yale Thomas McConnell; brother Kenneth Beatty. Tom was preceded in death by his father Archie, his mother Hazel, father-in-law Roger Kleinhardt, and mother-in-law Vera (Hendrie) Kleinhardt.

Services for Tom will be held at the Clare United Methodist Church in Clare, Michigan on Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at 11:00am. Visitation will be on Monday, February 4, 2019 at the Clare Chapel of Stephenson Wyman Funeral Home from 2:00 to 5:00 and from 7:00 to 9:00pm. A Masonic Prayer Service will take place at 8:00pm. A luncheon will be served immediately following the funeral service with a private graveside burial at the Vernon Township Cemetery later in the day. Memorial contributions may be made to The Clare United Methodist Church, Heartland Hospice Services, St. Jude's Children's Hospital or the American Cancer Society. On-line guestbook at www.stephenson-wyman.com

Events

FEB **Visitation** 02:00PM - 05:00PM

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Stephenson - Wyman Funeral Home (Clare)
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FEB **Service** 11:00AM

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Clare United Methodist Church
105 E. Seventh Street, Clare, MI, US, 48617

Comments



“ Carol, Keith, Shelia & Kraig: my deepest & sincerest condolences to each of you! Truly your lives were blessed to have this HEROE in your life! Tom was one of the nicest person to have walked this earth!
If only - there were many more like him ! Please know I would have been there had it been possible & my prayers, love & blessings are with all of you now in your loss! It was my privilege to know Tom & to know he was so kind & sincere & helpful to our family as well as to so many others! Heaven’s gain is surely our worlds loss! May God Bless each of you . Sending love & blessings, Jan

Janice Landauer - February 06, 2019 at 08:32 AM



“ Carol I didn't make up to funeral home because i can;t walk very good

Dick Zinser - February 06, 2019 at 07:32 AM



“ Carol, Sheila, Keith, and Kraig, so sorry for your loss. Tom was a great guy. Sorry I wasn't able to get up to see you all. Sending prayers and our deepest condolences.

Don Johnston and family



Don johnston - February 04, 2019 at 08:00 PM



“ Simply Happy Kalanchoe Plant was purchased for the family of E. Thomas Beatty.



February 04, 2019 at 05:23 PM



“ Mike and I are sorry for your loss. Carol you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. If you need anything please let us know. Love Rose and Mike Musser

Rose musser - February 04, 2019 at 05:10 PM



“ Bill and I are so sorry for your loss, Carol and all the Beatty Family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad and difficult time.

Paula Newkirk - February 04, 2019 at 04:31 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of E. Thomas Beatty.



February 04, 2019 at 02:50 PM



“ Sentimental Dreams was purchased for the family of E. Thomas Beatty.



February 04, 2019 at 12:57 PM



“ Tommy was like a father to me. He was a great man. As good as they get. My prayers are with all of his family and friends.

Rob VanBuskirk - February 04, 2019 at 11:43 AM



“ Loved your Tom, Carol. from the time we were in high school together. Sorry he was unable to join us at the Doherty, when I was visiting in '14. My deep condolences to you and your family.

Loss doesn't go away. You'll reweave your special memories into your rich tapestry, as you move forward. You and I became friends in high school and will remain so, always. God Bless you.
Love, Lydabelle (Bicky)



LYDABELLE BICKNELL - February 04, 2019 at 09:29 AM



“ Carol our prayers are with you and all of the family, sorry we aren't in Michigan at this time. The obituary is a wonderful testament to Tom and his love for all!
Love you, Denny & JoDee Hacker

Denny Hacker - February 03, 2019 at 07:02 PM



“ We enjoyed meeting Carol and Tom hear at winter Ranch. They were a joy to know and we had lots of fun. Wishing you the best Carol during this time of sadness for you. Will be praying for you and your family.

Jeanine Helmer - February 03, 2019 at 05:54 PM



“ Juliann Lloyd lit a candle in memory of E. Thomas Beatty



Juliann Lloyd - February 03, 2019 at 04:55 PM



“ Tom was family to me and this saddens me deeply but i know hes painfree now in a better place.God bless you carol and family.i love you all!

Becky griner - February 03, 2019 at 07:13 PM



“ Carol you and all your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Terri Shaver

Teresa Shaver - February 03, 2019 at 01:36 PM



“ So sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Beatty. so many fond memories of growing up on Herrick Rd. Good neighbors are a true blessing. our thoughts and prayers are with the Beatty family.

Sincerely Tom and Linda Myers

THOMAS J MYERS - February 03, 2019 at 12:51 PM



“ Your families are in our hearts during this difficult time.

Bruce Hales - February 03, 2019 at 12:31 PM



“ Jim and I send our love and prayers to you and all of your family. Tom was a kind and fun loving man.

jim and margaret zinser - February 03, 2019 at 02:46 PM



“ Nancy Bruce Bauer lit a candle in memory of E. Thomas Beatty



Nancy Bruce Bauer - February 03, 2019 at 10:22 AM



“ Terry Kittle lit a candle in memory of E. Thomas Beatty



Terry Kittle - February 03, 2019 at 09:33 AM



“ So sorry to hear this Carol. Prayers for all of you.

Terry Kittle - February 03, 2019 at 09:34 AM