



Thomas Lee Shirely

February 11, 1949 - February 17, 2019

Thomas L. Shirely, age 70 of Lake George, passed away at his home on Sunday, February 17th, 2019. On February 11, 1949, Tom was born the son of Delbert and June (Norton) Shirely on the Caribbean Island Nation of Trinidad while his parents were serving in the U.S. armed forces. Following in his father's footsteps, Tom would also carry out a twenty year military career as an air traffic controller for the U.S. Army. He proudly served two tours as a helipad traffic controller in the Vietnam War and later continued his career at Logan International Airport. In 1994, Tom moved from his home in New Hampshire to Lake George where he could be close enough to care for his mother. During that time, Tom also worked on the powder coating line for StageRight Corporation in Clare. Tom was a man of many passions that included skiing in his younger years, coin collecting, watching birds at his lake house, and fishing—especially with his sons for salmon. He will be greatly missed by his family.

Tom is survived by his three children Thomas L., (Miranda Battista) Jr. of Indianapolis, IN., Melissa (David) Demers of Manchester, NH., and Mark (Tangie) Shirely of Bloomington, IN. and his seven grandchildren Thomas, Jeremy, Heather, Alyssa, Camille, Riley, and Jaeden. Other survivors include his siblings Delbert (Cecile) Shirely, Nancy (Edward) Emerson, Ann Gessner, Jim

(Holly) Shirely, and Susan

(Ken) Johnson and many nieces and nephews. Tom was preceded in death by his parents Delbert and June Shirely.

In keeping with Tom's wishes, cremation has taken place. Visiting hours will be at the Clare Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home on Saturday, March 2nd starting at 3pm followed by a Memorial Service at 5pm with Pastor Jim Young officiating. Online condolences may be shared with the Shirely family on their family page at www.stephenson-wyman.com . Memorial contributions in honor of Tom may be directed to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (www.JDRF.org).

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 2. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Stephenson - Wyman Funeral Home (Clare)
1005 North McEwan St.
Clare, MI 48617
(989) 386-7451
wymanhf@chartermi.net
<https://www.stephenson-wyman.com/>

Service

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Tribute Wall

HE

“ *I miss you Grandpa. Always thinking of you.
I Love you Dear.
your granddaughter
-Heather*

Heather - September 28, 2025 at 07:24 PM

DT

“ *Mr. Tom has been pur neighbor for 5 years. He definitely was an amazing man. He would help anyone with anything he could. We spent most of the summer in his back yard with him. Our kids always enjoyed playing off his dock and going out on his boat with him. He will truly be missed but never forgotten. Rest in peace Mr. Tom*

Dougy and Tina - March 02, 2019 at 02:03 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas Lee Shirely.*



March 01, 2019 at 11:49 PM

DD

“ Dad,

I made a promise to you, the most important promise a man could ever make. I will absolutely take care of your beautiful daughter. Thank you for raising her to the wonderful woman she is. Thank you for welcoming me into your amazing family. The more I get to know them the more I realize how proud you should be of your legacy. My only regret is in not having you around to help me fill your shoes. None-the-less I WILL make you proud. Rest assured, I will bring her home safe and sound.

Love, your Son in Law,

David P. Demers



David P. Demers - March 01, 2019 at 08:31 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas Lee Shirely.



March 01, 2019 at 06:57 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas Lee Shirely.*



February 28, 2019 at 07:12 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Thomas Lee Shirely.*



February 28, 2019 at 04:53 PM



“ *We met Tom and June in 1997 when we bought the little cabin next door. June was not thrilled at first with our dog and kids, and all the activity after it being vacant for so long.*

Tom acted as intermediary and we soon all became good friends and neighbors. Tom was always around, sharing a story, a tomato from his garden, and his help and advice with anything we were doing. It was always an event in the spring and fall, with Tom and a few others putting in or taking out the docks and boats. And in between, there was lots of fun on the lake, cookouts and campfires in the evenings. Such a kind and gentle soul. RIP Tom, your friends and neighbors, Debbie and Bill Bergey

Deborah Briggs - February 28, 2019 at 03:22 PM

SA

“ As I was growing up, June's family was my family, and Tommy was my little brother. He was always fun (and sometimes, a pain), but I cherish the memories. Although we lost touch later in life, I will always remember the summers we had together.
Lovingly, Aunt Sandy

SandyG - February 28, 2019 at 09:10 AM

VH

“ *Mark and Tangie:*
I am so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. I met him only one time when your son, Thomas, was born. He sure was a proud grandpa that day. My condolences to your family and my prayers are with you all during this time of sorrow.

WHAT MAKES A DAD

God took the strength of a mountain

The majesty of a tree

The warmth of a summer sun

The calm of a quiet sea

The generous soul of nature

The comforting arm of night

The wisdom of the ages

The power of eagles flight

The joy of a morning in spring

The faith of a mustard seed

The patience of eternity

The depth of a family need

Then God combined the qualities

When there was nothing more to add

He knew His masterpiece was complete

And so he called it "DAD"

Love and prayers. Vivian Hawkins

Vivian Hawkins - February 28, 2019 at 08:06 AM

CS

“ A loving grandpa that I will never forget. One the most caring and loving people I could ever know. At least he's in a better place. He will always be loved.



Camille Shirely - February 28, 2019 at 07:24 AM

KL

“ It was such an honor to meet Tom and spend time with him at his lake home a couple years ago. He opened his home up to so many strangers to host his daughter's wedding, and he couldn't have been more hospitable to all. We invaded his space to decorate, eat, celebrate, vacation, commingle, and essentially take over his entire home within a few days time. His ability to roll with that much at once was so impressive.

He was such a good man, and we are so sad to hear of his passing. We were hoping to visit him again and again.

Our hearts are heavy, but we choose to remember him as we knew him.

I believe the picture in this obituary is from the week we met him, and that really brings us so much joy.

RIP, you wonderful soul!

Kim Lafortune - February 27, 2019 at 10:18 PM

DS

“ My friend, my companion. my shadow, my beloved brother. I will surely miss you brother. We had some amazing times and adventures together when we were younger. Still don't understand why you could never catch fish when we were fishing with Dad.

Delbert Shirely - February 27, 2019 at 05:19 PM



“ *had the opportunity to fish and be around him while fishing. it was easy to see where Tom got his wit , humor and of course sarcasm, God bless you all.*

Stephen Pitts - February 27, 2019 at 05:03 PM