



Mr. Thomas McCoy

September 26, 1938 - August 7, 2009

Mr. Thomas Lewis McCoy passed away August 7, 2009. He was born September 26 1938. He was a beloved father, colleague, and friend. After a long battle with cancer our father has left this earth. To all who knew him he was a jokester. He will be fondly remembered for always being able to make you laugh, but also never knowing when he might jump out and scare you. Thomas worked most of his adult life, 25 years, at formerly Lakeview Nursing Home now Bronson Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, where he was loved by all. He was an avid sports fan and bowler, and at 69 years old he bowled a 299.

He is survived by his four children: Charles Brown, Shannon Anderson, Patti Tamashiro, and Laura Peel, and by his seven grandchildren, and many other people who feel this loss as deeply as we do. These words do not do justice to Tom McCoy's life, and to the loss we feel. We love you daddy! Upon our father's request there will be no service.

On August 7, 2010, his children plan to bury his ashes in a place yet to be determined.

We will notify all of you who loved him where you can go to remember him.

Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Thomas McCoy



Harper Funeral Home - August 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Mr. Thomas McCoy

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Mr. Thomas McCoy

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ Tom McCoy; Although short in physical stature, he was not short in virtue. Quick with a funny face, a joke or tease, his love of animals made him the ideal partner and loving helpmate for my sister, Nancy. He was a good man who made a difference in the lives that he touched, We will miss you Tom.

Go Lions!##imported-begin##Roy Deal and linda Shields##imported-end##

September 02, 2009 at 01:11 PM



“ Hi again its just me sitting here thinking about you and was rememberubg a cinversatuin that me and aunt jeanie were having about a missing puzzle piece...i started laughing and cryin cause she asked me did i take it? And I told her not this time, that you probably did and she said he never stole my puzzle pieces and I told her who do you think showed me how to do it and how to mail it back weeks later with no return adress? Just something to make you smile...its the little things....##imported-begin##Tanya Cagle ##imported-end##

September 02, 2009 at 10:06 AM



“ Tom you are a wonderful man if only I could of grown up with you. You met my mom when I was only 18 and moving on with my own life. But when you met my mom it was like a ciderella story you picked my mother up and fell in love. You would come home and give her thangs even if they were littel trinkets or flowers just to say you loved her. And for that I loved you very much I knew my mom was good hands with you. Even when you were in the nursing home I would come to talk to you and Mike and I took you home with us just to hang out and have dinner with you. The only words you would say to me was I don't know what Nancy is planning on doing so we would have to call my mom and make sure she was on her way over I knew you loved her very much. You were a very loving and devoting man. My kids called you grandpa you were the only grandpa they had and they loved you and for that I love you very much. Thank you Tom Mcoy you will be missed, but in are harts forever.##imported-begin##Suzie Elliott and Family##imported-end##

August 29, 2009 at 08:42 PM



“ Hi dear, it's your most loved one telling you how much I miss you with all my heart. I will always be here wishing you were still with me. I miss the good times we had, bowling, dancing at the Christmas parties the nursing home put on and of course those private times alone when we talked and enjoyed the same movies and times with the family. I know you are waiting on the other side for all the more times we will have. Thank you for all the love you gave me and the scary fun. Love Always, Nancy###imported-begin###Nancy Shilts###imported-end###

August 28, 2009 at 10:45 PM



“ Uncle Tommy,
If their ever was a man to be an example to us all it was you. I will always remember your humor, your eliment of surprize attacks!, and your smile. I am so sorry that you didn't always get everything you deserve in life. My prayer is that your seed will have all that you missed and desired and that they will be blessed with everything that you so deserved. My IOVE ALWAYS SEE YOU ON THE OTHER SIDE, Dar###imported-begin###Darlene Barker###imported-end###

August 24, 2009 at 04:52 PM



“ You are missed.###imported-begin###Beth McColl###imported-end###

August 15, 2009 at 09:27 PM



“ I was very saddened to hear about the loss of our great friend Tom. I know he is now with the lord.. but it still hurts to not have him here with us. I can honestly say Tom is the one person who has ever made me laugh the most.. :) He always knew what to say or do to make a smile appear on your face. He often sang the great Brad Paisley song "I'd like to check you for ticks" to me.. haha I will forever think of him when I hear that song! We love you and miss you Tom! You will never ever be forgotten!!##imported-begin##Amanda Wilcox##imported-end##

August 14, 2009 at 07:35 PM



“ Hi Daddy, I miss you so much. You could always make me laugh even when I wanted to cry. Even now in my sorrow, I will think of the crazy, funny things that you would do or say and I laugh. When I first separated from Al and was anguished I talked to you and you always made me feel better, just by being here. But I said "Daddy will he ever grow up?" you told me that most men if they ever grow up it's not until they are in their 60's. I told you that I couldn't wait that long, that I had 3 kids to raise and I wouldn't raise a man too. Well we have been separated for almost seven years and it still has not happened. I am not waiting for it anymore. He has at least 20 more to go. I have met a man that is grown. I am so glad that you got to meet Mark. He is a great guy daddy. He loves me and the kids, I can almost hear you say what's not to love! I love him daddy and I finally met a good man. I just know that you are watching over us and it makes you happy that all of us have found the person we are supposed to be with. I know that you are bowling, golfing and are sun tanned again. I'll see you there daddy and we will have a beer and bowl at you're house and maybe we can watch a good cowboy movie, or watch the Lions win it all! Love and miss you so much, Shannon##imported-begin##Shannon Anderson##imported-end##

August 14, 2009 at 09:03 AM



“ Grandpa, you are the best grandpa anyone could have! I love you and miss you. When I heard that you died, I just couldn't believe it. You were a strong and good man. I wrote you a poem a couple of weeks ago, the last time that I saw you. Bye forever, I LOVE YOU. I have to say goodbye now, I will never see you again until I die. I wrote this for my grandpa because he is about to die. I will never see him again till I die. I love you grandpa. You're granddaughter, Lexy Anderson###imported-begin##Lexy Anderson###imported-end##

August 14, 2009 at 08:43 AM



“ Dear Grandpa, You are my favorite grandpa ever! Every since I was born I've loved you. I miss you very much. I will see you in heaven. You're grandson, Alford###imported-begin##Alford Anderson###imported-end##

August 14, 2009 at 08:35 AM



“ Hey Daddy-

It's Patti. I wrote that poem about 6 months after you were diagnosed. It is so unfair, you deserved better than what happened. I love you more than words could ever express, they always fall short of how much I love you. I hope you knew that. I tried really hard to make sure you knew, it is so hard to believe that I can't pick up the phone and call the nursing home and you can't be on the other end. They all loved you so much at the nursing home daddy. so us kids decided to give everyone a place to go and honor, and remember you. You could always make everyone laugh, that is a unique ability. Tayler wants to be an awesome bowler like his grandpa. I am so glad that he got to know you. And daddy it meant the world to me that you came here and met alton. He is a good man, and he will take care of Tayler and I. I was so happy to show you the place that I call home, and I will always treasure the time you were here, and I know that it was hard for you to come. your fear of flying, and being so sick, but it meant everything to me, and I am so glad I was able to come to Michigan so much over this past year. You will always be near to my heart, I wear that locket I bought while in Michigan on my last trip, the one I told you about, with your birthstone, everyday.

*Love you and miss you so much!##imported-begin##Patti
Tamashiro##imported-end##*

August 14, 2009 at 04:41 AM



“ A Thief

I grew up fast and left home young

Time went by so quickly. I am 35 years old. Half the age he is now. He like me, had life throw obstacles in his path. 70 years old... looking to retire But still working... always working. Talking about retiring. Ready to collect the money he put into the system all of these years

50 plus years. But no... life will throw one more obstacle in his way. Never a break. CANCER. Just like that.. CANCER

Now he must continue to work while battling CANCER. He must work to keep his health insurance. He must work while undergoing chemotherapy. CANCER. Ravishing his body. Hiding. The doctor tells us he cannot find the source of the CANCER. No confidence in the doctor who can't find the source of the CANCER. 6 long months.. And still the doctor can't find the source of the CANCER. No confidence in the DOCTOR. Second opinoion. University of Michigan. Less than one day. A doctor finds the CANCER.

STOMACH. PANCREAS. SMALL INTESTINE. LARGE INTESTINE. CANCER. EVERYWHERE. Told you will die. We just do not know when. Found too late. CANCER. Has come to take away your breath.. your life.. But not until CANCER takes away your energy. Your hopes and dreams. Your retirement. Your time to finally at last Rest. To watch your 40 inch flat screen TV. To BOWL. TO GOLF. TO REST. NOW ALL OF THAT IS LOST. NOW ONLY TO FIGHT TO LIVE.. TO WORK.. TO KEEP YOUR HEALTH INSURANCE.. TO BATTLE CANCER. THAT THE DOCTORS SAY CAN'T BE BATTLED. TO BE TOLD YOU ARE GOING TO DIE WE JUST DON'T KNOW WHEN. TO BE AFRAID.. FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER IN YOUR LIFE.. OF CANCER. NOT KNOWING WHEN IT WILL TAKE YOU FROM US. KNOWING HOW SCARED YOU MUST BE. HOW ANGRY I AM AT CANCER FOR ROBBING YOU OF YOUR TIME TO REST... TO WATCH YOUR 40 INCH FLAT SCREEN TV.. TO BOWL.. TO GOLF. AND FOR US TO BE ABLE TO LOVE YOU A LITTLE WHILE LONGER LIKE THE NEXT 20 YEARS OR SO

CANCER
TO ROB US OF OUR FATHER
CANCER
SHAME ON YOU##imported-begin##Patti Tamashiro##imported-end##

August 14, 2009 at 04:31 AM



“Daddy, Years have passed since the days I believed you were a giant super hero. So very many things happened and changed for us as father and daughter. So many tears and angry words were spoken, but there were also giggles and smiles we shared. As a little girl I always felt I couldn't live without you. Then I grew up and moved away. There were times and moments throughout some days that I felt guilty for not being near you. But as the years passed the guilt slowly eased and I was ok. I was living my own life and made a family for myself. But you were always there in my mind and in my heart. And even though I was far away I always knew we could visit, I always believed there would be so much time. Up until 3 years ago when I realized time did not mean forever. Now there is no more time you are gone, the heaviness I feel when I realize your not just far away when I think there is no more time left to say "Oh I'll just call him tomorrow." The only thing that helps is believing your no longer in pain or scared sad or angry. You are somewhere bowling a 300 smoking a cigarette and drinking a beer. I will miss you forever, think of everyday and love you always. And I will see you again Daddy.##imported-begin##Laura Peel##imported-end##

August 13, 2009 at 09:36 PM



“ hi grandpa, its hard to get over this huge loss. I love u and the dreaded day your life moved foward me and my mom patti tamashiro grabbed some balloons and tied some notes to them and let them go. and my balloon got stuck in a tree and my mom said youre not letting go. but anyway u were one of the best bowlers i knew a beloved grandfother and dad and u will be greatly missed- love youre grandson tayler christain sanney P.S I LOVE U SO MUCH BYE-BYE=(##imported-begin##Tayler Sanney##imported-end##

August 13, 2009 at 01:53 AM



“ Grandpa.Its me again. I just want you to know that i'm always thinking about you. you were the best. and i know that one day i will see you once again.but till then i will contuine thinking about you and you will be watching over all of us. i love you.##imported-begin##Kayla McCoy##imported-end##

August 12, 2009 at 10:00 PM



“ I just wanted to say hi and I loved you so much and I will always miss that smile of yours and the fun you just brought everywhere you went...for all the bowling memoreys your 299 game and all the games you bowled in your socks...your abilty to make everyone around you laugh, heres to watching bill cosby, cowboy's and indians and to all red heads. and well never forget your funny gestures and sounds... to the most honorable man in our family...Thomas Mccoy you will be missed more than youll ever know. I love you and youll forever be in our heartsTanya.##imported-begin##Tanya Cagle ##imported-end##

August 12, 2009 at 08:59 AM



“ Tom was a big part of mine and my familys life. He loved life. Always on the go. His family was the most important to him. With deepest sympathies.##imported-begin##Linda Ariel-Reese##imported-end##

August 11, 2009 at 09:18 PM



“ Hi Grandpa, rest in peace, and know we are always thinking about you. I love you so much.##imported-begin##Kayla McCoy##imported-end##

August 10, 2009 at 04:26 PM



“ Thomas McCoy wasa my grandpa and he was the most amazing grandpa a granddaughter could ask for. I love him so much and i'm going to miss him. Grandpa we are all thinking about you everyday. I love you.##imported-begin##Kayla McCoy##imported-end##

August 10, 2009 at 04:19 PM



“ Hi daddy - I hope you know how much you were loved by so many people. I miss you so much. Watch over all of us and know that you are in our hearts every day and are remembered by all who love you. Love, Patti##imported-begin##Patti Tamashiro##imported-end##

August 10, 2009 at 03:50 PM



“ *Daddy you were taken from us too soon. I know you are in a better place now. You can rest in peace. You're life was never easy daddy. You were a strong good man. You will now have peace and joy. Tell Grandma we all say hi. See you again someday young and healthy; how I'll always remember you. Love you're oldest daughter, Shannon##imported-begin##Shannon Anderson##imported-end##*

August 10, 2009 at 02:53 PM



“ *Daddy I love you so much... Now you can rest and be in peace.##imported-begin##Patricia Tamashiro##imported-end##*

August 10, 2009 at 01:32 PM