



Thomas W. Rynders

February 22, 1933 - January 22, 2013

Dateline: Godfrey

Thomas W. Rynders, 79, passed away at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 22, 2013 at his home with his family at his side. Born February 22, 1933 in Alton he was the son of Frank and Sabina (Berghoff) Rynders. He served with the U.S. Army from 1953-1955 and was a member of the American Legion Post 126 in Alton. He also served as Scoutmaster for seven years for Troop 126. Tom retired from Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 553 in 1993. He enjoyed duck hunting, fishing, playing dominos and leather crafting. He was a member of St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Godfrey where he sang in the choir for 30 years. On September 5, 1953 he was married to Jeanne Joehl by Reverend J.J. Brune at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Alton. She survives. Also surviving are three sons and one daughter, Tim (Jeanne) Rynders of Godfrey, Teri (Rusty) Cope of Alton, Ted (Nancy) Rynders of St. Peters, MO, and Trent (Valerie) Rynders of High Ridge, MO, nine grandchildren, Amanda Wiesemann, Danny Rynders, Jackie Cope, Laura Gerdes, Jenna Rynders, Sarah Rynders, Erica Ndina, Samantha Rynders, and Victoria Rynders, two great granddaughters, Allison and Haley Wiesemann, and one sister, Barbara Gibbons of Godfrey. He was preceded in death by four brothers, Ellis, James, Harold, and Robert Rynders, and one sister, Mary Gross. Visitation will be from 4:00-8:00 p.m. Friday, January 25, 2013 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. A Mass of Christian burial will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, January 26, 2013 at St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Godfrey. Father Steve Pohlman and Father Jerry

Wickenhauser will concelebrate. Burial will be at St. Joseph Cemetery in Alton. Memorials may be made to MRFA (Mesothelioma Research Foundation), Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, masses, or a charity of one's choice.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas W. Rynders*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Thomas W. Rynders*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Mrs. Rynders, Tim, Terry, Ted, & Trent,*

My heart goes out your family for your loss. I have very fond memories of all of you during my childhood. My sincere condolences...Chuck Bonnell

Charles Bonnell - February 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Please accept my deepest sympathy for I too know the pain of losing someone you love. May your family find comfort as I have in knowing that our loving heavenly Father promises us that very soon he will 'wipe out every tear from our eyes, and death will be no more.' (Revelation 21:4) What a wonderful day that will be!*

K. Jackson - January 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

EV

“ *Jeanne,*

Please accept my condolences at this difficult time for you and your family.

Eileen

Eileen McClintock VanAllman - January 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ *My Life is but a weaving*

between my Lord and me;

I cannot choose the colors

He worketh steadily.

Of times He weaveth sorrow

And I, in foolish pride,

Forget He sees the upper,

And I the under side.

Not til the loom is silent

And the shuttles cease to fly,

Shall God unroll the canvas

And explain the reason why.

The dark threads are as needful

In the Weaver's skillful hand,

As the threads of gold and silver

In the pattern He has planned.

He knows, He loves, He cares,

Nothing this truth can dim.

He gives His very best to those

Who leave the choice with Him.

This poem was found in my Great Grandmothers bible and I like to share it in times like this.

Tom will be missed! I spent many a Saturday in the Duck Blind with him and Dad growing up. I will always treasure those times and others we spent together.

Dad has another fishing buddy in heaven! You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Thom Croxton - January 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *I am Mary and Thomas Mathews daughter. I am so sorry for your loss. I am certain that when Mr. Rynders crossed over that he was met by my mom. They will have plenty to talk about now.*

Julie Mathews Coccozza - January 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *A sympathy card has been sent to a friend or relative of Thomas W. Rynders.*

January 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Thomas W. Rynders*

Nila & Alois (Al) Schwegel Jr. - January 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mom, Amanda, Jackie, Laura, Haley and Ally.... Be at peace knowing grandpa is in a better place now. I will be with you all every step of the way through this. I didn't know grandpa very well, but I know that he was a very loved man by so many wonderful people. My heart aches for all you girls and I just hope that my love and comfort help you in some way.*

Love ya's,

Dani

Danielle Zimmerman - January 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ It really saddened me to see that Tom had passed. My sympathy goes out to Jeanne and the kids. Tom was my Scoutmaster for many years and taught me a lot about life. I especially remember with fondness the struggles and laughs of building sleds for the Klondike Derby in his garage. One year it didn't snow and we ended up dragging it through the mud until it fell apart! Tom had to deal with a big group of heartbroken kids, but he did it with infinite patience and caring. He will be missed by many!

Ed May - January 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM