



Mr. Thomas R. Horan

October 9, 1932 - July 29, 2011

HORAN, THOMAS R.

Delta Twp.

Thomas R. Horan lost a long and courageous battle with Parkinson's disease on July 29th. Tom was born on October 9, 1932 to Frank and Ella Horan in Detroit. He graduated from Detroit Cooley High. In 1952 Tom was drafted during the Korean War and served at Camp Carson, CO as a sergeant for the 200th Infantry. Upon discharge he attended the University of Detroit receiving his BS. He then received his Masters from Wayne State. Tom was a dedicated Michigan educator and leader for 33 years and served as principal of Holt Jr. High from 1972-1991.

Tom married Patricia Murphy in 1960, celebrating their 50th anniversary last year. He was a member of St. Michael's Parish, Grand Ledge. He loved to fish, camp and play cards.

Tom was preceded in death by his son, Terry. He is survived by his beloved wife, Patricia, daughter Colleen of Lansing, son Dan (Julie) of DeWitt, grandchildren, Anna Barrett, Jack and Halle Horan, brothers, Jerry (Patsy) of St. Johns, Dick (Mary) of Harbor Springs.

A Funeral Mass will be held at St. Michael Catholic Church, 345 Edwards St., Grand Ledge on Tuesday, Aug 2, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. The family will receive friends at the church on Tuesday from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to Eaton Community Hospice , 2675 S. Cochran Rd.,

Charlotte, MI 48813. Arrangements by Holihan-Atkin Funeral Home Grand Ledge.

Cemetery Details

Delta Center Cemetery

7382 W. St. Joseph Highway
Lansing, MI 48917

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Saint Michael Catholic Church
345 Edwards Street
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ We were so sorry to hear of Tom's passing. We just got back from a five day trip to Chicago visiting our kids. We were so glad to see Horaan's at the annual Christmas gathering. Our prayers are with you. Chuck and Marge Ahern. Lathrup Village, MI

Marjory Ahern - August 03, 2011 at 05:20 PM

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“ Tom and Pat are neighbors. They both are tremendous role models for living with adversity. As Tom fought his battle with Parkinson's disease, he was an inspiration and a reminder to all of us to make the most of every day and to be grateful for what God provides. For as long as he was able, Tom walked Missy up and down our street. His positive attitude and courage was evident with every step and in every conversation. We will miss him.

We extend sincere condolences to Pat and the Horan family. May God bless you and may you find peace and comfort in the days ahead.

Sandy and Wayne Winchell

Sandra R. Winchell - August 02, 2011 at 12:12 PM

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“ To the Horan family - I taught for one year at HJHS 25 years ago with Mr. Horan as my principal. I remember him as a friendly, kind, dignified, humorous, pleasant & congenial man & a first-rate respectful & respected principal. Unfortunately, I never told him that he was my all-time favorite administrator throughout my 30-plus years in education (& counting). I'm sorry that Parkinsons took him too young. My mom also had Parkinsons. It's a terrible disease that needs to be wiped out. My sympathies are with you, & even though I didn't stay in contact with Mr. Horan after I left Holt, I share in your loss of this exceptional man. As educators, we hope to affect people in positive ways. Mr. Horan gets an A in that subject. Rest in peace. Respectfully, Jennifer Wood

Jennifer Wood - August 01, 2011 at 04:17 PM