



Thomas J Letrent

November 2, 1938 - October 1, 2023

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DF

“ To Karen and family,
Condolences to you for your tremendous loss. Birdie (as he was always known to me) was such a good friend in our high school and later years. I would correct the obituary to read that he was not just a member of Warren High's undefeated football team. He was a star on that team! Tom played in the defensive backfield and would not allow opposition teams to gain yards on wide sweeps. He was a relentless block shedder and tackler.

Origins of his nickname are unclear but nicknames were not unusual in that era. Other of Tom's classmates nicknames included: Cheech, Ooks, Nellie, Flops, Gibbo, Bones, Fitz etc.

And, yes, Tom's "generosity" was above and beyond. I experienced this in the later 1950s when hitch-hiking home from my college southwest of Cleveland. For hours I got stuck on a lonely highway near Edinboro, PA. This event pre-dated cell phones and I could make one paid phone call for help. I chose to call Birdie. He immediately dropped what he was doing and drove all the way from Warren to Edinboro. He then drove me home for my holiday in Warren. On the trip home he mostly caught me up on his love of Karen, who was one of the best looking gals in a high school class behind ours. He certainly deserved only the best and I was privileged to call him Birdie, my friend. Dave Fitzgerald

Dave Fitzgerald - October 16, 2023 at 06:39 PM

LC

“ Karen,

My heart ached when I read in the newspaper today of Tom's passing. Many years have passed but there is still a very special place in my heart as I recall my youth and sweet memories of you and Tom. And what a beautiful photo you have included for his obituary. My deepest sympathies are with you and your family during this time.

Linda Castagnino Curren

Linda Curren - October 15, 2023 at 01:57 PM

KG

“ So sad to learn of Tom's passing. We grew up together in Warren and he was one of our closest friends. Even in later years we called each other periodically. Tom was a joy to be around, always with a smile and a positive attitude about everything. He will be missed by all who knew him. Our heart goes out to Karen and the family.

Keith and Carol Gibson

Keith Gibson - October 13, 2023 at 10:11 AM

DS

“ Karen and family: Please accept my sincere condolences for your loss. Tom was a good friend and I have many great memories of him. He will surely be missed. Rest in peace my friend.

Danny Suppa - October 13, 2023 at 08:00 AM

TR

“ Karen:

Terrie and I are so sorry for your loss. As your paper boy for a few years I recall your kindness and all the happy activity in your home.

Tom and Terrie Regina:

tom regina - October 12, 2023 at 09:52 AM

TF

“ *It comes with a great deal of regret we learned of Ton's passing in Warren,Pa. newspaper this morning. Tom was liked and loved by this town. When I started driving, Tom took care of my truck and always treated you righ and with respect. Always had time and his smile to offer if you were a kid or a CEO of a company. Great guy, can't say enough good about Tom. My deepest sympathy to Tom's entire family and friends. Rest in peace my friend.*

The Steinkamp Family - October 11, 2023 at 08:18 AM

TH

I remember Tom and his station in North Warren. As a young driver, he took care of my vehicles and my family's. Always a smile, always a chat, and you always felt like a friend. He even helped young mechanics or mechanic want-to-be's get a good start with training for their futures. A gentleman and genuine person. May his family know that he was remembered by customers who also became friends. My condolences.

Tracey (Templeton) Hill

Tracey Hill - October 11, 2023 at 09:41 PM

JH

Karen and family,

I'm so sorry to hear about Tom's passing. Tom and my dad were best friends for so many years. He was best man at my parents wedding in 1960, and you were both at my wedding in Gainesville FL in 1989. I always remind my wife what Tommy said that day to me "Johnny - you got a really pretty wife".

I have so many memories of Tom over the years. He had a twinkle in his eye, and that sly grin. Great sense of humor, always had us laughing with some quip.

Birddog will be missed.

*Take care
John Harrington*

John Harrington - October 13, 2023 at 12:32 PM

EH

Dear Karen,

This is Eleanor Flickner (Hooker.) My son Jeff & his wife arrived here in Indiana earlier in the day today & told me about Tom. Of course, I called Marsha Larson immediately & we spent quite a bit of time reminiscing about the "good old day." So many softball games, so many parties & get togethers. Wonderful memories for all of us. Do you suppose my Bob, Marsha's Bob & Tom have already picked a new softball team on which to play? One thing they won't have to worry about is getting rained out. The weather is always great in heaven. You & the family are in my thoughts & prayers.

Hugs,

Eleanor

Eleanor Hooker - October 13, 2023 at 04:16 PM