



Tobias Wade Thomas

June 8, 1950 - January 29, 2013

Tobias "Toby" Thomas, 62, of Pullman passed away Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2013, at his home.

Toby was born June 8, 1950, in Chicago, and has lived the majority of his life in the Glenn, Ganges, Fennville and Pullman areas. He was a loving husband, father, brother and dear friend to many.

Surviving is his wife and soul mate, Sally (Tesmer), whom he married Sept. 27, 2003; two step-children, Mark Tesmer of Holland and Patty McNees of Holland; eight grandchildren; one great-grandson on the way; a sister, Penny (Ed) Lang; and a nephew, Troy Lang.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

The family will meet friends from 6-8 p.m. Friday at the Bangor Chapel, D.L. Miller Funeral Home, www.dlmillerfuneralhome.com, where funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday. Interment will follow in Lee Township Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the family.

Cemetery Details

Lee Township Cemetery

105th Ave. and 53rd St.
Pullman, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 1. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bangor Chapel
258 West Monroe Street
Bangor, MI

Service

FEB 2. 1:00 PM (ET)

Bangor Chapel
258 West Monroe Street
Bangor, MI

Tribute Wall

MJ

“ *Thomas family: I went to school and rode the bus with Toby for many years. I remember him as friendly and always smiling! May the Lord hold you in his arms and keep you close. Mary Guigue Johnson*

Mary Guigue Johnson - February 06, 2013 at 09:22 AM

NP

“ *NanCe Piper lit a candle in memory of Tobias Wade Thomas*



NanCe Piper - February 05, 2013 at 07:31 PM

MP

“ *Sally and Family,*

We are deeply saddened to hear that Toby just recently passed away. We knew him from D&W Foods. It was a great pleasure to not only work with him, but he had a charismatic sense of humor that we all loved about him. He was easy going, funny, and free spirited -sensible guy. I personally remember working in the bottle room and on occasions, he would push a cart of bottle returns like if it was a race car on steroids. It was simply hilarious to see Toby with a little grocery cart racing to the bottle room. It made me laugh and giggle and I simply felt at ease with him.

Another thing remembered was when it was time to leave work; it was time to head to the mountains. When he would head to the mountains, he would have a six pack of Bush beer sitting on the conveyor belt for the cashier or my mother to ring up. Most importantly, he would have this beer waiting for him whether he needed it or not. As we noticed this to be a regular occurrence, being that it was true, we were tickled pink to see just a little bit of beer was all it took to make Toby happier than a clam.

Again, we are truly saddened by this tragedy, we will always remember Toby and he will live in our hearts. We pray for you and your family.

Maurice, Adriana, and Angelica Palmucci

Maurice Palmucci - February 04, 2013 at 04:25 AM

JJ

“ *I worked with Toby at Vanhardesvelts when I was in high school, great guy, alot of fun. Introduced me to "The Toby Burger" I think about him when I make them. So sorry for your loss.*

Jim Scudder Jr. - February 02, 2013 at 10:31 AM

JP

“ Sorry for your lost,he will be missed knew him many yours at villiage
mkt.joni ponicki & penelope

joni ponicki - January 30, 2013 at 05:17 PM

JW

“ Mom, Patty, Mark: I am sending you big hugs and keeping you and
your family in my thoughts.
Jamie

Jamie Walle - January 30, 2013 at 02:49 PM

TL

“ Sally~

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. We always
had such a nice time with you and Toby during our summer get-
togethers. He will be truly missed.*

Troy and Jen

Troy and Jen Lang - January 30, 2013 at 02:41 PM

JJ

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guy alot fun.Introduced me to the "Toby Burger".I still think of him when
I make them.So sorry for your loss.*

Jim Scudder Jr. - February 02, 2013 at 10:27 AM

DB

*Our thoughts and prayers are with your family at this time. Our families
go way back, and we are saddened by Toby's passing and your loss.*

Virginia Caperton and Family

DeAnna Bolla - February 03, 2013 at 02:20 PM



MM

Sally,

So sorry and shocked at Toby's passing..... You guys never missed a gig when the band was playing during the 70's and 80's. Always depended on you two to be there. When I got to work with Toby at D&W we developed a great relationship!! We liked our Busch Beer and had some great times doing that!! Over the past years he has entered my mind to see how he's doing but it was hard to get his phone number or email address.. He was very private and we all could get a lesson from him on that!! I miss doing his job, by his recommendation, when you two took your trip to Florida and how proud of all those sea shells you have!! It was an honor to be invited to your wedding and Toby and I still got to talk about Harleys!!

Yes He will be missed!!

You take care,

Mel & Sandi Miles

Mel Miles - February 03, 2013 at 03:41 PM



So sorry to hear of your loss. Toby was a classmate of mine at Fennville during high school and I have often wondered how he was doing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Judy (Keigley) Hobby, New Era, MI

Judith Hobby - February 05, 2013 at 12:00 PM