



Thomas Joyner

June 8, 1962 - December 17, 2011

Thomas Joyner, 49, of Watervliet, passed away on Saturday, December 17, 2011, at Lakeland Regional Medical Center in St. Joseph.

Funeral services celebrating his life will be held at 1:00 p.m., on Wednesday, December 21, 2011, at the Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service, 1053 E. Napier, Benton Harbor, with Pastor Wade Blankenship officiating. Burial will follow at North Shore Memory Gardens in Hagar Shores. Visitation will be held on Tuesday evening from 5:00 until 8:00 at the funeral home.

Thomas was born on June 8, 1964 in Berrien Springs to Claude and Vivian Joyner. He was always a 'dreamer' who pursued many passions. He enjoyed cooking. Most of all, Thomas loved spending time with his family – particularly with his children.

Thomas is survived by his wife, Tammy; children, Amanda (Matthew) Burgess, of Maryville, TN, Stacey Joyner of Grand Rapids, Dakota Joyner of Maryville, TN, and Dylan Joyner of Watervliet; step-children, Joseph (Misty) Peek of Lawrence; Cody Cantrell and Rikki Peek of Watervliet; his grandson, Connor; and by his brothers, James "Butch" Davis, of Ionia, MI and Terry Joyner of Studio City, CA.

Thomas was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorials may be made to Diabetes Research. Messages of condolence may be sent to www.florin.net.

Cemetery Details

North Shore Memory Gardens

5027 M 63 N
Coloma, MI 49038

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **20**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service
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Service

DEC **21**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

TW

“ *Teri Wagoner lit a candle in memory of Thomas Joyner*



teri wagoner - December 22, 2015 at 07:50 PM



“ *Hello me brother!
Can you believe it -over 3 yrs since I have seen you. So much has happen and I miss you like crazy.
I want to call you and just chat - catch up on the changes life has brought.
I wanna yell and cry so everyone knows I still hurt.
Send me some strength! Oh Tommy I'm so tired- I now understand.*

Tj Joyner - February 13, 2015 at 04:01 AM

SI

Reading this I can feel the pain in your heart. I miss being a lil kid and us all being together. I love you so much uncle T. Miss grandma and uncle tom.

sissy - February 13, 2015 at 10:24 PM

SJ

“ *I am really missing you right now. I could really use some fatherly advice. I love you bunches dad.*

Stacey Joyner - October 25, 2014 at 03:16 PM

SJ

“ *Stacey Joyner lit a candle in memory of Thomas Joyner*



Stacey Joyner - October 25, 2014 at 03:12 PM



“ *Dakota James Joyner was added to the Family Tree.*

Dakota Joyner - January 08, 2012 at 02:18 PM



“ Dad,
Many nights after the funeral I have layed awake, in hopes that I might see you. From the time I was a child up until that fateful day, we never really seemed to "click" like we should have, and for that I will always be sad. But in time for the both of us (even now for you) we both realize, it wasn't about the fact that we never really played the parts of Father and Son correctly, its the fact that we were there and we tried. Even though we cannot show it, Dad, My father, Thomas Ralph Edward Joyner, I love you. You are my father, regardless of any situations we came in contact with, for you I will always be grateful. When I am up on stage singing, I will always sing a song for you. When I'm in a movie, I will always play a part for you. My light, my shoulder, my friend. You are the wind, beneath my wings. So in quote " Thank you, thank you, thank God for you, The wind beneath my wings" ~Bette Midler. I will tell my children of you, and your legacy, how because of you other Diabetes patients have the one thing they thought was gone...Hope. Hope and Love. You were a hell of a singer, and a powerful man, but you surrounded yourself with people who demanded so little of you. I am sad to have to write this to you, not because I regret the things I am now saying, but the fact this is the only way I can say them to you. The one things I want me and you dad to keep in mind is, that when the living (me,Dylan) think of the deceased , the deceased (you) can hear their thoughts, and for that I know you never truly have left me. I hate the fact I never got to properly tell you goodbye, but then again, I think thats how we both wanted it. To not see each other in the situation we were in. (At the funeral, you looked fantastic by the way) , There are still so many things I want to say to you, dad, and I can't. "Mon père, même si les temps ont passé, vous serez toujours rester avec moi dans mon coeur" which means, " My father, even though times have past, you will always stay with me in my heart" In the words of my new song " The things in life we most enjoy, should never get old or seem to annoy" - " Love it like you should" by Dakota Joyner.



I love you dad, I always have, and I always will. Save a seat for me up there would you. Next to Megan (R.I.P my sister) and Grandma Viv and you, if possible. I know you can find a way to work something out :)

*I love you Dad,
Your Son,
Dakota James Joyner.*

Dakota Joyner - January 08, 2012 at 02:09 PM

TL

“ *As I grew up, Tom, Terry and Aunt Viv were a huge part of my life. Tom was always a super guy to me! Tom and Terry were always at opposite sides of the spectrum to me as in, Terry was ALWAYS making me laugh! Thats a shocker to everyone, NOT!! On the other hand Tom was always kind of serious with me but I always loved talking to him. I thought of him as an older brother watching for me and Jason Davis as we ran all over the heights trying our hardest to get into things we shouldnt! I will always appreciate what their family has done for my mom and me and is even more evident to me as I am older. Sorry for not keeping in touch but know you will be missed. Rest in peace Tom.*

*Love ya, man
Tom Lane (T-Bone)*

Tom Lane - December 26, 2011 at 04:13 PM

SJ

“ *Stacey Joyner lit a candle in memory of
Thomas Joyner*



Stacey Joyner - December 25, 2011 at 12:07 AM

TM

“ Teresa (Osborn) Martin lit a candle in memory of Thomas Joyner



Teresa (Osborn) Martin - December 24, 2011 at 10:00 AM

GS

“ Oh Lord Tom, there are so many. I remember I time when Terry had us on 3 way calling and did not tell you that I was on, and he told you about this guy that I was dating and you said well we'll just leave that between the 3 of us. :) Terry then told you, brother Glenda is on the phone, and you said ooops!! oh well she knows now. We 3 always loved talking about the things that Aunt Viv and my Dad did and the trouble they got into, as only brothers and sisters can/will do. And as we both know how them 2 were that they got into a lot of trouble. I love you and you will be missed.

Love ya,
Glenda

Glenda Spaulding - December 23, 2011 at 07:46 AM

AB

“ ~*~ For You ~*~



Amanda Burgess - December 22, 2011 at 10:46 AM

TJ

“ Hey brother,
My favorite memory? Wow, well there's only 48 yrs of them. Those personal late night talks, well those will always be our's; not to be shared. Maybe the one where we slept in the same bed till 16 yrs old, the orange bikes, the cheese sandwich, the BBQ trays for mom, hitch hiking into Benton Harbor (Ooops-LOL) that was just wrong, sorry mom. How about the fights-LOL ya know we did. Remember that time I got in trouble and you wanted to run away? Ah? where? LOL. Trillion of them, I'm laughing now! Each one of them have a story that I'll share with your kids as time goes by. I love you brother, I'm missing you so much already. Thank you brother for accepting me and saying that I was ok with you. Dang Tom, this hurts so bad. See you soon brother, well maybe not so soon, I got things to do. I cherish you, you are an amazing person and you mattered to me. Dang, I let you go because I know you had to go, but I'm a lil mad, just give me some time!
XOXO
Your baby Brother. T



Terry Lynn Joyner - December 22, 2011 at 10:02 AM

TB

“ Tammy (Fain) Baker lit a candle in memory of Thomas Joyner



Tammy (Fain) Baker - December 22, 2011 at 08:15 AM

DH

“ Memories of you & your family touch my heart. May you rest in peace my friend and God give comfort to your loved ones.. Give my momma & your momma a kiss for me. you will be missed..
Debra Christopher Harry & Family



Debra Christopher Harry - December 21, 2011 at 05:46 PM

DS

“ The memories of the fun times and what you meant to my children. Always keeping the Joyner side of the family alive in their hearts, will never be forgotten.. I can only imagine Grandma Viv's face when you walked thru those gates to share eternity with her.. :) May God always keep your family safe and help them through this difficult time. You maybe gone but never forgotten we will always love you and hold fond memories in our hearts.
God bless Your family , The Jackson Family.



Diana *Jackson* Schmuhl - December 21, 2011 at 05:41 PM

WB

“ Altho through the years we have drifted apart, I did think of you & fond memories of when you was a child. The pots of coffee we shared as adults, The conversations we had about life in general. The laughter we all had shared with Vivian & Terry.. You left this earth to soon, with time that cannot be gotten back.. Im so sorry for your loss Tammy, Terry , Butch and all you children and families.. May you Rest In Peace Tom Walk with Angels.. God Bless and Comfort the loved ones left behind ~
Wanda Burnett



Wanda Burnett - December 20, 2011 at 02:33 PM

PS

“ *A lifetime of memories, laughs, and love. Time always separates people, but the memory remains. You will be missed my friend....go find that 18 wheeler in the sky...*

God bless Tammy, your children, and your family, and I pray for all to find peace and strength. Love ya Tom...RIP

Pam Renfro

Pamela Skolnik-Renfro - December 20, 2011 at 09:46 AM