



Thomas "Tom" Spurgin

July 30, 1936 - February 17, 2017

Thomas "Tom" Spurgin, age 80, of Albia, passed away on Friday, February 17, 2017, at the Monroe Care Center in Albia.

Tom was born on July 30th, 1936 in rural Monroe County to Jack & Eleanor (Swartz) Spurgin. He attended Cedar County School. On August 30, 1957 he was united in marriage to Dorothy (Jamieson) Spurgin at the First Methodist Church in Albia. To this union 6 children were born, Debbie, Tim, Terry Dean, Ted, DeeAnn and Denise. Together they shared 59 years of marriage.

Tom worked a number of jobs, working for the railroad at age 14 during the summer. When he got older he traveled the country showing foxhounds for G. E. Coates of Fort Dodge, Iowa. He worked for the Albia Newspaper, construction work, then he worked at the John Deere Ottumwa Works for 30 years from where he retired. He also owned the Hi-Fly Ridge Fox Pen.

Tom's hobby was running fox and coyote hounds. He judged bench shows, field trials all over the country. He was president of the Southern Iowa Fox Hunters Association, Iowa State Fox Hunters Association and the 1988 All American Running Hound Classic at Picayune, Mississippi. He was a director of all 3 organizations for many years. In 2003 he received the prestigious A.N. Nichols Lifetime Achievement Award by the All American Running Hound Classic. His love for running hounds he received from his grandfather T.V.

Swartz. His real love was his family and friends.

Tom is survived by his wife, Dorothy Spurgin of Albia; his children, Debbie (Steve) Zaputil, Tim (Vicki) Spurgin, Terry Dean (Mekca) Spurgin all of Albia, Ted (Pam) Spurgin of Moravia, DeeAnn (Tim) Crall of Worthington, Minnesota and Denise (Jim) Schawang of Falls City, Nebraska. He was blessed with 17 grandchildren; 16 great grandchildren; and several step grandchildren and great grandchildren; his brother, Terry (Ann) Spurgin of Albia and a sister Rosann (Harry) Little of Peoria Heights, Illinois; his Aunt Rosemary Cory of Johnston, Iowa and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jack & Eleanor and a grandson, Jarred Crall.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, February 22, 2017, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Deacon Ed Kamerick officiating. Burial will follow the service at the Hiteman Cemetery.

Visitation will be held from 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 21, 2017, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Tom's family present from 5-8 p.m. to greet family and friends.

An open memorial has been established in Tom's name to be determined at a later date.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **21**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Tharp Funeral Home
116 Benton Ave.
Albia, IA 52531
(641) 932-3129
<https://www.tharpfh.com/>

Funeral Service

FEB **22**. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Thomas "Tom" Spurgin

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ Thomas "Tom" Spurgin

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ my Heart is crying with the family, Hugs for Dorothy, DeeAnn, Deb, Ted, Tim, Terry Dean & Denise at this time.. sending special hugs 2 my classmate and friend DeeAnn. May your dad RIP.



Debra Ballalatak - February 21, 2017 at 08:57 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" Spurgin.



February 21, 2017 at 08:39 PM



“ Sorry to hear about Tom, condolence's to Dorothy and all the children and grandchildren. May your memories help you thru this difficult time. Marilyn and Steve Larson

Marilyn Larson - February 21, 2017 at 01:10 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" Spurgin.*



February 21, 2017 at 11:43 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" Spurgin.*



February 21, 2017 at 10:39 AM



“ *Dorthy , Ted and the rest of the family of Tom , we offer our heart , many a story I listen to around the fire of the cabin while dogs sang in the distance . I have no words to ease the pain , only hope we will meet again . Sincerely Frank and Barb Vance*

Frank Vance - February 20, 2017 at 09:10 PM



“ *Donna Lagrange- Cari Break lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tom" Spurgin*



Donna Lagrange- Cari Break - February 20, 2017 at 07:57 PM

H&

“ *Helen Stone-bodkin & Robin lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tom" Spurgin*



helen stone-bodkin & Robin - February 20, 2017 at 07:46 PM

BT

“ *Barry, Shirley, Cody, Cassie, Tenysa, Travis purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Thomas "Tom" Spurgin.*



Barry, Shirley, Cody, Cassie, Tenysa, Travis - February 20, 2017 at 06:50 PM

BV

“ *May God be a comfort to you all during this difficult time.
You're in our thoughts and prayers.
Justin & Becky Vonderschmidt*



Becky Vonderschmidt - February 20, 2017 at 06:26 PM

EM

“ *SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT TOM WENT TO SCHOOL WITH HIM AT CEDAR SCHOOL KNEW HIS MOM AND DAD TERRY AND ROSE ANN,,, PRAYERS GO OUT TO DOROTHY AND HER FAMILY,,,, MAY HE REST IN PEACE*

ED MCGINN - February 20, 2017 at 06:00 PM

KC

“ *My sympathy to Dorothy, the Spurgin children and grandchildren.
God's Blessings to all of you.
Sincerely, Kit Dinneen Crane*

Kit Dinneen Crane - February 20, 2017 at 05:32 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of
Thomas "Tom" Spurgin.*



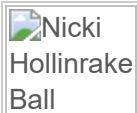
February 20, 2017 at 01:21 PM

TC

“ *My Thoughts and Prayers to the family. Tom
will always be remembered.*



Tammy Spurgeon Clifton - February 20, 2017 at 07:17 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss Spurgin family...so many memories of coyote
hunting with Tom growing up! Sending love & prayers*

Nicki Hollinrake Ball - February 20, 2017 at 07:15 AM

RF

“ *So sorry Dorothy and children to learn about Tom's passing.
Blessings to all of you.*

Roberta Fox - February 19, 2017 at 09:31 PM

MH

“ *Mary Jo Huettner lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tom" Spurgin*



Mary Jo Huettner - February 19, 2017 at 07:44 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" Spurgin.*



February 19, 2017 at 07:31 PM



“ *So sorry to hear about Tom. He was a very good person. Karen and Jerry Coatney*

Karen Coatney - February 19, 2017 at 06:54 PM

D.

“ *I remember sitting in his truck on the dirt roads all around hiteman listening to the fox hounds run. He could tell you witch dog was on the track just by the dogs bark.you will be missed Tom*

D.J.Shroyer - February 19, 2017 at 06:39 PM

BT

“ I have been around Tom and family all my life. I can remember as a little girl Tom had a runt pup and let me have it. He didn't think it was going to make it. I remember arguing with him and dad to let me keep it. Well 17 years later he died. The best dog I ever had. He had such a kind heart and a best friend to my family. Thank you Tom for all you did for us.

Betty (smead) thompson - February 19, 2017 at 02:56 PM

LZ

So sorry for your loss. Blessings to all!

Linda Zaputil - February 20, 2017 at 10:44 AM

HS

So sorry to hear about Tommy. May our prayers be with you and children. I wish I was closer to hug you. Love you guys

helen stone-bodkin - February 20, 2017 at 07:49 PM