



## Thomas Edward Kearney

February 22, 1948 - September 7, 2019

Thomas Edward Kearney, 71 of Marengo died Saturday, September 7, 2019, in his home. Born in Belvidere on February 22, 1948, to Harold “Bud” Kearney and Mary Murphy Kearney. He was baptized into Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Marengo where he received all his sacraments and was a lifelong member. Tom was a very honorable Boy Scout where he earned numerous merit badges and awards for all his good deeds as a Scout. He attended elementary school in Marengo and went on to Marian Central High School graduating with the class of 1966.

Upon finishing school Tom worked for George Lowe, gas station and lumber company, until Mr. Lowe’s passing. He then went to work for the Patterson Lumber Company as a truck driver where he helped build a few homes in Marengo. In 1977 he purchased a milk delivery business “Tom Kearney and Daughter”. He would deliver to schools, stores as well as home delivery. In the 1980’s he, along with his brother Harold, purchased and ran Kearney’s Kountry Store in Garden Prairie. He continued his milk route until he went to work for Schuring and Schuring until late last year when his health forced him to stop working.

Tom was the senior Trustee for Marengo Township for more than 40 years. He was the proud owner of a 1950 Custom Ford Car and was sure to attend many car shows winning numerous awards. He enjoyed listening to his rock and roll and good old country music. He loved going to car shows, county fairs and traveling with his wife. He took great pride in his family, his hometown, being a milk man and his old car. In 1975 he married Janet Bucher and they had their daughter, Mary Frances, who was her daddy’s pride and joy. He later married Diane (Rickert) Kueking in 1993 whom he has shared many fond and loving memories with.

Survivors include his loving wife Diane; Mother and best friend, Mary Kearney; daughter, Mary (Nick) Shoemaker; step-daughters, Barb (Dan) Susong, Linda (Dan) Marshall and Janice (Bob) Jurack; sisters, Julie (Tom) Follis and Connie (Bryon) Secor; brother, Harold (Linda) Kearney; grandchildren Kaden and Skylar Shoemaker, Jordan and Kayla Susong,

Drew and Haley Jurak, Danielle and Mathew Marshall and great grandson, Harley Susong; nieces (and like a daughter), Jenny Anderson, Christa (Murray) Halverson, nieces and nephews, Annie (Justin) MaeElise and Henry Masiongale, Dayna (Bryan), Ayden and Jake Greeson, Tracey (Ralph), Kendra, Ralph and Kaylee Lowery, Joe Follis, Ben (Liz), Savannah and Kenneth Secor, Jared (Whitney) , Jameson Secor, Daniel (Lauren) Secor, Amanda (Cory) Smith, Andrea (Bryce), Bryson Havens, Murray, Zoe, Rylie and Rowan Fregeau and many cousins and Diane's family that he thought dearly of;

Preceded in death by his father, Harold "Bud" Kearney, grandparents, Neil and Agnes Murphy uncle, Corneilous "Jim" Murphy, nephew, Dennis Anderson and longtime friend and mentor, Vernon McCartney and father and mother in law, Al and Lillian Rickert.

Visitation Thursday, Sept. 12, 2019 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 323 N. Taylor St. Marengo, from 5-7 p.m. Funeral Mass Friday, Sept. 13, 2019 at 10 a.m. at the church. Inurnment will follow at Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery. In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials in Tom's name go to: TLS Veterans 5330 West Elm Street, McHenry, IL 60050

# Cemetery Details

## Sacred Heart Cemetery

Marengo, IL 60152

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

SEP 12. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
323 N Taylor Street  
Marengo, IL 60152

## Memorial Mass of Christian Burial

SEP 13. 10:00 AM (CT)

Sacred Heart Cemetery  
Marengo, IL 60152

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr Kearney was a delightful man devoted to his wife. He rarely complained of anything and always had time to talk about family. Recently he was able to attend the county fair with his wife. He was excited about it for weeks before because he knew she enjoyed the fair so much. He also enjoyed a visit from his daughter, his face lit up when he talked about her. It was my pleasure to be a part of his care and I will miss our conversations. - Rachel Palin RN*

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**Rachel Lieber-Palin** - September 13, 2019 at 09:56 AM

KD

“ *Tom was a classmate of mine at Marian Central and a regular attendee at our class reunions. He was always a kind, sweet and interesting guy. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.*

*Kathy Deane*

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**kathy deane** - September 13, 2019 at 09:43 AM

LR

“ *Fond memories of him giving free little chocolate milks when I was a child and he used to deliver to our house. Years ago a country neighbor. Blessings to his family*

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**Linda Gron Resenbeck** - September 13, 2019 at 05:47 AM

VA

“ *always a joy to be with in shop class at marian-farewell "NIP"*

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**vincent j adams** - September 12, 2019 at 07:04 PM

JU

*"Nip" a very funny memory, thank you!! ❤️*

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**Julie** - September 13, 2019 at 03:16 AM

MO

“ *The staff and veterans served by TLS Veterans send their deepest condolences to Tom's family. We are appreciative of the legacy gifts made in Tom's name to TLS Veterans.*

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**Mary Ott** - September 12, 2019 at 04:54 PM

SM

“ Tom, our family will always be thankful for having you take over Vern McCartney's milk route. You were a wonderful member of Marengo's town-folk and will always be remembered with a smile! The Vernon McCartney Family

Sue McCartney - September 12, 2019 at 03:19 PM

Scott Sawallisch

“ I used to ride my bike to his country store and to his house to mow his lawn. Always the nicest of guys! My condolences...thoughts and prayers to all his family and friends.

Scott Sawallisch - September 12, 2019 at 02:08 PM

JU

“ It's with the heaviest of hearts to say goodbye to a brother that was more of a father image to us. I will miss your wit, crazy sayings & jokester mannerisms, I know that you are free from sickness & I take great comfort in that, but the mortal side of me is selfish, I'll miss our talks & the way you were always there for our family taking up the role of our Dad when you knew it was what you had to do. You closed your eyes on earth to open them to Jesus, I will miss you everyday, I love you, Rest easy in eternal life until we meet again ❤️



Julie - September 12, 2019 at 12:35 PM



“ So sorry for the loss of Tom. I remember riding the bus with him to Marian Central everyday. He was a happy go lucky guy and very friendly. With much Sympathy Sherrie (McKee) Dawson. Sharon, Wi

Sherrie Dawson - September 12, 2019 at 11:17 AM

BF

“ Always remembering Tom, a Gentle person, a sweet classmate at Marian Central . Prayers for all. God Bless you abundantly in Tom's memories and Love. Betty Woods Fisher. Class of 1966.

Betty Woods Fisher - September 11, 2019 at 12:04 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas Edward Kearney.*



September 11, 2019 at 11:39 AM

SW

“ *I have known Tom my entire life. I was in the Boy Scouts with him as a young lad, and we served together on the Marengo Township Board for over 18 years. He was always very community-minded and dedicated to the well-being of the Township. He will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family during this difficult time.*

*Steve Weskerna  
Tomahawk, WI*

Steve Weskerna - September 11, 2019 at 10:27 AM

JH

“ *Rest In Peace my friend.  
Jerry Havens*

Jerry Havens - September 11, 2019 at 07:54 AM

LH

“ *Tom was always so kind and a very hard worker like his Mother❤️ I lived next door growing up and was at the Kearneys every night! What a beautiful family! So sorry for your loss as Heaven gained an angel 🙏 Praying you feel the love and comfort from Jesus!*

Linda While Hall - September 10, 2019 at 10:44 PM

TL

“ *No one fought a more valiant battle against a horrible disease! As his family we will miss our times spent with Tom. He was always a hard worker and a good guy. He will be missed by his family, friends and his daughter Mary. Keep them in your thoughts. Tom and Fay Losey*

Tom and Fay Losey - September 10, 2019 at 09:47 PM

PB

“ I send my sympathy to you all. Tom was so special and fun no matter what. He was hard working and loved his family. I value the time I spent with him and wished him all good things in his life. He deserved it. He loved his Mary so much and I am sure he was so proud of her and her family! I certainly will always remember him with respect!

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**phyllis bohlander** - September 10, 2019 at 08:09 PM