



Thomas J. Manning

May 7, 1927 - March 2, 2011

Manning, Thomas J. age 83 of Plymouth, March 2, 2011. Beloved husband of the late Shirley. Loving father of Thomas (Tanya), Kathleen, Timothy (Lisa), Terrance (Pamela), and Todd (Jeanne). Proud grandfather of fifteen. Visitation is Sunday 12 Noon - 8 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Road (between Sheldon & Beck Roads) in Plymouth. In state Monday 9:30 AM until the 10 AM funeral mass at Our Lady of Victory Church, 1333 Orchard Street, Northville. Memorial contributions may be made to Miracle League of Plymouth, P.O. Box 5384, Plymouth MI 48170. To share a message of condolence please use the link on the left hand side of this page.

Tribute Wall



“ *To the Manning family ... and Tim ...I have been trying to find you and your family for years, after our hockey days together - with you Dad playing a huge roll in developeing hockey with us Canadians in Waterloo. So try to get in touch , I am in Calgary, have been for years ... hoping to hear from you*

Gary Boyes

Gary Boyes - December 11, 2024 at 09:43 PM



“ *Thomas J. Manning*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM

RP

“ I just this moment learned of Tom's passing and He will be added to my daily prayers with vigor. Tom was a treasure of a man who influenced me greatly in both business and life. He was a nut with a purpose. Working at AMC in the mid seventies one day on a visit to Proto Tube we were walking through the parking lot and he exclaimed "That's a Matador," pointing to one of the least remarkable cars we had ever built. I wasn't sure whether he was rightly making fun of the beast, or thought I would not know one if I saw one. We both looked at each other and laughed wildly for sometime. For years he would upon visiting me would provide the same refrain.

When I was first met Tom I was a production buyer of less than three days and was introduced to him by a fellow buyer as a man who could help. And he certainly did. I had taken over from a man who was taking drugs and had not placed a released job for over a month. (Don't ask where his management was) It was late March with pilot cars due to roll in less than four weeks and I had over sixty brake,fuel and carburetor lines to place. We sat down and went through them item by item, their were prints all over the place. He made suggestions, and yes, many went to Tom's plants, but many did not. We met with Engineering got everything buckled up and off Tom went. All my jobs got sourced and at competitive cost. (Tom never, ever, ever took advantage on price.) We made it and that was the beginning of a very good business partnership (long before that word was well worn out in Detroit) and friendship.

Losing touch with him makes me sorrowful, but I know he was loved by his wonderful family. May the Lord of all Creation keep him and love him.

Dick Prudlo
Lagrange, GA

Richard D Prudlo - January 06, 2017 at 02:20 PM

SM

“ To the family of Mr. Manning, I was so sorry to hear of the passing of your father. Mike & Mary Parker told me of his passing today 3-14-2011. I worked at Proto Tube in Luzerne for 13 years and was very fond of your father. I use to drive things to the main office in Novi once in a while. One trip in particular sticks in my mind. Mr. Manning came out to the truck to help me unload and when I was ready to leave he was very insistent that I had money for my dinner. I reassured him that I did. His true kindness has never left me and never will. The world has lost a truly remarkable man. My deepest sympathy to all the family. With thoughts & prayers, Sherry Marsh

Sherry Marsh Mio, MI - December 12, 2014 at 10:15 AM

MO

“ Dear Tom, Kathy, Tim, Terry and Todd, The door to your home was open to receive friends at all times. This way Mr. and Mrs. Manning welcomed three members of my family: Mingo, Luis and I. And the warmth and simplicity of their ways made us feel at home. I will remain forever grateful for the way they and all of you embraced us, just the way you embraced hundreds of people as well. It's impossible for me to think of Mr. and Mrs. Manning without the other, just the way it's impossible to think of them without the five of you. Having known them and you has made a happier person out of me. I can only thank God for the privilege of your love and friendship. Mr. and Mrs. Manning shared their very joy for living so openly, I could never ever forget. Crossing paths with them was truly a once in a lifetime gift. May God give you the strength to keep smiling, just knowing your Mom and Dad are now both in Paradise. Through time and distance, you're always in my heart.

Maria Ortega - December 12, 2014 at 10:15 AM

MN

“ To the Manning Family: I am very sorry for your loss and I often think about Mr. Manning (and Mrs. Manning) even though I have only seen him a couple of times since I graduated from high school with Mingo Ortega almost 28 years ago. I always remember him as a very kind and down to earth man. He was a great adult role model for me during high school and I always took his advice very seriously even though he and Mrs. Manning probably didn't realize it at the time. I and my family will keep all of you in our thoughts and prayers.

Mike Norton - December 12, 2014 at 10:15 AM

XG

“ You may not realize how much you helped me when I first came to this country. You welcomed me into your home and family. I have no words to express my thankfulness to all of you. I could tell many, many wonderful stories of the times I shared with you. Your father was a good man, a good friend, and a great boss to my brother. We may not see each other frequently, but you are always in my mind. I will remain forever grateful to your parents. “To live in the hearts of other is to never die... your father will be in my heart forever”

Xico Gomez - December 12, 2014 at 10:15 AM

TF

“*Mr. Manning was a wonderful human being who knew well that sharing and caring is the gateway to wellbeing. His greatest legacy are those indelible traces left in the hearts of all those around him. I feel very fortunate to have been taken as a son of his and Mrs. Manning’s, and being a part of their family. Now that the years have rolled and slowly passed, not a single day goes by without his words coming back to me, with that voice that sounded like no other. Who could ever forget his laughter? He was an awesome storyteller; so lively, kind, clever, funny, hardworking, generous and loving, and his company, pure, unbounded joy. Living in his home was the watershed of my life. He woke up at dawn to drive me to school morning after morning for two years. I remember clearly every story, and live up the every advice. He has a lot to do with the person that I am now and will ever be. That’s how much he means to me. And to my father, all those years of close and cheerful friendship are a very significant milestone. Two years ago he traveled from Mexico City to spend a weekend with him. “I found him fine, as always,” he told me when he came back. “He picked me up at the airport and we had a great time together”. We have rarely seen my dad as sad as he was yesterday, when Kathy called to share the news. Always proud of his Irish blood, of Shirley, his wife, and every one of his five children, Tom Manning has left many with a void in their hearts. But he deserves to rest, from all he accomplished throughout his entire life, rightfully and vigorously without exception. Now he will break above the waves, with the sunlight in his face. And he’ll wait for us on the other side, up where the water runs clear and wide. Farewell, Mr. Manning. Mingo*

The Ortega Family - December 12, 2014 at 10:15 AM

MT

“*Pam, Terry and family My Heart Felt Sympathy goes out to your Family.*

Mary Ellen Tippin - December 12, 2014 at 10:15 AM

BS

“ We wish you our sincerest condolences. We have known Tom for over 30 years. I (Bernie) am a better person for having had the opportunity to know Tom. He was my boss, my mentor, my client and my friend. Tom exemplified integrity, hard work, and love of family and friends. We will miss him very much. Bernie & Peggy Shinkel

Bernie & Peggy Shinkel - December 12, 2014 at 10:15 AM

TF

“ Tom, Kathy, Tim, Terry & Todd: We are deeply saddened to hear of your loss. As you know, there are no words that can replace your Dad but, may he rest in peace and let his legacy live. It is now your responsibility to make sure that your kids and theirs remember your Dad as a caring, hard working, intelligent man who loved his family and cherished all your accomplishments. We really respected your Dad and will miss him like you. God bless you and your family, respectfully. Mike

The Harris family - December 12, 2014 at 10:15 AM

BH

“ GOODBYE OLD FRIEND IT LOOKS LIKE THAT LUNCH WE WERE GOING TO HAVE LAST WEEK WILL BE UPSTAIRS,SAVE US A TABLE AND I'LL JOIN YOU WHEN THE TIME COMES.WE GO BACK A LONG WAYS,BUT IT SEEMS LIKE YESTERDAY WHEN WE STARTED TO RAISE THAT WONDRFUL FAMILY OF YOURS,AND YOU CAN BET I WILL KEEP AN EYE ON THEM FOR AS LONG AS I CAN.YOU WERE THE GREATEST. YOURS,TILL WE MEET AGAIN; BILL

BILL HASSBERGER - December 12, 2014 at 10:15 AM

BF

“ *Manning Family We are sorry to hear of the loss of Mr Manning and are praying for you during this time. We know you find joy in the wonderful memories that you will treasure forever. We love you. Jeff, Kathryn and kids*

Bailey Family - December 12, 2014 at 10:15 AM

DI

“ *Im truly sorry to hear about your lost. Thomas will definitely be missed by so many. One thing that helps me deal or cope with loosing a loved one is the scripture John 5:28,29. It stats " Do not marvel at this, because the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out, those who did good things to a resurrection of life..." Soon we will be able to see Thomas again because God (Jehovah) promises a resurrection hope. Also if you notice that it uses the term "memorial tomb" and [Grave] which means Gods memory. Thomas seemed like a really nice guy, a person that God will definitely remember. I hope this gives some comfort.*

Dion - December 12, 2014 at 10:15 AM

BJ

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the wonderful family of Tom at this time of loss. We have so many fond memories of good times shared with many of you. Tom's warmth and generosity pervaded all his relationships and created strong ties. His family meant everything to him and remains a legacy of his love. The Manning family truly touched our lives.*

Barry and Heather Jesson - December 12, 2014 at 10:15 AM

DG

“ *Very sorry for your loss. I enjoyed and respected your father like mine. Hope all else is well. Sincerely*

Duaine Galbraith - December 12, 2014 at 10:15 AM

BH

“ *To all of the family...We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts are with you at this time. Bev & Linda*

Bev Hunter - December 12, 2014 at 10:15 AM

AM

“ *My family and I are thinking of you during this sad time. Sending our love. Ashlie*

Ashlie Merritt - December 12, 2014 at 10:15 AM

JC

“ *Goodbye my good friend----as during our lives we kept running into each other,I will see you in heaven! My heartfelt condolences to your family and many freinds*

Jim Clemens - December 12, 2014 at 10:15 AM

JA

“ *Sorry for your loss and with deepest sympathy to the Manning Family.*

Julie Arnett - December 12, 2014 at 10:15 AM

ER

“ TJ, Tim, Kathy, Terry and Todd: I am so very sorry for your loss. Your Dad was a wonderful man and a great friend to so many. I feel lucky to have known him and worked for him. He was the best friend that my Dad ever had and will be greatly missed.

Elsa Hassberger Reynolds - December 12, 2014 at 10:15 AM

TF

“ To the Manning Family... We loved your Dad and feel so fortunate we had the opportunity to know him. What an important part of our kids growing up he was...the perfect hockey fan!!! Our thoughts are with all of you! Craig, Karen, Craig Michael and Taylor Howell

The Howell Family - December 12, 2014 at 10:15 AM

DE

“ Todd and family, so sorry to hear of your loss, my thoughts are with you and your family.

Dave Eldridge - December 12, 2014 at 10:15 AM

CY

“ My heart is so sad to know this wonderful guy won't be around to smile that big smile and laugh that gentle laugh with us, (or at us!) I thank you Big T (and Shirley) for raising one of my dearest friends, your wonderful daughter Kathleen, and emphasizing the importance of friendship all the while. And most importantly, thank you for your life-long generosity and graciousness. You will be greatly missed.

Cyn - December 12, 2014 at 10:15 AM