



Mr. Thomas D. Lemke Jr.

July 1, 1973 - December 12, 2015

Tom passed peacefully into eternal life at his home in Wild Rose on Saturday, December 12, 2015 after an almost 18 month battle with brain cancer. He was continuously surrounded and cared for by his family and girlfriend, who considered it the utmost honor to be there for him and with him as he faced the final chapter of an epic battle.

One of Tom's passions was fishing. He lived to take his boat on the lake and fish, with or without company. He also enjoyed watching the Packer's, commercial free. He was a master of most trades and able to build just about anything. He had a quick witted humor that almost no one could compete with. He was an amazing son, brother, uncle, father and friend.

Not a moment passes where the absence of his quiet presence isn't felt by his loving parents, Ken & Debbie; his two favorite sisters, Tammy and Tina; his favorite brother Travis; his favorite almost bride, Nikki and their dog, Ruger. He fought, we fought. Until the very last breath, Tom did it his way and couldn't be more proud of him.

Formally survived by: Parents, Deborah & Ken Lewallen; Sisters and Brother with their children: Tammy Verdine & Derek Funk with James, Ashely, Danielle & Dakota; Tina & Tad Masaros with Meadow, Willow & Gunner; Travis Lemke with Alex, Austin, Alysha & Shayla along with Thomas Lemke, Sr. Girlfriend Nicole (Nikki) Traczyk and her mother (Mummsie) Julie Nowakowski.

Daughter, Niyah Plante

Grandmother Carol Olejnik & Grandpa Howard Lewallen.

Godson Richie Olejnik, Jr. III

Stepbrothers and stepsister with their children: Ken (Cristy) Lewallen, Drew & Claire; Mike (Val) Lewallen, Hailey & Isabelle; Becky Meyer (special friend Tim), Jackson

Tom is further survived by many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins & friends.

Tom was preceded in death by: Grandfather(s), Richard Olejnik, Raymond Olejnik; Uncle Richard Olejnik, Jr.; Aunt Brenda Olejnik, Grandmother Henrietta Lewallen; Special Buddy and first in line to welcome Tom home, Blair.

A visitation will be held at Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home in Berlin on Friday, December 18 from 4pm – 8pm with a brief service led by Pastor John M. Taggatz to follow. In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established.

Tom's family wishes to thank Agnesian Hospice Hope, specifically Leslie for truly understanding Tom & our family; every person who has kept Tom & our family in their prayers. We would also like to thank those that helped in different capacities during and after treatment: Cal, Phyllis, Dina, Richie, Julie, Uncle Carl, Tad, Derek and numerous others who provided emotional support. "Really?"

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 18. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home
116 S Adams Ave
Berlin, WI 54923
(920) 361-2050

Funeral Service

DEC 18. 8:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Thomas D. Lemke Jr.*



Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home - December 16, 2015 at 07:03 PM

JS

We never met him Tammy, but he looks like a great guy. So sorry for your loss. Love and prayers.

John and Pam Sandoval - December 19, 2015 at 09:39 AM

KD

Love this video, love seeing all the great memory's you have created as a family. RIP Tom, you will be missed..

Kelly Dobyms - December 19, 2015 at 09:40 AM

CR

Such a beautiful memory.

Crystal - December 19, 2015 at 09:55 AM

ME

I loved him so much he was the best uncle i ever had. He fought for his life and people might of looked at him and thought he was useless but I saw he was fighting for his life and he was the best ever

meadow - December 22, 2015 at 06:14 PM

CE

As I viewed this beautiful tribute to an amazing man....many tears rolled down my cheeks as my heart aches for the family, Nikki and his many friends, as we ALL lost someone special! I am thankful for the memories I have with Tom. RIP till we meet again.

Carmin K Eberly - December 23, 2015 at 02:04 AM

VP

I am so sorry for your loss.I have known Tom since he was very young...My heart goes out to all family and loved ones..

Vicki Pongratz - December 27, 2015 at 06:57 PM

TM

My hope is that you see in him what I did. He was an amazing brother. He had a quiet demeanor, but such a loud presence. He was a fighter and hated to lose. He never allowed himself or others to think he wouldn't beat this cancer. In the end, he still won. He passed with dignity, strength and the love of us all. Saying I miss him is an understatement. A piece of me is gone. But, he will live strong in our hearts and our memories. We were very blessed to have been given the chance to tell him how much we loved him. We didn't take one moment for granted. For that, I am so very thankful.

Tina Masaros - December 30, 2015 at 10:52 AM

AA

“ He was my uncle and he made fun of me because i don't eat meat and one day i was eating a brownie and he said "hey did you know that those brownies are Meat Brownies" and i said "really"? He said "yup" so that was our thing until he passed away:(

Alysha Armstrong - May 05, 2016 at 04:05 PM

VP

“ Vicki Pongratz sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Thomas D. Lemke Jr.



Vicki Pongratz - December 27, 2015 at 06:54 PM



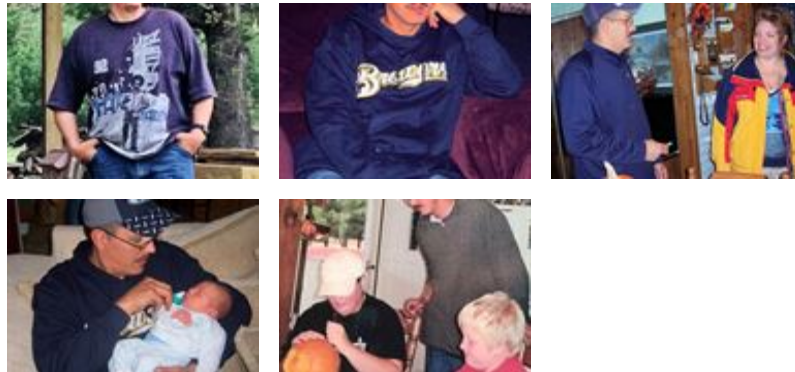
“ Diane Perron Nelson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas D. Lemke Jr.



Diane Perron Nelson - December 19, 2015 at 12:29 PM



“ 207 files added to the album LifeTributes



Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home - December 16, 2015 at 06:56 PM

AO

Very nice video! Brought tears to my eyes but something precious to always keep. 😊

Ann Olejnik - December 19, 2015 at 09:38 PM



“ *Heart's Companion Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas D. Lemke Jr..*



December 16, 2015 at 03:50 PM



“ *Melissa lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas D. Lemke Jr.*



Melissa - December 15, 2015 at 08:14 PM



“ *Travis,
Rick and I are so sorry to hear of the passing of your brother. Know he is at peace and was greeted at heavens doors by my father. We love you. God Bless*



Mary Ascher - December 15, 2015 at 08:05 PM



“ *SHERRY ARBALLO lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas D. Lemke Jr.*



SHERRY ARBALLO - December 15, 2015 at 07:04 PM