



## Thomas Lawrence Dobey

February 2, 1951 - March 13, 2024

Thomas Lawrence Dobey, 73, of Fort Wayne, passed away at 10:11 pm Wednesday, March 13, 2024 at Saint Anne Home & Retirement Community, Ft. Wayne, IN.

Thomas was born on February 2, 1951 in Huntington, IN, the son of Lawrence Dobey and Mary (Ross) Dobey. He graduated from Huntington North High School and was the Owner of T.L. Dobey Plumbing in Ft. Wayne. Thomas was an expert handyman, ALWAYS working on projects around his house, helping others with projects, and brainstorming new projects. He was an avid Blackhawks hockey fan, and loved watching the games, even if that meant he had to view at a folding table in the back kitchen of Paula's restaurant. He was always ready for a gin and tonic and a good, hard laugh. He was the best dad a daughter could ever ask for in the world. The light of his life became his three beautiful grandchildren. Seeing them always put a smile on his face, and gave him great strength the last years of his life. He was simply, an amazing man.

Survivors include his Daughter, Jessica C. (William) Lebrato of Fort Wayne, IN; Brother, Durand Dobey; Grandchildren, Luca, Emilia, and Gisella Lebrato of Ft. Wayne, IN; Niece, Stephanie (Adam) Sanders of Denver, CO. He is preceded in death by his Father, Lawrence Dobey, Mother, Mary Dobey, Sister, Sheri Dobey, and Brother, David Dobey.

Arrangements are pending at this time.

Please sign the online guest book at [www.baileylove.com](http://www.baileylove.com).

Bailey-Love Mortuary is honored to serve the family of Thomas Lawrence  
Dobey.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I went to school with Tom. We lived on Harris St. I still have the picture of our class picture at the ice cream factory that we had a tour through! Brenda Elsten Hare!

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**Brenda Hare (Elsten)** - March 27, 2024 at 08:25 PM

DM

“ Sorry to hear about your brother if you ever get to Huntington call me 2602240969 or look me up I own the fisher building right next to where you used to live again sorry about Tom. David Miller

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**David Miller** - March 26, 2024 at 11:11 AM

DF

“ I first met Tom when he was camped next to my sister and I in the 70s at a state park in the Florida Keys. And when I say camped, I mean he was on a motorcycle he had ridden all the way from Huntington and he was sleeping on a hard picnic table. No creature comforts. He was rugged, strong and so handsome that when I was in the hospital after having Jessica the nurses would literally swoon when he walked into the room!

He was the kind of man who had remarkable skills from remodeling houses, fixing cars, plumbing, to repairing furnaces and the list goes on and on. But more importantly he used all these talents to generously help others. He also crafted beautiful things. Cathedral ceilings, massive stone fireplace, a gorgeous bar at Jessica's home to name just a few.

His strong will and love for his family kept him going throughout the years of his debilitating and cruel illness. Even though he didn't have the strength to do much at all, I remember his laugh and his joy this past Christmas over little funny moments with family. Jess read a story he had written as a teenager in high school about a car race that he had imagined and it was such a special moment for all of us. Those blue eyes of his were just twinkling.

*Rest in peace Tom  
Love Deb*

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**Debra Firstbrook** - March 20, 2024 at 09:36 PM

TG

*So many good memories, and a few not so good, but I could make quite a list. Not room for them.*

*Rest in peace my friend*

*Tom.*

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**Tom Gates** - March 21, 2024 at 10:42 AM

BI

*Did his Mom & Dad own the Hoosier Motel ?*

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**Bill** - March 22, 2024 at 01:08 PM

JL

*Yes they did!*

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**Jessica Lebrato** - March 30, 2024 at 10:23 PM