



## Thomas W. Koontz

February 26, 2021

Thomas William Koontz, 73 of Huntington, died Friday, February 26, 2021 at his residence of liver complications.

Tom was a Veteran of the United States Army having served in Vietnam. He loved the outdoors and warmer weather. He was an avid fisherman and prankster. Most of us who knew him have been cussed out, flipped off, pranked, or eye rolled mostly out of endearment. "Back in the day," he was well known by local law enforcement officers for his many, many, shenanigans.

Tom was proud of his fiancée, his family, and extended family (especially Kim, Russ, Kyle, Cory, and Jeff), but perhaps even more proud of his perfect bowling score. If you ate with Tom, you had a "Hoosier" tenderloin and a milkshake. Lottery tickets were plentiful, decisions were questionable, and laughs were abundant. Clean jokes were rare, good friends were not.

He is survived by his fiancée Deb Millican; Son Jimmy Koontz; Two Daughters, Audra (Lee) Cecil and Heather (Alicia) Koontz; Granddaughters Madison and Emma; Two Brothers Mike Koontz and Jim Koontz; Sister Nikki Hunt; his partner in crime Bryston; along with several cousins, nieces, and nephews. Tom is preceded in death by his Father, Jacob Koontz, Mother, Janet Koontz, and Son Tommy Koontz.

A Celebration of Life will be held from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm on Saturday, May 22nd, 2021 at the Forks of the Wabash, 3011 W. Park Dr., Huntington, IN 46750. "Bring your poles and cast a line in memory of Tom."

Preferred memorials to the Warrior Breed Motorcycle Club, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN, 46750.

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 William Koontz

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAY **22**. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Forks of the Wabash  
3011 W. Park Dr.  
Huntington, IN 46750

# Tribute Wall

ME

“ Tommy Koontz. What a great man. I had the pleasure of working beside him for a few years and they were some of the most fun I ever had. I could hear him singing on the radio in Chicago some parody song and I would immediately lose my composure. Radio silence! He didn't know the words. He could heckle with the best of them. He put the hecklers on the Muppet show to shame! But he always got the job done. I could always count on him to be there for me. We would prank one another relentlessly and it was so much fun. He taught my son naughty words and got me in the doghouse with the wife but it was so worth it. At my son's 2nd birthday party at Pizza Hut, he came in and said to my 2 year old son, "Oh my God, they killed Kenny!" To which my son said loudly, "You Bastard!" WOW did I get in trouble! But that was Tommy. Always looking to make life a little bit more tolerable, no matter what the situation. Godspeed my old friend, 'till Valhalla we meet again.

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**Mark Eckert** - March 31, 2021 at 11:50 AM

RM

“ Ron Millington lit a candle in memory of Thomas W. Koontz



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**Ron Millington** - March 13, 2021 at 02:09 AM

RM

“ Was so sorry to hear of Tom's passing. We were good friends back in the day when we drove both for Central Cities, and Supply Chain. He certainly was a character. But the memories that I have will last forever. If you were down, he'd notice and within minutes he'd have you laughing and smiling again. I miss that. So Godspeed Tom. It is an honor to have known you and an even greater honor being friends. RIP my brother.

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**Ron Millington** - March 13, 2021 at 02:07 AM

TS

“ To Tom's family and friends our thoughts and prayers are with you. He usually started out serious but by the end of the story he'd have you laughing uncontrollably!  
Terry and Sue



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**Terry E Scher** - March 05, 2021 at 12:28 PM

RH

“ RIP. You were the greatest person for my sister. Sharon and I thank you for the time you two had together. I know she was there for you during your battle as I know you would have been for her. It was great having you at the house and spending time (although not enough time) talking about people we knew, things we done and what we would like to do in the years ahead. We will miss you, but you will always be in our mind and our hearts. A true friend and a true gift for my sister over the past few years. Love you Deb

*Rick & Sharon Helwig*

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**Richard Helwig** - March 03, 2021 at 01:43 PM

SF

“ Tom you will greatly be missed. We love you and enjoyed all the times and memories you shared with Bob and I. Good times around the campfire and just a swinging and shutting the breeze. Love you and rest in peace. Bob and Sandy Foster.

Sandy Foster - March 03, 2021 at 12:08 PM



“ Kathy Harper lit a candle in memory of Thomas W. Koontz



Kathy Harper - March 03, 2021 at 11:03 AM

DP

“ Tom was the guy that no matter how he felt, he would stop to say a few words to you and share his sense of humor. I will miss the laughs we had. I am sorry for your loss.  
deb penn

deb penn - March 02, 2021 at 05:14 PM

JW

“ Jeff Wall lit a candle in memory of Thomas W. Koontz



Jeff wall - March 02, 2021 at 03:02 AM

JC

“ *Semper Fi Marine!*



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**Jeff Cross** - March 01, 2021 at 06:56 PM

TE

“ *My deepest sympathy to Tom and his family. We went through high school together. After high school, from time to time I would see him at Johnson Junction on 24. Always so kind, cheerful and full of joy whenever we would see each other and chat for a short time.*

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**Terry Earhart** - March 01, 2021 at 04:04 PM

JG

“ *Jeneva Giant lit a candle in memory of Thomas W. Koontz*



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**Jeneva Giant** - March 01, 2021 at 02:58 PM

MC

“ *Tom used to come to Mom and Dad's skating rink. (Caley's Skating Rink) I know there are a lot of memories there, with him and the gang. There were a lot of pranks played there as well.. Many that I was caught up in .I would run in to Tom now and then when I come in to town or talk to him on the phone. Sometimes at Johnson Junction filling station. .I wish many blessing to Tom's family and friends. May God give you all peace and comfort during this time. God Bless & "Semper Fi" Mike Caley, Jacksonville, N.C.*

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**Michael Caley** - March 01, 2021 at 02:57 PM

ED

“ *Elease Douglas lit a candle in memory of Thomas W. Koontz*



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**Elease Douglas** - March 01, 2021 at 02:56 PM

JG

“ *Deepest condolence to Tom's family he was loved by many-RIP My friend~~*



*Jeneva (Wooley)Giant*

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**Jeneva Giant** - March 01, 2021 at 02:54 PM

CK

“ *rest in piece tom ,your sure going to be missed.your friends carol[storie] kusler and bill kusler*

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**carol kusler** - March 01, 2021 at 01:28 PM

TT

“ *Tristin Tackett lit a candle in memory of Thomas W. Koontz*



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**Tristin Tackett** - March 01, 2021 at 12:53 PM

HK

“ Prayers and thoughts go out to all of Tom's family and friends. I worked with Tom at Central Cities for several years back in the 90's. He truly was a character and not a day went by that he didn't have us all laughing with his jokes. He will be missed. RIH my friend.

*Heather (Sims) Kiser*

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**Heather Kiser** - March 01, 2021 at 10:53 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas W. Koontz.



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March 01, 2021 at 09:17 AM

SF

“ Grandma thought the world of him. He stopped by her house across from the Rosen's a couple times on his motorcycle and told her one of those days he was going to get her out on a ride. He said he knew he'd never get her on it but, the laugh she let out every time he'd say she was gonna take a ride made it all worth it. Wonderful heartfelt genuine man



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**Scottie & the Gearhart Family** - February 28, 2021 at 11:20 PM

LP

“ So sorry for your loss. Tom was a great guy. You are all in my prayers.

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**Linda Simon Phillips** - February 28, 2021 at 09:27 PM

LP

“ *Linda Simon Phillips lit a candle in memory of Thomas W. Koontz*



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**Linda Simon Phillips** - February 28, 2021 at 09:25 PM

JB

“ *Tom was a One of a kind for sure, Rest in Peace my friend*



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**Jessaleen Bealer** - February 28, 2021 at 07:34 PM

DA

*RIP TOM, A childhood friend and got my hair cut by his grandad Bill. He had a good tight family. From one vet to another we'll be joining you soon I'm sure. Thanks for your service and love of country. REST IN PEACE. DAN TAYLOR*

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**DanTaylor** - March 01, 2021 at 11:54 AM

AS

“ *Scott and Angela (Worthington) Smyser*



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**Angela Smyser** - February 28, 2021 at 06:56 PM

NM

“ Nancy L Mccoart lit a candle in memory of Thomas W. Koontz



Nancy L Mccoart - February 28, 2021 at 06:45 PM

TB

“ Rest in peace koonzy.love always butler family



Terry Barton - February 28, 2021 at 06:30 PM

TB

“ Sorry for the loss Tom was a great man and my dad Dennis butler best friend .always with love barb butler and Terry and tracy Barton



Terry Barton - February 28, 2021 at 06:27 PM

PC

“ Pearlle And Jenny Clark lit a candle in memory of Thomas W. Koontz



Pearlie and jenny clark - February 28, 2021 at 06:06 PM

FC

“ Tom was a good friend from our days at state street school, Lincoln, and HHS and even the time we both almost (thank you Mike Smith) got put in jail in Van Wert Ohio it was innocent but a lot of fun, couldn't wait to hear your latest joke when we would cross paths, you will be missed by many RIP Tom, and condolence to the family  
Fred Crago

Fred Crago - February 28, 2021 at 05:43 PM

BG

“ Billie Steve Garwood lit a candle in memory of Thomas W. Koontz



Billie Steve Garwood - February 28, 2021 at 05:33 PM

RE

“ Regina sent a virtual gift in memory of Thomas W. Koontz



Regina - February 28, 2021 at 05:14 PM

RW

“ Rod Wilkinson lit a candle in memory of Thomas W. Koontz



Rod Wilkinson - February 28, 2021 at 05:06 PM

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**Rod Wilkinson** - February 28, 2021 at 05:06 PM

LW

“ Lois Williams lit a candle in memory of  
Thomas W. Koontz



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**Lois Williams** - February 28, 2021 at 04:37 PM

M(

“ Sorry for your loss. May God be with you in  
this trying time.



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**Marsha Jiosa (Keever)** - February 28, 2021 at 03:49 PM

EM

“ Ed And Marta lit a candle in memory of  
Thomas W. Koontz



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**Ed and Marta** - February 28, 2021 at 02:57 PM

EM

*You will be miss RIP Tom Koontz*

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**EmilyBaker** - February 28, 2021 at 05:44 PM

JP

*Awesome obituary, it fits Tom to a T. I've known Tom since we were kids living close to each other and playing at the river.....Rest in peace Tom....love you :)*

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**Joann prus** - February 28, 2021 at 09:10 PM

LW

*Tom will be missed . He was a great guy*

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**Lynn wright** - March 01, 2021 at 08:45 AM

EM

*He was Tommy to me, went to State Street & Lincoln with him, his sister Nikki was one of my best friends in Huntington. We moved from Huntington to Phoenix in 1962 Talked to him only a couple of times on the phone after moving. I have awesome memories of the 11 years that I got to be with him. RIP Tommy.*

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**Elizabeth A Miller** - March 01, 2021 at 12:54 PM