



Thomas Allen Lashmett

January 25, 1943 - March 29, 2018

Thomas Allen Lashmett, 75, of Waterloo, Illinois, formerly of Jacksonville, passed away surrounded by family Thursday morning March 29, 2018, at Reflections at Garden Place Memory Care Assisted Living in Columbia, Illinois. He was born January 25, 1943, in Jacksonville, IL, to George A. and Mary C. Ryder Lashmett. He grew up in Winchester, IL, attended Winchester schools graduating from Winchester High School in 1961. While growing up he was an active participant in 4-H, perhaps getting his beginnings for his later career.

Tom attended Ottawa University, Ottawa, Kansas for one and a half years. He then worked at Caterpillar in Peoria and then California, before being drafted into the Army. He was inducted June, 1965 and served one tour of duty in Viet Nam. He was honorably discharged May 1967 at Ft. Lewis, Washington. Tom received several medals. Upon returning to Illinois he completed his education at SIU Carbondale, graduating in 1969.

He was employed by the University of Illinois Extension service beginning May 1969 in Winnebago County, Rockford, IL for 3 1/2 years. He transferred to Morgan County in the fall of 1972 where he continued until his retirement in 2002 after 33 years of service. While in Morgan County he was instrumental in the construction of the present-day Extension office building, the Nimrod Funk Building in Scott County, and the Extension building in Cass County.

While an active member of the Morgan County Fair board he helped modernize the fairground facilities and coordinated the truck and tractor pulls. He was recognized for his years of leadership and service by the Morgan County Fair board in 2015. The Scott County board also recognized him in 2015 for his service and leadership.

Tom spent 40 years on the truck and tractor pull scene. Not only was he an avid competitor and fan, but he also served as a founding officer of the Tri State Truck Pullers Association, on the Board of Directors from 1980 through 2010, with 23 of those years as Vice President of the Illinois Tractor Pulling Association, and as an officer in the North

American Sled Operators Association. In addition, Tom and the Lashmett family were enthusiastic for many years with the Lashmett Sleds traveling coast to coast.

Tom's life was also full of fun: his hobby farm, woodworking talents, prolific gift giving, little dogs and family. Zach's favorite memories of his grandpa include waking up to the delicious but unhealthy breakfasts grandpa would cook and watching "Walker Texas Ranger" and "Mash". He spent many days with his grandpa picking up apples and going to farm stores where Grandpa would buy him anything he wanted. His Grandpa has had a big impact on his career path.

Tom is survived by son, Gordon Lashmett, daughter Christinia Lashmett, and grandson Zachary Thomas Lashmett, all of Waterloo. He is also survived by sisters, GeorgAnn (Dennis) Devino and Loree (Chalmer) Herring of Winchester, and several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother David Lashmett.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 3, 2018, at the Daws Family Funeral Home in Winchester with interment in the Winchester City Cemetery. Visitation will be held 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Monday, at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Morgan County 4-H Foundation, Scott County Fair Board, and Reflections at Garden Place Memory Care Assisted Living.

Cemetery

Winchester City Cemetery

Cherry Street

Winchester, IL, 62694

Events

APR **Visitation** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

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Daws Family Funeral Home - Winchester
657 N. Main, Winchester, IL, US, 62694

APR **Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ Sorry to learn of Tom's passing. He was a good man.

L Coon - May 18, 2018 at 03:13 PM



“ I got to know Tom when coming to Jacksonville in late 78. He was such a good resource and always friendly and willing to help with developing relationships within the Morgan County community. Sorry to hear of his passing, and sympathies to his family. Jeff Koch

Jeff Koch - April 03, 2018 at 12:32 PM



“ With sympathy to Tom's family and friends.

Joe & Becky Dewees - April 03, 2018 at 10:25 AM



“ Dear Lashmett Family:
Tom was my County Director for about ten years. He was a great guy. Always the prankster, but made our workplace fun. He was always there to help and make sure we were successful in our work. I am sorry for your loss.

Phyllis Herring

Phyllis Herring - April 02, 2018 at 01:42 PM



“ D Johnson lit a candle in memory of Thomas Allen Lashmett



d johnson - March 31, 2018 at 12:18 AM



“ I worked with Tom for quite a few years in U of ILL.Extension, since we were Advisers in adjoining counties. He was hard working, kept going until the job was done and was a pleasure to be around. I considered Tom to be a good friend and fun to be around.

Harry Wright, Pike County Senior University of Illinois Extension Adviser (Retired)

Harry Wright - March 31, 2018 at 12:16 AM



“ Tom was a great Leader and friend. He will be missed. I remember the 4-H days, my father Charles Robinson and Tom always had enigeered some kind of project just right before the Morgan County Fair. They would finish it just in time. I have some great memories. I send my condolences to the family. Our thought and prayers be with you all!

Cindy Robinson Thomson - March 30, 2018 at 11:51 PM



“ Bob and Jeanne Downer purchased the Red Leaf Japanese Maple for the family of Thomas Allen Lashmett.



Bob and Jeanne Downer - March 30, 2018 at 10:47 PM



“ Dear Chrisitina and family, I am so very sorry for your loss. I want you to know that you and your family are in my prayers. With my deepest sympathy, Jennifer Francis

Jennifer Francis - March 30, 2018 at 06:37 PM



“ Growing up in Morgan County, I had the good fortune of knowing Tom through many years of 4-H, county fair and Extension Office activities. He was easily one of the nicest, supportive and kindest individuals you could ever hope to know. So many memories! My deepest sympathy to his family...Tom was one of the good ones in life!

Charlotte Wildrick - March 30, 2018 at 02:17 PM



“ Christinia and family,
My prayers and thoughts are with you during this sad time. Be happy in the fact that he was so loved by you and vice versa; family means everything.
Judy

Judy Meyer - March 30, 2018 at 01:05 PM



“ You are in our thoughts and prayers,

JoAnn Chumley & The All Occasion's Staff



JoAnn Chumley - March 30, 2018 at 12:38 PM



“ To the Lashmett family - Tom Lastmett was a wonderful, caring person. I am still using the note box that he gave one year for Christmas when I was working at the Spfld Extensison Center. He was a great man and will be missed by many people. Prayers for your family as you save good-by and peace be with all of you.

Ellen Standish

ellen - March 30, 2018 at 11:25 AM



“ Tom's life was truly one well lived . Enjoy your new home in heaven.

Bruce W. Surratt - March 30, 2018 at 11:12 AM