



Leo Thomas Sheets

December 28, 1941 - May 5, 2021

Leo Thomas Sheets, age 79, of Herrin, passed away on Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at 4:29 p.m. in Memorial Hospital of Carbondale.

Tom was born on December 28, 1941 in Fulton, Missouri, a son of Leo T. and Freda (Shelby) Sheets. He married Mildred Marie Courier on November 26, 1964, and she preceded him in death on March 25, 2021 after 56 years of marriage.

Tom retired after working for over thirty years for General Telephone & Electric. During his time with GTE, he was a regional 911 coordinator and was in charge of the expansion and modernization of the regional 911 system. He faithfully served his country in the United States Army from 1960-1963, serving with the 82nd Airborne. Tom loved animals, playing golf, gardening, hunting and fishing. He was an avid Cardinal fan, but most importantly, he loved spending time with his family and friends.

Survivors include his son, Timothy Sheets of East Peoria; two daughters, Melinda (Michael) Mullins of Herrin and Stephanie Cline of Marion; four grandchildren, Chelsea Sheets, Jacob Mullins, Lucas Mullins, and Nicholas Mullins; two great-grandchildren, Madison Sheets and Lydia Sheets; special extended family, Karen and Scott Ewing; brothers and sisters, Sue Alexander, Kenneth (Sarah) Sheets, Connie (Rodney) Witthaus, Dale (Wanda) Sheets,

Judy (Charles) Lawrence and Larry (Carmen) Sheets; numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Marie; and three brothers, Jack Sheets, Bobby Dean Sheets and Richard Sheets

Funeral services for Tom Sheets will be held at Crain Funeral Home–Egyptian Chapel in Energy on Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. with the eulogy given by Mike Gunter. Entombment will follow in Egyptian Memorial Gardens Mausoleum. Military Rites will be accorded by the Honor Guard Ritual Team comprised of the Carterville American Legion Post 347, the Herrin American Legion Post 645, and Herrin V.F.W. Post 1567 with assistance from the United States Army.

A time of visitation will be held at the funeral home from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service.

Memorial contributions may be made to Carmi Baptist Children's Home, St. Francis Community Animal Rescue and Education, or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Envelopes will be available and accepted at the funeral home.

Crain Funeral Home–Egyptian Chapel has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Egyptian Memorial Gardens

3208 S. Park Ave.
Energy, IL 62933
(618) 942-6051
crain@crainsonline.com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Crain Funeral Home - Egyptian Chapel
Hwy 148 just north of Illinois 13, next to the Williamson County Airport
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Leo Thomas Sheets*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *To all the Sheets family I adored your father. I was told at the post office today of his passing. I' truly sorry I would have been there. I can remember Mindy,Stephanie and me catching the bus and walking across the yard to catch it. In my later years Tom and I would sit by the fence and literally talk for hours. I'm honestly devastated I wish I knew about this and my heart is heavy for all the family. I can honestly say couldn't have asked for a better neighbor or friend in Tom and Marie.*

*My thoughts and prayers,
Shawn Mitchell and Sharon Mitchell*

Shawn Mitchell - May 12, 2021 at 05:34 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Leo Thomas Sheets.*



May 11, 2021 at 12:31 PM



“ Tom and I had a lot of laughs together at GTE. I remember one time, our boss told Tom to "quit reading between the lines". Tom told him, "the print is easier to read there". Our boss just shook his head and walked away.

Funny guy, incredibly knowledgeable in telephony, great guy all around. RIP buddy.

Paul Cotton - May 11, 2021 at 08:41 AM

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“ Pete & Marcia Wood purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Leo Thomas Sheets.



Pete & Marcia Wood - May 09, 2021 at 09:42 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Leo Thomas Sheets.



May 08, 2021 at 12:26 PM