



## Thomas Hippensteel

April 15, 1935 - March 31, 2019

Thomas Hippensteel, 83 of Overland Park, KS and formerly of Carbondale, passed away Sunday, March 31, 2019 in Bickford Assisted Living, Overland Park, KS.

He was born April 15, 1935 to Joseph and May Belle (Kerr) Hippensteel in East Chicago, Indiana.

Tom married Karen Worth on August 7, 1993. They shared 25 years of lasting memories.

He proudly served his country as a Major in the United States Marine Corps.

Tom graduated from Purdue University with a Bachelor Degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in engineering. He also has a Master's Degree in Industrial Marketing. He enjoyed golfing, hunting and fishing. He was the owner/operator of Mr. Hip Marketing, a manufacturers' sales agency in Tustin, Ca. In retirement, Tom and Karen established a small vineyard in Carbondale.

Tom enjoyed golfing, hunting, fishing and refereeing AYSO soccer. He was a member of the Lion's Club, Kiwanis, Rotary, and the Presbyterian Church. Tom was also a member of the Parkinson's Support Group.

Tom is survived by his wife, Karen Hippensteel of Overland Park, KS; children, Lynne (George) Trotter of Corona, CA; Lori (Jim) Kephart of Braintree, MA; Louise (Rob) Fitzgerald of Shawnee, KS and Thomas (Dana) Hippensteel, II of Folsom, CA; 10 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; siblings, Nelle Spires of Murphysboro; Dr. Joseph Hippensteel and Susan Grove, both of San Diego, CA; nieces, nephews, other relatives and a host of friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Robert Hippensteel.

A Celebration of Life hosted by the family will be Saturday, May 25, 2019 at 1:30 pm in First Presbyterian Church of Carbondale with Rev. Kerry Bean officiating. A reception in Kite Hill Event Center will follow the service.

Inurnment was private with full military rites in Pleasant Grove Memorial Park.

Memorials can be made to the Lions of Carbondale Foundation.

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Pleasant Grove Memorial Park

31 Memorial Dr.  
Murphysboro, IL 62966  
(618) 687-1145  
crain@crainsonline.com

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

**MAY 25.** 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church of Carbondale  
310 S University Ave.  
Carbondale, IL 62901

# Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas Hippensteel*

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October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Tom always opened his home and heart to family and friends. He was a good role model for a young man. One of many cousins, but standing out as extraordinary. He will be missed. David Carritte.*

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**David Carritte** - May 20, 2019 at 11:13 AM



“ *I met Tom through the Lions Club. He was a dedicated Lion and was enthused about his vineyard. Despite his Parkinson's, he never slowed down. Rest in peace, Tom.*

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**Lion Larry McGuire** - May 19, 2019 at 08:47 PM

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“ I was saddened to learn of Tom's passing, and extend my deepest sympathy to his family.

*I first met Tom when we were both undergoing cardiac rehab in 2010, and was immediately impressed by his friendliness, intelligence, sense of humor, and boundless energy. He had a special way of connecting with people and making them want to be his friend.*

*Tom recruited me into the Carbondale Lions club, and we served together on many community service projects. He always gave generously of his time and resources to any endeavor he considered worthwhile. Confronted with a question or problem, Tom could quickly come up with any number of great answers or solutions. He was an asset to any group or organization lucky enough to have him as a member.*

*Tom, you lived a rich and meaningful life in service to others, and were courageous to the end: a Marine's Marine.*

*Semper Fi,  
Chuck Ford*

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**Charles Ford** - April 18, 2019 at 11:27 AM