



## Thomas H Parham

June 3, 1932 - October 3, 2020

Thomas H. “Tommy” Parham, 88, of Paducah, KY, formerly of Cairo, died at 4:00 a.m., Saturday, October 3, 2020, at The Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center in Paducah.

Tommy was born June 3, 1932 in Wickliffe, the son of Thomas Avery Parham and Georgia Harris Parham. He married Emma Jean Lang who survives.

Tommy was born and raised in Wickliffe. He served in the United States Army and the United States Air Force in the Electric Maintenance Squadron. He was a member of Tigert Methodist Church in Cairo where he drove the church bus. He was an ace mechanic, fixing everyone’s car. He worked at Parham’s Garage in Wickliffe and then acquired his own business in Urbandale. He later worked for Falconite Crane when they were in Cairo.

He is survived by his wife, Emma Jean Lang Parham, of Paducah; daughter, Catherine Parham Smith and husband Gary Smith of Corbin, KY; son, James Parham of Walker, LA; step-sons, Billy Thistlewood and wife Phyllis Thistlewood of Paducah, Larry Thistlewood and wife Dorothy Thistlewood of Paducah; grandchildren, Brian Smith and wife Jennifer Smith of Portland, TN, Daniel Smith of Portland, TN, Merrell Parham Borne and husband Trampus Borne of Walker, LA, Thomas “Tommy” J. Parham of Walker, LA; step-grandchildren, Kaelin Thistlewood and wife Brittany of Maxwell Air Force Base

in Montgomery, AL, Tia Thistlewood Wheatley and husband Bryan Wheatley of Los Angeles, CA; great grandchildren, Sadie Smith, Hunter Borne, Addison Borne, Gabrielle Borne of Walker, LA; step-great grandchild, Brayden Thistlewood of Montgomery, AL; siblings, Milo Parham of Gage, KY, Ruth Ann Parham-Blanks and husband Jimmy Blanks of Wickliffe, KY, Shirley Parham of Wickliffe, KY, Martha Parham of Thebes, IL; cousins, in-laws, nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Tommy was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas Avery Parham and Georgia Harris Parham, step-mother, Frances Parham, brother, Max Parham, and daughter-in-law, Tracey Parham.

Funeral services for Tommy Parham will be at 12:00 P.M., Wednesday, October 7, 2020, at Crain Funeral Home in Cairo with Jerry Williams officiating. Interment will follow at Mound City National Cemetery with military honors provided by the U. S. Air Force burial team and local veterans.

Visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. to the hour of service.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 7. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Crain Funeral Home - Cairo  
4815 Sycamore  
Cairo, IL 62914  
(618) 734-4291  
crain@crainsonline.com

## Funeral Service

OCT 7. 12:00 PM (CT)

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## Interment

OCT 7. 1:00 PM (CT)

Mound City National Cemetery  
Mound City, IL

# Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas H Parham*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Dear Sis Emma Jean, & Family So Sorry To Hear About The Passing Of Your Dear Loved One. My Deepest Thoughts & Prayers Are With You All. Bro Tommy Will Be Greatly Missed By Everyone Who Knew Him. I Remember Us Going To Church Together There In Urbandale I Always Enjoyed His Singing And Looked Forward To Hearing Him Sing. I Remember Mom Always Told Him She Wanted Him To Sing "Just A Rose Will Do ' When It Came Her Time. Sending Much Love & Prayers To You All May God Wrap His Tender Loving Arms All Around You Carry You In His Loving Arms Through This Very Difficult Time and Give You A Great Peace That Surpasses All Understanding.  
Love & Prayers Donna Bennett & Family*

**Donna Bennett** - October 06, 2020 at 09:13 PM



“ *Mark Parham and Delilah Bartholomew purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Thomas H Parham.*



**Mark Parham and Delilah Bartholomew** - October 05, 2020 at 09:20 PM

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“ *Mark Parham and Delilah Bartholomew purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Thomas H Parham.*



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**Mark Parham and Delilah Bartholomew** - October 05, 2020 at 08:59 PM

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“ *I have know Tommy for a very long time and was married to his Brother Max Parham. My Son Mark Parham having lost his Dad looked up to his Uncle Tommy as a Father Figure. Tommy was a wonderful person and was devoted to his Family. I know he will be greatly missed. My thoughts and Prayers going out to the whole Family.*



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**Delilah Bartholomew** - October 05, 2020 at 08:24 PM