



Thomas David Purcell

March 7, 1933 - July 6, 2022

IN MEMORY OF:

Thomas David Purcell

Serving Location:

CRAIN PLEASANT GROVE-MURDALE FUNERAL HOME

31 Memorial Drive (Old Route 13), Murphysboro, Illinois

Thomas David Purcell, age 89, of Carbondale, IL, formerly of West Frankfort, IL, passed away at 6:38 PM on Wednesday, July 6, 2022 in Manor Court of Carbondale.

He was born on March 7, 1933 in West Frankfort, IL to W. Henson and Lona (Davis) Purcell. He married Kay MacDonald Miller on June 16, 1962.

Thomas graduated in 1965 from SIU Carbondale with his PhD in Psychology. During college he met Kay when he worked as the Director of Computing. This is where they fell in love.

He is a veteran of the United States Army serving between Korea and Vietnam on the psychiatric unit. He was a professor of Organizational Psychology at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale for many years.

Thomas was a member of the University Baptist Church in Carbondale for his entire adult life. He was also active in the Rotary Club in Carbondale for many years. He enjoyed playing in a local band known as "The German Band."

He is survived by his Wife, Kay MacDonald Purcell of Carbondale; Children, Doris Purcell-Rabinowitz (Dan) of Louisville, Colorado and T. David Purcell (Cindy) of Mt. Vernon, IL; Granddaughter, Jacqueline Grace Rabinowitz of Louisville, Colorado; Many Other Relatives and Friends who will miss him.

Thomas was preceded in death by his Parents and his Siblings, William "Bill" Henson Purcell II, LeDora Jane Curry and Doris Marie Patterson.

Graveside services will be held on Monday, July 11, 2022 at 11:00 AM in Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Dix, IL with Rev. John Annable officiating. Full military honors will be accorded by the American Legion Post 141. Interment will follow.

Memorials may be made to the University Baptist Church, 700 S Oakland Ave, Carbondale, IL 62901. Envelopes will be available at the cemetery.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Pleasant Hill Cemetery

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUL 11. 11:00 AM (CT)

Pleasant Hill Cemetery
Dix , IL

Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas David Purcell*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *A dear man. A decent man. My heart goes out to Kay and to the family. I enjoyed every conversation with him, and learned some life lessons.*

Sarah Heyer - July 13, 2022 at 08:00 PM



“ *Tom was a very talented musician and excelled in keeping every band he played with in the right time. I met him first in the 1990s when he played with the West Frankfurt band, and later in the John A. Logan College Community Band. He was always encouraging to young musicians. He always knew where in the music he was to come in -- drummers wait a lot---I counted measure after dreary measure but Tom always raised his stick right before we were to start again. Tom later became the bass drum player for the Old Comrades German band. We entertained at the Carbondale Senior Center and Farmer's Market as well as a view other venues from 2010 until the start of the pandemic. The problem with "old comrades" is that "old" part. I miss playing with you old friend!*



Lorie Allen - July 10, 2022 at 01:16 PM

RM

“ Tom was a great man. I always remember him teasing my dad A B. He will be greatly missed. Sending love and prayers. From Becky Mifflin

Rebecca mifflin - July 09, 2022 at 11:04 PM

WV

“ Tom was an inspiration to me and the other graduate students in industrial psychology in the early sixties; he was just finishing his doctorate when we were starting. He was especially skilled with computers and information technology, and he generously helped those of us less skilled with the difficult statistical analyses our research projects required. He was also a fixer and collector of all kinds of clocks--I have one he gave me which I truly treasure. My wife and I give our deepest condolences to Kay and family. RIP old friend!

William and Lee Ann Vicars

William Vicars - July 09, 2022 at 05:33 PM

DM

“ Tom was one of the best guys I have known. Always kind and filled with wisdom. Prayers to the family.

Debbie Moore - July 09, 2022 at 11:22 AM

KM

“ Sending my condolences to Kay, Doris, David, and extended family and friends. Mr. Tom Purcell was a kind, quiet spoken man who was strong in family values and community support. Loved to sing in the University Baptist Church choir and be part of any ministry that would strengthen His faith. Keep His legacy strong in your hearts, souls, and minds. He breathes new life in heaven as a back to strength and knowledge as angels do. Motorcycle riding comfortably in the streets of glory. Hugs. Karen McNeely McMinn Carbondale Il

Karen McNeely McMinn - July 09, 2022 at 09:32 AM

MJ

“ I was so sad to read of Tom's passing! What a great friend for so many years! I enjoyed working with him at UBC when he was in a quartet with his friends AB Mifflin, Walter Kent, and Bob Goepfert and when he helped with the choir. He was our 'go to fixer' when my grandfather clock had problems. Tom always had a smile on his face, was always willing to listen and help when he could. He enjoyed music and he enjoyed life. He is most likely chatting with AB and Walter right now! Keep singing, Tom!! I will be praying for Kay and the family.

Marilyn Rasche Juhlin - July 09, 2022 at 07:26 AM