



## Tommy L. Cottonaro

August 22, 1953 - February 8, 2009

Tommy L. "Turtle" Cottonaro, 55, of Murphysboro, passed away at 11:30 p.m., Sunday, February 8, 2009, at his home.

A funeral mass will be held at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, February 12, 2009, at St. Andrew Church with Father James Buerster officiating, and burial will be at Murdale Gardens of Memory, Murphysboro, IL. Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m., Wednesday at Pettett Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society - Pancreatic Cancer.

Tom was born August 22, 1953, in Fort Lewis, Washington, to Vince and Pat (Ferguson) Cottonaro.

Mr. Cottonaro was co-owner of Home Heating and Air Conditioning, Inc. in Murphysboro.

He was a member of St. Andrew's Catholic Church in Murphysboro, a member of the Knights of Columbus, Elks Lodge, Sheet Metal Union Local #268, and the American Pool Players Association.

Turtle had several hobbies, and was very good at all of them. his favorites were hunting, fishing, playing pool, and most of all sharing a cold one with friends in his garage. He was a life long pool player, who would play anytime

and win the majority of the time. He caught big fish and killed big deer, he was a great pool player and would he -haw with his contagious life giving laugh, when he was telling you about it.

He married Joyce Kohlfeld on July 28, 1978, in Murphysboro. She survives.

Also surviving are one son, Travis King and his fiancée Melissa Schnapp of Springfield;

one daughter and son-in-law, Heather and Mark Richey of Marion;

his mother, Pat Cottonaro of Murphysboro;

nine grandchildren, Kieanna Watts, Jace King, Riley King, and Landon King, Christian Huddleston, Logan Dallape, Dawson Dallape, Paige Richey, and Cole Richey;

one great-granddaughter, Savannah Bugginton;

one brother and sister in law Terry and Jane Cottonaro of Murphysboro;

one sister and brother in law Karen and Barry Moore of Aubrndale, FL; and Tom's buddy-his poodle Kate.

He was preceded in death by his father.

# Tribute Wall



“ Tommy L. Cottonaro

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ Our deepest sympathy.

December 06, 2022 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Joyce

*I am so sorry for the loss of your husband. No longer is he in pain. He is walking in a place that has set him free. Your loss is unmeasurable but his freedom from pain is great. Our family prayers are with you and the Cottonaro family. May peace be with you.*

Tillie - February 09, 2009 at 12:50 PM



“ Pat and Family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time. Marietta and Howard

Marietta and Howard Cox - February 09, 2009 at 06:53 AM

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“ Dear Joyce and Travis-

*Please accept our sympathy for your loss. I always enjoyed exchanging a friendly wave with Tom when we saw each other around town. He seemed like a very sweet man.*

*We are out of town so we're unable to come to the visitation. Again, so sorry.*

*Evelyn and Mickey Jackson*

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**Evelyn and Mickey Jackson** - February 09, 2009 at 06:34 AM