



Thomas Bess

October 22, 2009

Thomas Lawson Bess, 67, of Ava, Ill., died Thursday, Oct. 22, 2009. at St. Joseph's Hospital in Murphysboro, Ill. He was born July 24, 1942, in Cape Girardeau, to Donald Lehman and Arlene Harbin Bess. He and Doris Qualls were married April 21, 1968, in Morganfield, Ky. Bess had farmed in the Gorham, Ill., area. Survivors include his wife, Doris Bess of Ava; two sons, Brett Bess and wife Stacy, and Jeff Bess, all of Ava; an uncle, Jack Bess and wife Pauline of Cape Girardeau; and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, a son, a daughter and a brother. Friends may call from 11 a.m. to service time Saturday, October 24, 2009 at Ford & Sons Mount Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau. The funeral will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, October 24, 2009 at the funeral home. Burial will be in Cape County Memorial Park. Memorial contributions may be given to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Tribute Wall

BI

“Doris, I am so sorry to here about Tommy's death. I had so hoped to see both of you when I was down for the reunion this summer. Uncle Jack said that he wasn't well at that time. Tommy was always a "fun" as well as "handsome" cousin. I looked forward to coming down with mom and dad each year to see all my relatives. One of my favorite memories is Aunt Mayme's kitchen filled with food and a bunch of us cousins talking. I was too young to get in on the talking, but they tolerated me listening and watching all those guys eat her famous gooseberry cobblers as well as untold other goodies. I know from experience, the days and nights ahead will be long. Hold your friends and family close, and God closer. I would love to meet you sometime when I come again. Love in Christ, Beth

Beth (Bremner) Isaac - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DM

“Dear Doris, May God comfort you during these extremely difficult days. He and He alone has been my strength through the most trying times of my life. I hope that you will feel free to contact me at any time of the day or night if you need someone to talk to. One of my favorite scriptures is Psalm 27:13 I would have despaired had I not believed that I would see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. God bless you and your family. Sincerely, Deana (Middleton) Mason

Deana Jo Middleton Mason - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GP

“ I am so very sorry for the loss of Tom. I have some very happy memories of him. I always thought he had a big heart.He was always very kind to me. I was very sad to hear of his death. He was a great man and had a wonderful family. I know he will be deeply missed. I wish there were words to ease your pain, but I will keep you in my prayers. I wish you all love and peace that your family truly deserves. Gena

Gena Paschall - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ We were so sorry to hear of your loss. You have our deepest sympathy. We also are sorry that we will not be able to attend as we have other commitments. We didn't know Tom real well, but we did consider him a friend and a good man. We know he will be greatly missed in the community. You and your family are in our prayers. Les and Sarah Grosvenor

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MC

“ Tom will be greatly missed. All our love and prayers are with you.

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Schroeder & C.J. - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NB

“ I'm very sorry for your loss. I know my Dad will miss Tommy, as all of you will.

Nicole Bess - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ Doris, It is with a very heavy heart we write these words. We have so many fond memories of Tom, at times like these it is easy to remember all the wonderful times we have spent with you. He was truly a man with a golden heart, doing so much for so many. We will miss him with each passing moment and always remember the happy times. One of our fondest memories is the time he came over and "rescued" Charlie, oh what a happy pig he was once Tom lifted that manure spreader. He was a person we could count on in time of need and one we always thought would be there. Our world will never be the same. Our thoughts and love are with you and the family as you struggle through this troubled time. We are always here for you, just a phone call away. With love, Victor, Sally and Emma.

Sally, Emma and Victor Dillow - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ Doris, I just wanted to tell you that im so very sorry for your loss. Mr Tom was always so nice to me when I worked at the Bait shop I respected him very much and you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Ashley Lynn - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Doris, Billy and I are unable to come, but you and the boys will be in our thoughts and prayers, today, tomorrow, and the days to come. God Bless all of you. Billy and Jo Nell Wilson

Jo Nell Wilson - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM