



Thomas "Tom" T. Kliber

August 5, 1954 - January 13, 2021

Thomas "Tom" T. Kliber, age 66 of Swanville passed away at his home Wednesday, January 13, 2021 after his battle with cancer. A remembrance service will be held on Sunday, August 8, 2021 from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. at the Swanville Park in Swanville, MN. Caring for Tom and his family is the Shelley Funeral Chapel of Little Falls, MN.

Tom was born August 5, 1954 to Clarence and Veronica (Nixie) Kliber of Sobieski. Tom was the 5th of 10 children. His large family and their huge garden kept Tom busy growing up. He was always drawn to nature; hunting and fishing to be his favorites. In his free time, he was likely to be seen stopped at a local river casting a few lines, in a stand or field. He was also an avid gardener and took pride in his harvest. Tom spent many evenings fighting mosquitoes, and picking fruit and vegetables. As the years went by, he made sure to share the fruits of his labor with many family and friends.

Sharing this with others meant the world to him. Tom's natural creative and mechanical abilities, drew him to a career in auto body at a young age. He started the Sobieski Body Shop in 1988 and was known around town to be the best in the business. He did his best work while listening to classic rock and roll, which was always on! He semi-retired in 2020 but couldn't pass up the opportunity for a job here and there. Tom met Nona Koester in 1976, in those 44 years together they settled in Swanville and welcomed a daughter and son. Taking drives, visiting garden centers, auctions, and stopping to see if

the fish were biting were things they enjoyed doing together. He will be missed greatly (not by the deer or fish though).

Tom is survived by his partner, Nona Koester; daughter, Sara (Ryan); granddaughters, Harlyn and Riley of Stillwater; son, Ryan of Swanville, and shop cat Zeke; siblings, Gary (Jane) Kliber of Osakis, Mary Kliber of Sobieski, Darlene Streich of Andover, Kenny (Corey) Kliber of Randall, Gordy (Peggy) Kliber of Andover, Julie (Chico) Pekula of Sobieski, Floyd Kliber of Sobieski and sister-in-law, Diana Kliber of St. Cloud.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents, Clarence and Veronica (Nixie) Kliber; brothers, Charles, Leonard, Harvey; brother-in-law, Roger Streich; niece, Janelle Pekula and Nona's parents, Earl and Martha Koester.

“The woods and lakes have much to offer to the human soul.”

Previous Events

Remembrance Service

AUG 8. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Swanville Lion's Park
401 DeGraff Ave.
Swanville, MN 56382

Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Thomas "Tom" T. Kliber*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - January 18, 2021 at 11:48 AM

SK

So many memories!! ❤️ 😊

Sara kliber - January 18, 2021 at 12:55 PM

JJ

Great video tribute.

Joan Welinski Johnson - January 18, 2021 at 05:32 PM

KK

So many great memories! 🙏

Karen Koester - January 18, 2021 at 06:45 PM



“ *Thomas "Tom" T. Kliber*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM

SK

“ Sara kliber purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Thomas "Tom" T. Kliber.



Sara kliber - August 05, 2021 at 03:50 PM

PB

“ So very sorry for your loss! Continuing to keep all of you in my thoughts and prayers! May you hold close in your heart precious your memories. May this bring you comfort during this difficult time!

Penny (Borash) Beckey - August 03, 2021 at 01:58 PM

DJ

“ Kliber Families, my sincere sympathy on the loss of Tom. God Bless You All.



Debbie Jelinski-Harakel - January 18, 2021 at 02:46 PM

LM

“ Thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Tommy was well loved and will be dearly missed.

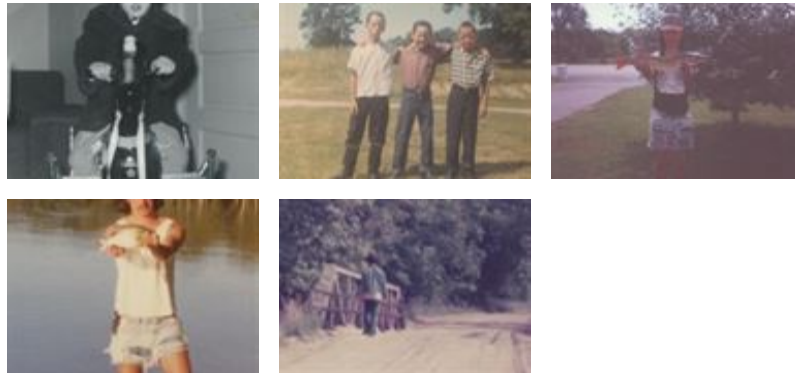
~ Laurie and John McKay
Cadillac, Michigan



Laurie McKay - January 18, 2021 at 01:35 PM



“ 60 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - January 18, 2021 at 11:48 AM

CM

“ *Caro & Don Miller lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tom" T. Kliber*



caro & don miller - January 17, 2021 at 07:01 PM

LS

“ *Loretta And Billy Suszka lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tom" T. Kliber*



Loretta and Billy Suszka - January 17, 2021 at 03:16 PM

SR

“ Shawn Rosenthal lit a candle in memory of
Thomas "Tom" T. Kliber



Shawn Rosenthal - January 17, 2021 at 08:49 AM

RS

“ Richard and Cathy Schwientek



Richard Schwientek - January 16, 2021 at 08:44 PM

KK

“ Karen Koester lit a candle in memory of
Thomas "Tom" T. Kliber



Karen Koester - January 16, 2021 at 07:18 PM

EY

“ So sorry for your loss, Ed Yasgar



Ed Yasgar - January 16, 2021 at 06:52 PM

JS

“ Jenny Stout lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tom" T. Kliber



Jenny Stout - January 16, 2021 at 08:02 AM

M(

RIP cousin Tommy. Haven't seen him for several years, but remembering spending time at Aunt Nixies and Uncle Clarences with all the Kliber cousins.

Marilyn Curtiss (Pierzina) - January 16, 2021 at 09:15 AM

MR

“ Mary Jo Retka lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tom" T. Kliber



Mary Jo Retka - January 16, 2021 at 12:44 AM

JB

“ Tom painted our 1954 Chevy pickup at his shop in 2001 We use the truck April thru October have about 65,000 miles on it. 20 years later , still getting compliments on how shiny the bright orange paint is. Such a great job he did ! R. I. P.

Julie Brill - January 15, 2021 at 11:59 PM

RP

“ Roger And Susan Pekula lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tom" T. Kliber



Roger and Susan Pekula - January 15, 2021 at 10:59 PM

DL

“ Doug & Rita LeMieur lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tom" T. Kliber



Doug & Rita LeMieur - January 15, 2021 at 10:57 PM

SK

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Sara kliber - January 15, 2021 at 09:28 PM



“ The Kliber Family is in my thoughts and prayers.

Michelle Carll - January 15, 2021 at 08:12 PM

SK

“ Family photos



Sara kliber - January 15, 2021 at 08:10 PM

JL

“ Sorry for your loss 😞 Sympathy to all during this difficult time 🐟🙏



Jerome and Kim Lashinski - January 15, 2021 at 02:38 PM



“ Renae Schneider lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tom" T. Kliber



Renae Schneider - January 15, 2021 at 01:16 PM

DF

“ Denny Frank lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tom" T. Kliber



Denny Frank - January 15, 2021 at 11:19 AM

KK

“ Sorry to hear of your loss. We will keep you in our prayers



Ken and Kathy Garrison Kloss - January 15, 2021 at 10:58 AM

MF

“ Mike And Louise Frank lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tom" T. Kliber



Mike and Louise Frank - January 15, 2021 at 04:58 AM

RW

“ Rebecca Wotzka lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tom" T. Kliber



rebecca wotzka - January 15, 2021 at 12:03 AM

CE

“ Collette And Vern Ehrenberg lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tom" T. Kliber



Collette and Vern Ehrenberg - January 14, 2021 at 10:36 PM

RW

“ Richard & Tamie Wimmer lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tom" T. Kliber



Richard & Tamie Wimmer - January 14, 2021 at 09:25 PM

MP

“ Mike Pixley lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tom" T. Kliber



Mike pixley - January 14, 2021 at 06:34 PM

SG

“ Lit a candle in memory of Thomas T. Kliber



Scott and Sheila Gardner - January 14, 2021 at 05:04 PM

RC

“ Robert & Pam Czech lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tom" T. Kliber



Robert & Pam Czech - January 14, 2021 at 03:11 PM

BA

“ Bruce And Kathy Anderson lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tom" T. Kliber



Bruce and Kathy Anderson - January 14, 2021 at 02:25 PM

SS

“ Sue Scepurek lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tom" T. Kliber



Sue Scepurek - January 14, 2021 at 11:09 AM

TL

“ Tom Ledbetter lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tom" T. Kliber



Tom Ledbetter - January 14, 2021 at 10:58 AM

AS

“ Allan And Marilyn Schneider lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tom" T. Kliber



Allan and Marilyn Schneider - January 14, 2021 at 08:56 AM

JL

“ Jerome And Kim Lashinski lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tom" T. Kliber



Jerome and Kim Lashinski - January 14, 2021 at 06:43 AM

LJ

“ My deepest sympathy Nona and family. Tom was a great friend and he will be missed dearly. He was always so good to our family with his regular gifts of fresh fish and his pleasant friendly attitude he always had.



Lorraine Janski - January 14, 2021 at 12:49 AM

JB

“ Sincere love, sympathy and prayers for all. R.I.P. Tommy 😊

Jean Borash - January 13, 2021 at 10:37 PM