



Thomas A. Goheen, Sr.

May 31, 1938 - October 4, 2008

Thomas A. Goheen, Sr. 70, of Centerville, OH, formerly of Huntington, WV, passed away Saturday, October 4, 2008, at Hospice of Dayton. He is survived by his loving wife, Nena of 48 years; six children, Tom, Jr. of Miami Township, OH., Ronald (Donna) of Marlemont, OH., Tonia Donnini (Richard) of Centerville, OH., Deron (Cathy) of Northville, MI., Tony (Liz) of Kettering, OH. and Brent (Amy) of Centerville, OH; twelve grandchildren: Alex, Samantha, Drew, Ryan, Conner, Dana, Jack, Daniel, Megan, Molly, Luke and Jacob. Tom or Tommy as his family and Friends called him is also survived by two sisters: Patty Gipprich (Walter) and Martha Carlson; six brothers: James (Marsha), John, Charles (Nicolette), Larry (Connie), Daniel (Paulette) and Gale. He is also survived by a sister-in-law, Nilda and many nephews and nieces. Tom was born May 31, 1938 to Harry and Esther Goheen, Sr. in Huntington, WV. He is preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Sarah and Mary Ann; four brothers, Billy, Robert, David and Harry, Jr. He was also preceded in death by his twin daughters, Maria Elizabeth and Pamela Jean. Tom is a graduate of St. Joseph's High School in Huntington where he was an excellent student athlete. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree from St. Joseph's College in Rensselaer, IN., and a Master of Science degree from Ball State University in Muncie, IN. Tom was a school administrator for 30 years, retiring from Wayne High School in 1991 as a unit principal. He held various positions during his educational career as teacher, guidance counselor, basketball coach, and athletic director. In 1969, he was hired as the first lay and first male principal

of St. Joseph's High School in Wapakoneta, OH. After retiring from education, Tom embarked on a successful career in office furniture sales as the president of the Anchor Group. Tom was also involved in youth baseball, as past president of FKAL in Kettering, as well as trustee and coach. He also enjoyed winning money from his six kids during their weekly "Princewood Palace" Poker Night. During his professional career, he inspired many lives, including those of students, teachers, coaches, athletes and administrators. He loved his family immensely and would do anything for them, as he was a most unselfish and giving man. The same can be said of his relationship with friends, from youth, high school and college days, as well as from his professional career. He was truly a remarkable man who was loved and respected by many. The St. Joseph Central Catholic High School Class of 1956 has set up a Memorial Fund to honor Tom. The fund will be used to start a Memory Garden for all the alumni near the grotto of the Blessed Virgin, with special tribute being given to Tom. The family wishes to extend a special thanks to the doctors and nurses at Greater Dayton Cancer Center and Hospice of Dayton for their support and care of our father and husband. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society or to Hospice of Dayton. Visitations will be Wednesday, October 8, 2008 5-8 PM at Schlientz and Moore Funeral Home in Centerville, OH; and also Friday, October 10, 2008 from 5-8 PM at the Henson Mortuary, Barboursville, WV. Funeral Services will be conducted Saturday October 11, 2008 at 10:00 AM at St. Joseph Catholic Church with Monsignor Lawrence Luciana officiating. Burial will follow in Springhill Cemetery, Huntington. Henson Mortuary is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be extended to the family at www.hensonmortuary.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas A. Goheen, Sr.*

October 23, 2023 at 01:49 AM



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Greg Gipprich - October 19, 2008 at 05:44 PM



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Greg Gipprich of Shillington Penna - October 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Very sorry to hear of the passing of Tom Goheen. I served on the school board during his tenure at St. Joseph High School. He was very dedicated to his job and I enjoyed working with him. Please know that we will keep your family and him in our prayers.*

John and Helen Haehn - October 15, 2008 at 09:17 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Mr. Goheen's passing. He was principal at St. Joe's in Wapakoneta when we were in high school. He was a very kind and considerate man. Our condolences to the family.*

Ric and Lisa Bible - October 15, 2008 at 09:12 PM

DK

“ Our deepest condolences to the whole Goheen family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Dave Klatt - October 14, 2008 at 08:10 AM

TD

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Tony Drexler - October 10, 2008 at 11:04 PM

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James Muskera - October 10, 2008 at 08:47 PM

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Sandra Crutchfield - October 10, 2008 at 06:13 PM

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Teresa L. (Weber) Edwards - October 10, 2008 at 04:53 PM

DG

“ God Bless

Deborah Goheen - October 10, 2008 at 02:34 PM

JW

“ Sharon and I extend our heart felt condolences and prayers to Nena and Family and to all the Goheen clan. Being a first cousin, I have fond memories of visiting "the Goheens" at the house on Winters Road. You have always been a special family to me.

Jim and Sharon Warfuel - October 10, 2008 at 12:09 PM

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Teresa L. (Weber) Edwards of Grove city, OH - October 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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Bob & Rosalie Beavers - October 09, 2008 at 11:24 PM

MM

“ *The Breece Family sends sincere condolences to the Goheens. We are so sorry for your loss. You are a great family!*

Mimi Breece Morrill - October 09, 2008 at 08:14 AM

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Bob & Rosalie Beavers of Sarasota FL. - October 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Kindest regards and sympathy...

Jack Dennis - October 08, 2008 at 10:04 AM

PJ

“ Danny and the Goheen family, Joyce and I did not know Tommy, but by looking at his picture and reading his obituary, there is no doubt that he was a kind and caring person, just like all the Goheen's. All of God's Love and Grace be with you all. PJ, Joyce, Paul III, Elizabeth, and Tracy.

Paul and Joyce Jordan - October 07, 2008 at 04:42 PM

CG

“ Tom has been like a brother to me for 43 years. He was always cheerful and giving. Always pleasant to be around. We will miss him, but someday we will have a manhattan together again in heaven. God Bless.

Connie Goheen - October 07, 2008 at 04:29 PM

TR

“ A life so well lived reminds the rest of us how to do it. Just as he was in high school, Tommy was a role model for whatever endeavor he chose to participate in. Dear Nena and family have wonderful memories and the knowledge that love never dies.

Toni Perry Ross - October 07, 2008 at 03:47 PM

MH

“ To Nena and family, I will never forget the laughter shared with Tommy, especially at our high school reunions. His smiling face will be forever etched in my memory. My hugs and prayers are with you, Nena. Much love, Mary

Mary Galardi Hogarty - October 07, 2008 at 10:08 AM

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Nancy Goheen - October 07, 2008 at 10:07 AM

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