



Thomas Griffiths Keesee

December 31, 1928 - October 5, 2012

Thomas Griffiths Keesee, 83 of New Albany, Ohio died peacefully at home surrounded with family. He was born December 31, 1928 in Columbus, Ohio to Catherine (Griffiths) and Everett Lenwood Keesee who both preceded him in death. The 1946 North High School Graduate worked as a bee keeper for Deer Creek Honey Farms of London, Ohio until entering the Navy on October 11, 1950. Discharged April 9, 1954 as a Hospital Corpsman Second Class, he served aboard the USS Muliphen. Married July 12, 1953 to Marjorie C. Doran of New Albany while home on leave, he and his war bride recently celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary. He also worked at White Westinghouse in management before obtaining New Albany's Eagles Villa Pizza in 1971 and Johnstown's Villa Pizza in 1973 where he was called "Boss" by hundreds of employees over the last 41 years. Active in community, he was a member of the New Albany Lion's Club, New Albany Country Club, 32 Degree Mason (Triangle Lodge), Faith Life Church Veteran's Group, had coached Little League Baseball and participated on many early New Albany planning committees. Member of Franklin United Brethren Church for many years but presently worshiped at his son Gary's Faith Life Church. Known for his quick witted sense of humor, this giving and respected businessman is survived by brother, Everett (Mike) Keesee; wife, Marjorie Keesee; son, Gary (Drenda) Keesee; daughter, Krista (Rick) Eldridge; daughter, Rhonda (Eric) Adams; and son, Dennis (Teresa) Keesee. He is the loving Grandpa to 17 grandchildren, Kasey, Ryan, Randall, Roland, Rodney, Kara, Amy, Timothy, Gary Thomas, Pollyanne, Kirsten, Corey, Rachel, Megan, Elias, Jacob, Tirzah and one new great-grandchild Journey. Visiting hours are extended to all, Monday Oct. 8, 4-8:30 p.m. and Tuesday 10 a.m., with services to follow at 11:00am, at the FaithLifeChurch, 2407 Beech Rd, Johnstown, OH43031. Pastor Gary Keesee officiating. Internment at MaplewoodCemetery. ARRANGEMENTS MADE BY SCHOEDINGER NORTHEAST CHAPEL. Visit www.schoedinger.com to share a special memory or extend condolences.

Cemetery Details

Maplewood Cemetery
4585 Reynoldsburg New Albany Road
New Albany, OH, 43054

Events

OCT 12

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Visitation

04:00PM - 08:30PM

Faith Life Church
2407 Beech Road, Johnstown, OH,
US, 43031

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Visitation

10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Service

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“ Spent many winter nights playing hockey and many summer nights catfishing on Keesees’s pond. Watched Saturday Night Live on the first big screen TV we ever saw(Tom Keesees always had the best toys) Thanks for Montreal in 1976 and New Orleans in 2001. Best of times. We will miss you.

Steve
Wharton

Steve Wharton - 4 hours ago



“ I remember the first time i met Boss, it was summer of 1979 when he hired me to work at The Villa Pizza, was there for 4 yrs. He was a wonderful man. i remember when i turned 18 I kept trying to talk him to letting me run the meat slicer but he wouldn’t, he would laughed and shake his head and said i would slice off my fingers, i was a little accident prone. Over the 30+ yrs when ever i would see him he would ask me (with a smile on his face) if i was still running into walls. He will be truely missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family

Kelly
Ashbrook

Kelly S. Ashbrook - 20 hours ago



“ We salute a great man who’s gentle leadership and extraordinary humor made our days brighter. Tom held a special passion for the “working man” and made sure his business offered a place to go for a nice meal at affordable prices. We will treasure all the wonderful memories and special times.”

From Eileen Leuby, President New Albany Chamber of Commerce

Eileen Leuby - 23 hours ago



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Doug Kirk - Yesterday at 06:26 AM



Rest Well "Admiral" You are truly missed. "Welcome Home" Veterans Group.

Doug Kirk - Yesterday at 06:28 AM



“ A truly benevolent man who served as a teacher to so many of us...Thanks for the Montreal Olympics, the wisdom we needed as teenagers so long ago, the for being such a great next door neighbor...we will never forget you...

Mike, Mary, Andrea, Kelsey and Dana DeCenzo

Michael DeCenzo - Yesterday at 07:39 PM



“ We are sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Dan McKinney Family - October 07 at 10:29 AM



“ Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Matthew 5:4



Brittany Brundidge - October 06 at 05:48 PM