



Thomas "Tom" Grimm

August 20, 1928 - July 6, 2014

Thomas "Tom" H. Grimm, age 85, of Muscoda, died Sunday, July 06, 2014 at the Richland Hospital. He was born on August 20, 1928 in Castle Rock Township the son of Clarence and Anna (Prochaska) Grimm. Tom married Mary Gies on October 2, 1954 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Richland Center. Tom was a dairy farmer who prided himself on his cows and his love for his family. He worked as a custodian for Riverdale Schools for twenty years. Tom was known for his smile and stories.

Survivors include his wife Mary Grimm of Muscoda; 5 children, Margie Billings of Muscoda, Patti (Bob) Ambrose of Oconomowoc, WI, John (friend Patty Dewey) of Milwaukee, Jerry (friend Lori Daily) Grimm of Highland, Martha (Rich) Bertrang of Middleton; 12 grandchildren Dr. Stacey Scott, Lori Scott, Aundrea (Mike Stangler) Billings, Nathan (Jen) Ambrose, Sara (Jeremy) Newman, Kelly (friend Andrew Mischock) Ambrose, Nora (Roger) Bird, Elizabeth (Kevin) Fee, Stanley Grimm, Michael (Jill) Grimm, Todd (Friend Martina) Grimm, Jordan Wood; 8 great grandchildren Amelia, Madeline, Cameron, Adam, Travis, Loren, Cameron, Jasmine; a brother Dell (Audrey) Grimm of Wyocena, WI; sister-in-laws Mary Ann Grimm, Katy Grimm; brothers and sisters-in-laws, Bill (Kay) Gies, Don (Mary) Gies, Rosie (Bob) Fritz, Tom (Donna) Gies; other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, 4 brothers Robert (Hedy), Fritz

(Pat), Cliff, and Bill Grimm; 2 sisters Kay Ludwig Sawyer and Winnifred (Lee) Walker; son-in-law, Bill Billings.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, July 12, 2014 at 11:00 AM at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Muscoda with Fr. Peter Auer officiating. Military Graveside rites will be conducted by the McGuire-Longmeier VFW Post 9440 held at St. John the Baptist Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Friday from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM at St. John's Catholic Gym in Muscoda and also on Saturday in the gym from 10:00 AM until 10:45AM. In lieu of flowers memorials may be given to the family or River Way Communities of Hope. On line condolences can be made at www.clarymemorialfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



John
Golian

“ I will always be grateful for Tom's lesson on how to carry a baby cow back home to the barn.

- John Andrew Golian

John Golian - July 26, 2016 at 12:38 PM



CF

“ Sincere and heartfelt condolences to Mary, Margie, Patti, John, Jerry, Martha and their respective families. May the Lord richly bless and keep you through the coming days and bring comfort to your hearts through shared memories of Tom. It seems like such a short time ago that I had the honor and privilege of meeting Tom. It was the early 70's and my father had taken us to meet a man he'd met through his work. I wasn't even ten yet but I knew that this was a special man and family. They made such an impression on me that I wanted to stay whenever I could...even secretly packed a bag on my second trip to the farm just in case an invitation was offered, which it always was (the last time I spoke with Tom he was still retelling that story). I'll never forget watching him maneuver his tractor with his deeply tanned, muscular arms. He truly gave meaning to the term "farmer tan." He worked so hard to care for his family but always took time to make others feel special and welcome. I'm thankful for all the years that I got to be one of his "adopted" kids.

Love and Prayers,
Chris & Jochebed Cavanaugh andFamily

Chris Cavanaugh - Prescott Valley, AZ - Friend - July 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ TOM WAS A GOOD AND FAITHFUL FRIEND TO ALL. HE LOVED THE KIDS AT SCHOOL AND WAS ALWAYS WILLING TO HELP THEM AND LISTEN TO THEIR PROBLEMS. TOM HAD A CHEERFUL WORD TO THE STAFF WHEN THEY CAME IN, DURING THE DAY, AND WHEN THEY LEFT. I REMEMBER ALL OF THE FLOWERS AND PLANTS TOM BROUGHT TO SCHOOL FOR MY CLASSES TO ENJOY. HE HAD MANY STORIES TO SHARE AS WELL. HE WAS NEVER TOO BUSY TO LISTEN AND SHARE A COMFORTING WORD WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY.

di8bCTOM WILL BE MISSED BY MANY!

LARRY AND JEANETTE ARNESON - MUSCODA, WI - FRIENDS - July 12, 2014
at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *Joseph and I visited Stacey on the farm and had the pleasure of meeting her Grandpa. He gave us a warm welcome including a ride around the farm in the back of the truck and a trip to see another local dairy farm. Thinking of the Grimm family today with heavy hearts and praying that the whole family will be comforted by the many years of wonderful memories they have had with this great man. Peace and love to you all.*

Diana and Joseph Garrastegui - Osceola, IN - friend - July 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ *I didn't know Tom long...but I know he loved his family. Especially the little ones....*

Kevin Fee - July 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ We never meet Gramps but feel like we knew him through all the great stories and memories shared by Lori and Stacey. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. We know he will be greatly missed.

Love The Harvey's

Matt, Michele & Max Harvey - Dunwoody, GA - Friends of Stacey and Lori - July 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CN

“ Aunt Mary and Family,

So saddened to hear of the passing of Uncle Tom. I always had such a good time when our family would visit you all out at the farm. We got our first pony, Timmy, from you!! Great memories to cherish forever. I love the DVD of pictures! Sending Lots of Love during this difficult time. God Bless.

Carol (Grimm) Kraus

Carol (Grimm) Kraus - Winter Springs, FL - Niece - July 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BI

“ Our condolences and prayers are with the Grimm family at this time. Tom was such a fatherly, warm and caring person. Rich will never forget his weekend spent hunting at the farm! We will miss him. We love you, and are praying for God's peace and comfort to be upon you as you grieve.

Bonnie and Richard Hartian - Inverness, IL - July 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ My deepest sympathies Mary and to your family--May he rest in peace

Mary Nowak - Fennimore, WI - Friend - July 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ On April 1, 1978 our family moved into a house 2 doors down from Tom & Mary - across from the Catholic Church. We had a 6 yr old, 2 yr. old and I was 7 months pregnant. The next day, the moving van arrived and we worked all day to unpack and get beds set up so we wouldn't have to sleep on the floor again. Late that afternoon, there's a knock on the back door and there stands Mary and other family members with food! They had been helping at a wedding across the street and thought maybe those "newcomers" could use some food. Well, we not only got food but more love than we could ever imagine. Tom and Mary became the "day-to-day" Grandparents to our eventual family of four girls. And to all of us, the Grimm Family became the truest, staunchest, most caring family of friends we could ever have. Through birth, marriages, deaths, divorces, moving and everything in between, they have remained steady in the friendship and faith they offer us. I thank God for this family and now ask Him to be with them during this very difficult time of transition as we all say Good Bye to a truly great and blessed man.

Joanne Van Norman (Grosse) - Evansville, WI - Friend - July 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

NC

“ So sorry to hear of the loss of Tom. Will miss seeing him at Upland Hills Hospital for his blood draw. Such a wonderful, friendly man. He will be dearly missed by all who know him;
Nancy

Nancy and Bill Esser - montfort, WI - cousin - July 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MU

“ We always had so much playing on the farm, and I thank you for that! I remember the chicken coop well. Helping in the garden and then eating what we picked. Mary is such a good cook. The hikes up the hills were always fun with a snack along. The animals were fun to see since we were "city kids". I am so sorry for your loss, the world has lost a very good man!
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Margie Johnsrud - Dodgeville, WI - Uncle - July 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ There are a number of memories sitting around you table. Growing up with Tom and Mary as my other parents was a blessing. My prayers for you all.
Love. Peter

Peter and Cindy Avery - Normal, IL - Friends - July 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ It has only been a few years that I have known Tom and Mary, and their extraordinary family. The contact has been a blessing for me. No matter how difficult his days were, whenever I talked with him on the phone, or saw him in person, there was a genuine, teasing smile and a light in his eyes that made me feel like one of their own...and that is an honor. I will miss him.

Lola Gregg
Avoca

Lola Gregg - Avoca, WI - Friend - July 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Margie and Family - You are in my thoughts and prayers. May all the good memories bring you peace and joy in the future. Sue

Sue Crouch - July 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ I think I only met Gramps once, on a weekend afternoon visit to their farm where I received a great meal (one I've talked about for well over 10 years) and great company, but I feel like I knew him through all the great stories and memories shared by Stacey and her family. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. I know it's such a loss for such a close-knit family.

Melissa - Hayti, SD - Friend of Stacey - July 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Dear Grimm and Ambrose family,
I was deeply saddened when I learned of Tom's passing. My memories of spending time at the farm are some of my most cherished. May you find comfort in your memories of your husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.

Mary Grant - Santee, CA - family friend - July 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

HF

“ Blessings of Sympathy in the loss of your loved one. I enjoyed caring for him while in the hospital. Take care.
Helen Sheafor, CNA at the Richland Hospital

helen sheafor - richand center, WI - friend - July 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ I had the pleasure of knowing this fine gentleman first as a nurse & then as a friend! We talked on the phone often. Conversations about his health, no matter if he was having a good day or a bad day, always led to him asking about how I was or how MY day was going! His sense of humor and good-natured teasing were the highlight of my day more times than I could count! I am among many that will miss him. I also got to know Mary & Marge but also heard stories of the other Grimm' s as well! You all were his pride and joy. Please know you are all in my thoughts & prayers. Peace to you all!

Sandy Riek - Madison, WI - friend - July 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM