



Thomas Atchison

March 14, 1926 - September 1, 2021

THOMAS JAMES ATCHISON Sr, - Born March 14, 1928 to the late Helen Elizabeth (Nee Machler) and Edward John Atchison in Evanston, Illinois. He attended St Mary's Catholic School and St George's High School before being drafted 'by my Uncle Sam' into the US Army. In December 1944, assigned to the 87th Infantry L Co 346 Tom saw action during the Battle of the Bulge, receiving the Bronze Star and Purple Heart.

Upon his return from Europe, Tom met the love his life Patricia A. Lechner and they married on February 8, 1949. In September 1950, Tom was recalled to active duty and served in the Korean Conflict. In 1958, Tom and Pat moved to Libertyville, Il, joined Santa Maria Del Popolo Catholic Church in Mundelein for several years before transferring to St Joseph's Church in Libertyville where they remained for the next 47 years. In 2002 they moved to Lake Villa and joined Prince of Peace Catholic Church. For 75 years, Tom and Pat enjoyed spending summers in Eagle River, Wisconsin and were members of St Peter the Fisherman Church. A man of deep faith, Tom volunteer this time and talents to every parish in a variety of positions. He also volunteered at Mt St Joseph's Home, Lake Zurich, VFW in Libertyville & Lake Villa and Knights of Columbus whenever needed. An active member of Triton Scuba Diving Club and the 87th Infantry Legacy Association. Tom and Pat loved to travel and spend time with family and friends. For over 30 years, Tom worked as Superintendent of Water & Sewage at Fort Sheridan, Illinois before retiring and going to work for Citizens Utilities of Addison, IL. Tom owned "Liberty

Home Services' assisting many widows, elderly and single parents often accepting payment in fruits, vegetable, baked good, clothes and even a rowboat.

Tom is survived by his wife of 73 years, Patricia, his daughters Phyliss (Gary) Case, Barbara (Scott) Corey, Patricia Kulka, Mary Beth (Martin) Reading, one son Michael Atchison, 19 grandchildren and spouses, 25 Great Grandchildren, one sister Helen Marie (Atchison) McHugh, and two brother in laws Thomas Lechner, Jr and Terrence (Madonna) Lechner. He is preceded in death by his eldest son Thomas J Atchison, Jr, his parents Ed and Helen Atchison, brother and sister in law Edward Jr & Helen Johnson Atchison, sister in laws Martha Davidson Lechner and Catherine Lechner Kawkeka, brother in law Gordon (Helen Marie) McHugh.

DUE TO STATE REGULATIONS, EVERYONE IS REQUIRED TO WEAR A MASK WHILE IN THE FUNERAL HOME REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION STATUS

Visitation will be 4 - 7 p.m. on Thursday, September 9, 2021 at Ringa Funeral Home, 122 S. Milwaukee Ave. Lake Villa, IL 60046. A funeral Mass will begin at 10 a.m. on Friday, September 10, 2021 at Prince of Peace Catholic Church. Please meet directly at church. Burial will follow Mass at Ascension Cemetery in Libertyville.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **9**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Ringa Funeral Home
122 S. Milwaukee Ave.
Lake Villa, IL 60046
(847) 356-2146
info@ringafuneralhome.com
<https://www.ringafuneralhome.com>

Funeral Mass

SEP **10**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Prince of Peace Catholic Church
135 S. Milwaukee Ave
Lake Villa, IL 60046
(847) 356-7915

Burial

SEP **10** (CT)

Ascension Catholic Cemetery
IL Route 137 and Saint Mary's Road
Libertyville, IL 60048

Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas Atchison*

October 04, 2023 at 02:13 PM



“ *Thomas Atchison*

December 31, 2022 at 11:36 AM



“ *OUR PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS ARE WITH YOU ALL. WE HAVE SOME WONDERFUL MEMORIES OF TIMES WE SPENT TOGETHER NEVER TO BE FORGOTTEN. WORKING WITH TOM WAS A GREAT EXPERIENCE AND BECOMING FRIENDS EVEN BETTER. THE WORLD IS A BIT DIMMER WITHOUT HIM BUT HEAVEN A LOT BRIGHTER. LOVE TO YOU ALL. PAT AND ORRIN ATKINSON*

PAT ATKINSON - September 10, 2021 at 01:58 PM



“ *Mary, our prayers are with you. Wish I could have been there but was with Heather and my cousin. May all the good memories give you comfort.*

Larry Spaeth - September 09, 2021 at 08:16 PM



“ *Grandpa Tom was an amazing man. Hie always showed such kindness to his friends and family. He will be deeply missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time. Love to you all. Matt and Kelli Klessig*

kelli klessig - September 08, 2021 at 06:33 PM

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“ While you mourn the loss, cherish the memories, laughs and tears. May they comfort you on your father's journey to be with the Lord. Doris and I send our deepest sympathies.

Doris and Lion Chuck Manson

Chuck Manson - September 08, 2021 at 02:00 PM

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“ Our deepest heartfelt condolences to all of Tom's Loving family . Praying for memories of this Wonderful Man to surround you in the days ahead 🙏.
With Love ,
Kevin C. And Lori G



Lori Guenther - September 04, 2021 at 11:03 AM