



## Thomas "Tommy" E. Stricklin

August 17, 1958 - January 8, 2012

Thomas "Tommy" E. Stricklin, age 53, of Gravois Mills, passed away Sunday, January 8, 2012, at his home. He was born August 17, 1958, in Hammond, Indiana, the son of the late Lloyd and Lillian Armstrong Stricklin.

On February 25, 2005, in Gravois Mills, he was united in marriage to Esta Mae Caviness, who survives of the home.

Tommy was born and raised in Hammond, Indiana, and went to school at Hammond Morton and also attended machinist school.

He moved to Missouri in 1997, where he worked as a wooden boat restorer for The Harbour in Gravois Mills until his retirement.

He was an avid 1960 Oldsmobile car buff, and built his own 1939 Ford Coupe.

In addition to his wife Esta Mae, he is survived by his son, Ron Stricklin of Laurie, Missouri; his daughter, Sarah Prokes and husband Ray of Osage Beach, Missouri; a grandson, Damian Prokes; a step-son, Christopher Franklin of Windsor, Missouri; three step-grandchildren, Cheyenne, Dakota, and Bently Franklin; his sisters, Pam Balczo and husband Ken of Evansville, Indiana, Barbara (Williams) Hayden of Griffith, Indiana, and Gloria Jean (Ryzewski) Salat and husband Henry of Lowell, Indiana; his brother, Ted

Stricklin of Three Rivers, Michigan; and several nieces, nephews, and many friends in both Indiana and Missouri. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Fritz Stricklin, and a sister-in-law, Pat Stricklin.

Funeral services will be held at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 11, at the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel with Bill Ferretti officiating. The family will receive friends from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, at the funeral home. Graveside services and interment will be held at 10:00 a.m., Friday, January 13, at the Oakwood Memorial Park Cemetery in Ottawa, Illinois. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home in Tommy's memory.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 11. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home - Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel  
417 Silvey Rd.  
Laurie, MO 65038  
(573) 374-7688

## Service

JAN 11. 6:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Uncle Tom will b greatly missed. He was a very kind man. May he rest in peace.*

*Kimberly Stricklin-Brown*

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**Kimberly Stricklin-Brown** - January 12, 2012 at 09:04 AM



“ *I will remember Tommy always. He had many friends and he was very kind to everyone. He will be missed by many. He touched many Hearts.*

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**Rick Adair** - January 11, 2012 at 11:58 AM



“ *Rick Adair lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tommy" E. Stricklin*



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**Rick Adair** - January 11, 2012 at 11:55 AM

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“ *I will pray for my brother, Tommy, in heaven with our parents and our other brother, Fritz. May they all rest in peace in their heavenly reunion. Love to them all.*



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**Gloria Jean Ryzewski-Salat** - January 11, 2012 at 08:59 AM

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“ *Al & Shirl Small lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tommy" E. Stricklin*



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**Al & Shirl Small** - January 10, 2012 at 04:38 PM

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*We are sorry to hear of Tommy's passing. Esta Mae, if you need anything let us know.*

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**Al & Shirl Small** - January 10, 2012 at 04:41 PM