



Thomas L. Fitzsimmons

July 17, 1931 - March 25, 2013

The funeral service for Thomas Fitzsimmons of Verndale, will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 28, 2013, at the Christian & Missionary Alliance Church in Verndale. Friends may call on Wednesday, at the Verndale Chapel in Verndale from 5:00-7:00 p.m., and at the church on Thursday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of service. Tom Fitzsimmons, 81, passed away on March 25th, 2013 in Wadena Township with family at his side.

Thomas LaVerne Fitzsimmons was born on July 17th, 1931 in Wing River Township, MN at his grandparent's farm to the late James and Violet Fitzsimmons. He attended country school at District 14 and graduated from Wadena High School in 1950.

After graduating from high school, Tom stayed and worked on the family farm until he was drafted into the army in 1954. He completed basic training at FT. Leonard, MO. He received training at San Marcos, TX, for rotary wing helicopter repair, then spent the rest of his service time in FT. Lewis, WA. After being honorably discharged in 1956 he returned home to Wing River Township and worked at various jobs in the community.

In 1957, Tom attended Emery Riddle School of Aviation in Miami, FL. He received licenses for Air Frame and Power Plant, Private Pilot, and Ground Commercial. In 1959, he became employed as a mechanic with North Central Airlines. He retired in 1986 to his hobby farm in Aldrich Township, MN. He was

the proud owner of a 1948 PA12 Super Cruiser Tail Dragger airplane and enjoyed giving rides to family and friends. Tom was an outdoorsman, dog lover, naturalist, family historian, mechanic, and pilot. He enjoyed going on western hunting trips. Tom attended the Verndale Alliance Church.

Tom was preceded in death by his father James Thomas Fitzsimmons and mother Sylvia Violet (Speed); brother James Clinton (Norma); sister Donna Kunze; and niece Terrie Kunze.

He is survived by nieces Carla (Gary) Johnson and Christy Fitzsimmons; nephews Tim (Diane) Kunze, Rudy (Rose) Fitzsimmons, Todd Kunze, Troy Kunze, Jay (Deb) Fitzsimmons; great nieces Heather Johnson, Jenna (Justin) Saewert, Sylvia (Jeremy) Olson, Tonia Fitzsimmons; great nephews Wyatt and Henry Fitzsimmons; and great-great niece Jessie Olson.

Burial was in Greenlawn Cemetery in Verndale.

Cemetery Details

Green Lawn Cemetery

16277 120th Street
1st Ave./ Co Rd 104 (1 mile west of Verndale)
Verndale, MN 56481

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 27. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Verndale Chapel
9 North Farwell Street
Verndale, MN 56481
(218) 445-5191

Visitation

MAR 28. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Verndale Alliance Church
109 Brown St. NW
Verndale, MN 56481

Service

MAR 28. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Verndale Alliance Church
109 Brown St. NW
Verndale, MN 56481

Tribute Wall



“ *Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Thomas L. Fitzsimmons*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - March 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Worked with Tom at North central. He taught me a lot and was always a joy to work with. So sorry to hear of his passing. Dave DeBace*

Dave DeBace - March 31, 2013 at 10:13 PM

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“ *The Lane Waldahl Family lit a candle in memory of Thomas L. Fitzsimmons*



The Lane Waldahl Family - March 28, 2013 at 04:04 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas L. Fitzsimmons.*



March 26, 2013 at 06:39 PM

MS

“ Mike And Lea Snyder lit a candle in memory of Thomas L. Fitzsimmons



Mike and Lea Snyder - March 26, 2013 at 02:51 PM

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“ Tom was a wonderful neighbor and friend to my parents. He will be greatly missed.

Karla Richardson - March 26, 2013 at 02:32 PM