



## Thomas Lockhart

April 17, 1925 - November 11, 2015

Thomas Junior Lockhart, age 90, of Adel, Iowa boarded his final flight to heaven to be with his loved ones on November 11, 2015 at Twilight Acres Nursing Home in Wall Lake, Iowa.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 12 p.m. on Saturday, November 14, 2015 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Wall Lake. The celebrant will be Fr. Lawrence McCarty, assisted by Deacon Butch Stone. Music will be by Kay Bloyer and the St. Joseph Choir with Julie Steinkamp, and Jeana Schroeder as soloists. Lectors will be Molly Ross, Nicki Till, and Donna Johnston. Gift Bearers will be Tom and Becky Lockhart, John and Sandra Lockhart, Robert and Deanna Lockhart, Paul and Michelle Lockhart, Abbi and Bailey Ullrich, and Cael Lockhart. Eucharistic Ministers will be Nancy Stone, and Dorothy Bohnenkamp. Honorary Casket Bearers will be Kenny Chapman, Butch Stone, Dave Pederson, Denny Hough, Jim Littleton, and James Watkins. Casket Bearers will be K.C. Chapman, Steve Rowan, T.J. Lockhart, Shawn Stone, Josh Miller, Trenton Hough, Jeff Lockhart, Cody Lockhart, Zachery Lockhart, and Brandon Miller. Burial will be at Wall Lake Cemetery with military honors conducted by the Wall Lake American Legion.

Visitation will be held at St. Joseph's Church starting at 10 a.m. Saturday morning, and will continue until time of the funeral mass. A rosary will be prayed at 10 a.m. Saturday at the church.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be left at the church to be directed to the Alzheimer's Association, Twilight Acres Nursing Home, Wall Lake, IA; St. John's Catholic Church, Adel, IA, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Wall Lake, IA, hospice, or church or organization of your choice.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll, and online condolences may be left for Thomas' family at [www.sharppfuneral.com](http://www.sharppfuneral.com).

Thomas J. was born on April 17, 1925 to parents Thomas and Helen (York) Lockhart in Manchester, Iowa. In 1943 during World War II, Tom left high school to join the Navy. He later returned to Vinton, Iowa to finish his high school studies. Following graduation, he attended college at Upper Iowa and the University of Iowa where he majored in agricultural chemistry. On January 27, 1951 he was united in marriage to Lorraine Marie Frana at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church in Spillville, Iowa and they were blessed with 16 children.

Tom's long and successful career in the popcorn business began at the National Oats Company of Cedar Rapids, Iowa in 1952. From 1964 to 1974 Tom and his family lived in Wall Lake, Iowa where he was the assistant manager at the Popcorn Plant. From 1974 to 1978, Tom and Lorraine owned and operated the Tower Lanes Bowling Alley Café and Lounge in Albia, Iowa. From 1974-1978 Tom was a consultant for Research and Development of Microwave Popcorn for Pillsbury.

From 1978 through 1997 Tom played an essential part in the conception and distribution of Act I and Act II Microwave popcorn as Vice President of Sales and Marketing for Golden Valley Foods/ConAgra. Tom retired in 1997 following a 45 year career in the business of popcorn which helped coin his nickname, "Poppin Tom". In 1981 they moved to Adel, Iowa where Tom continued to reside until June of 2015.

Tom and Lorraine valued the importance and privilege of education and ensured that each of their children pursued additional schooling after high school. Tom liked to read, travel, garden, hunt, and fish and appreciated the many opportunities life afforded him along the way. He enjoyed getting together with family and friends and was known for his wonderful sense of humor and cartoon-like antics. He loved music and taught his children and grandchildren the fun and joy of singing. Music and dance were often used as a comfort to him in his passing years.

Tom is survived by his children: Linda (Kenny) Chapman of Adel, Iowa; Roberta Dang of Adel, Iowa; Thomas (Rebecca) Lockhart of Sidney, Iowa; Nancy (Butch) Stone of Wall Lake, Iowa; Debra (Dave) Pederson of Cannon Falls, Minnesota; Diana (Denny) Hough of Council Bluffs, Iowa; Paul (Michelle) Lockhart of Adel, Iowa; Mary (James) Littleton of Council Bluffs, Iowa; Ann Lockhart (Matt) of San Angelo, Texas; John (Sandra) Lockhart of Adel, Iowa; and Robert (Deanna) Lockhart of Adel, Iowa. His brothers and sisters: Robert (Carolyn) Berry; Mary (Robert) Lane; Karren (Wayne) Gray; and David (Lynn) Berry. Also, 32 grandchildren, 41 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife Lorraine and their sons James and Mark; three infant sons Michael, Andrew, and Richard; his parents Thomas (Mickey) Lockhart, and Helen (Earl) Berry; his wife's parents James and Adella Frana; his sisters Clara Pulda, Linda Ryan, and Beverly Ann Lockhart; his brother William Lockhart; and his brothers-in-law Bill Pulda, Robert Lane, Alvin Frana, Bob Haddy, and Bill Nobles.

Special thanks to Tom's two main in-home caregivers, Robert Lockhart, and Roberta Dang, also all other family members who assisted in his care, as well

as, Twilight Acres, and SMCH Hospice.

From all who knew and loved our dad, "Papa Tom," you will be sadly missed by all. Have one great flight on your journey home, "Poppin Tom"!

# Previous Events

## Service

NOV **14**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



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Sharp Funeral Home - November 16, 2015 at 01:47 PM



“ I rember so many things his hunting trips and his micro way popcorn .When I was married to a farmer he always had great advise for me I always loved his stories and talking with him will miss you uncle Tommyrest in peace God bless love you lisa



lisa - November 14, 2015 at 07:02 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas Lockhart.



November 13, 2015 at 06:17 PM

TF

“ *The Chapman Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Thomas Lockhart.*



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**The Chapman Family** - November 13, 2015 at 03:35 PM

LF

“ *Lisa, Lori, Tom's Sister Mary and Families purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Thomas Lockhart.*



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**Lisa, Lori, Tom's Sister Mary and Families** - November 13, 2015 at 02:02 PM

TS

“ *The Physicians and Staff of Nebraska Cancer Specialists purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Thomas Lockhart.*



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**The Physicians and Staff of Nebraska Cancer Specialists** - November 13, 2015 at 11:25 AM

DE

“ *what a great man he will be missed by many DAVE EDEN cedar rapids ia.*

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**david eden** - November 13, 2015 at 10:33 AM

TL

“ *The family of Becky Lockhart purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Thomas Lockhart.*



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**The family of Becky Lockhart** - November 13, 2015 at 10:22 AM



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**Sharp Funeral Home** - November 13, 2015 at 10:07 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas Lockhart.*



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November 13, 2015 at 09:38 AM

NH

“ I didn't know Tomas but know several of his children and he must have been a great guy to raise a great family.. You all have my deepest sympathy and prayers at this hard time. So sorry for your loss

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**Nancy Hackbart** - November 13, 2015 at 09:31 AM

BR

“ Have very fond memories of Tom and special memories of the year we all went deer hunting together. He / we had a fun time. For years after he would bring it up when we were together with a laugh and that twinkle in his eye. Our sympathy to the family. Bill Rohde.



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**Bill Rohde** - November 13, 2015 at 07:06 AM

SD

“ My heart goes out to all of the Lockhart family! Your family was always warm and welcoming to me! I have so many great memories! God bless you all!



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**Shawna Dunn** - November 12, 2015 at 10:37 PM

DS

“ My condolences to all of the Lockhart children and their families. I always remember your dad with a smile on his face, a twinkle in his eye, and a song on his lips. Even though I didn't know him well, he always seemed like such a wonderful guy.

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**Diane Stevens** - November 12, 2015 at 09:39 PM



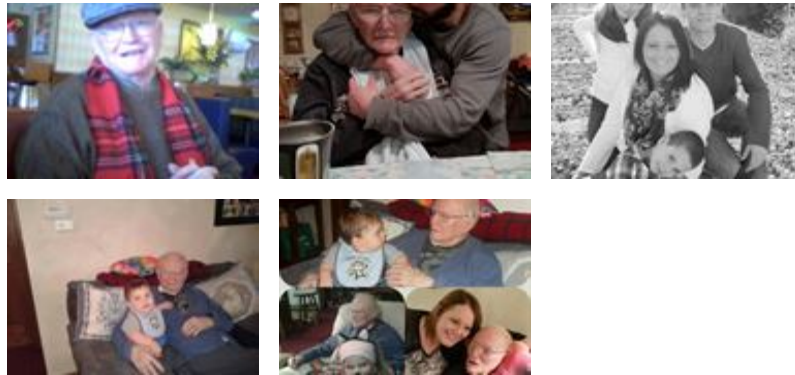
“ I would serve him coffee in the mornings at the old Patrick's!! He was one of the first people I met when we first moved to Adel. Your great smile and fun conversations were greatly appreciated that early in the morning!! Bless were you with such love from your family and friends. Job well done my good and faith servant. Now rest in peace!  
 Anita Applegate



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**Anita Applegate** - November 12, 2015 at 08:07 PM



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**Sharp Funeral Home** - November 12, 2015 at 03:26 PM