



## Clifton A. Tomes

April 29, 1932 - December 3, 2025

Clifton Tomes (Papa Bear), age 93, of DeMotte, Indiana, passed away peacefully surrounded by the love of his family. He was born in Central City, Kentucky in 1932. Clifton worked and lived in Illinois before moving to Indiana later in life. His life was defined by his kindness, his strength, and his unwavering devotion to those he loved. Clifton's presence will be deeply missed but his love will remain with his family always. If you remember just one of the stories he used to tell then he will always remain in your heart. Every time you see a rabbit, think of him because that of course was his favorite story. Cliff worked and retired from Chicago road work and loved doing home rehabs. When he wasn't working, he loved fishing, poker and spending time with his family. He was preceded in death by the love of his life, Delores; daughter, Brenda; parents; brother; several sisters and several of his furry companions. Cliff is survived by his son, TJ (Cheryl) Tomes; daughters, Shirley (Tony) Fulwood, Debbie Gale (Thom) Grudzien, Trisha (Fred) Gipson; grandson, Adam; granddaughters: Sarah, Jamie, Stephanie, Chasity, Angie, Jessie, Kirrissa, Kearsten; 12 great grandchildren; 4 great-great grandchildren; and his furry pals, Puppypat and Pippa. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Local Food Pantry in memory of Cliff. Burns Funeral Home & Crematory, Crown Point, IN, entrusted with private arrangements. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Gipson Family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Clifton A. Tomes.*



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**Gipson Family** - December 10, 2025 at 10:34 AM

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“ *Gipson Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Clifton A. Tomes.*

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