



Thomas Charles Ditchcreek

October 20, 1956 - March 3, 2024

Thomas Charles Ditchcreek, age 67, of Valparaiso, Indiana passed away on March 3, 2024. He was born on October 20, 1956, in Johnstown, Pennsylvania to Leo E. and Elizabeth (nee Radnoti) Ditchcreek. Tom was a graduate of Wirt High School, Class of '75. He was enjoying retirement earned through 45+ years of hard work with Cleveland Cliffs, USW Local 1010 (previously known as ArcelorMittal and Inland Steel). Tom was the epitome of selfless, giving the saying "he would give the shirt off his back" an entirely new meaning. He loved to travel, spend time with his family, picking lucky squares, weekend trips to the Four Winds Casino, attending any/all grandchildren events and socializing, whether it be with someone he knew or a stranger passing by. He thoroughly enjoyed the 25 Year Club Annual Picnic for Inland Steel where he got to converse with those he worked with. He was also a history enthusiast when it came to presidents. Tom was preceded in death by his parents and sister - Carol Neel. He is survived by his beloved wife of almost 38 years - Marlynne (Hanaway) Ditchcreek; stepparent Jean Ditchcreek; sons: Seth (Janny) Ditchcreek, Ryan (Lindsey) Ditchcreek and Shaun (Ashley) Ditchcreek; grandchildren - Bowen, Logan, Alayna, Bayliee, Grayson, Chase, Andrew and Rylee; brother Leo (Melody) Ditchcreek; sister, Darlene (Steve) Dapkus and many nieces and nephews. Tom had a beautiful soul and positively impacted all lives he encountered. He was and always will be incredibly loved and will be missed forever more by all his family and friends. A visitation will be held on Wednesday, March 13, 2024, from 4 p.m.

to 8 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home & Crematory, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN. A funeral service will take place on Thursday, March 14, 2024, at 11 a.m. at Burns Funeral Home, Crown Point. Rev. Erica Gibson-Even officiating. Interment at Graceland Cemetery, Valparaiso, IN. www.burnsfuneral.com

Cemetery Details

Graceland Cemetery

1505 E. Morthland Drive
Valparaiso, IN 46383

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 13. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (cst)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - Crown Point
10101 Broadway
Crown Point, IN 46307
(219) 769-0044
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Funeral Service

MAR 14. 11:00 AM (cst)

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Tribute Wall



“ Love, Jack and Fran DeRosier planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Charles Ditchcreek.

Love, Jack and Fran DeRosier - March 12, 2024 at 10:32 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas Charles Ditchcreek.



March 12, 2024 at 10:32 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Thomas Charles Ditchcreek.



March 12, 2024 at 06:37 PM



“ The Earle Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Charles Ditchcreek.

The Earle Family - March 12, 2024 at 06:37 PM

BF

“ Bill Neel and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Charles Ditchcreek.

Bill Neel and Family - March 12, 2024 at 03:23 PM

BF

“ Bill Neel and Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Thomas Charles Ditchcreek.



Bill Neel and Family - March 12, 2024 at 03:23 PM

WF

“ Walt & Juanita Croson & Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Thomas Charles Ditchcreek.



Walt & Juanita Croson & Family - March 11, 2024 at 08:30 PM

TF

“ The Wall Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Thomas Charles Ditchcreek.



The Wall Family - March 11, 2024 at 05:33 PM

PF

“ Patricia F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Charles Ditchcreek.

Patricia F. - March 11, 2024 at 03:24 PM

JK

“ Joe Kleine planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Charles Ditchcreek.

Joe Kleine - March 11, 2024 at 12:23 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Thomas Charles Ditchcreek.



March 11, 2024 at 12:23 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas Charles Ditchcreek.



March 08, 2024 at 09:03 PM

BF

“ Bob & Crystal Fox purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Thomas Charles Ditchcreek.



Bob & Crystal Fox - March 08, 2024 at 05:54 PM

BF

“ Bob & Crystal Fox planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Charles Ditchcreek.

Bob & Crystal Fox - March 08, 2024 at 05:54 PM

JK

“ John and Terri Kopack planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Charles Ditchcreek.

John and Terri Kopack - March 08, 2024 at 09:07 AM

JK

“ John and Terri Kopack purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Thomas Charles Ditchcreek.



John and Terri Kopack - March 08, 2024 at 09:07 AM

SD

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Shaun Ditchcreek - March 07, 2024 at 07:02 PM

MD

“ Marie and Steve Donahue purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Thomas Charles Ditchcreek.



Marie and Steve Donahue - March 07, 2024 at 12:07 PM

UT

“ USS Shipping, Slab Movement & MM Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Charles Ditchcreek.

USS Shipping, Slab Movement & MM Team - March 07, 2024 at 11:16 AM

UT

“ USS Shipping, Slab Movement & MM Team purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Thomas Charles Ditchcreek.



USS Shipping, Slab Movement & MM Team - March 07, 2024 at 11:16 AM

DH

“ Tom was a life long friend of mine we met in 1975 when we both got hired by Inland steel on the same day ,We have seen and done a lot together over the last 49 years and I will miss him very much and I am sorry to all of you for your loss .

Don Hart - March 07, 2024 at 09:45 AM

DH

“ Don, Charlotte, Brandy & Trent Hart purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Thomas Charles Ditchcreek.



Don, Charlotte, Brandy & Trent Hart - March 07, 2024 at 09:29 AM

JW

“ worked with Tom at inland he was a good man

john withrow - March 05, 2024 at 10:20 PM