



Thomas E. Bell

August 4, 1950 - September 27, 2010

Thomas E. Bell, age 60, of Valparaiso, formerly of Gary, In, passed away on Monday, September 27, 2010. Tom was born in 1950 and spent the early years of his life in Gary. He was an avid baseball & basketball player, showcasing his skills for Lew Wallace High School. He attended business school at Indiana University in Bloomington and was an active member of Acacia Fraternity. On August 14, 1971, he married his high school sweetheart and began creating a lifetime of wonderful memories. Tom was a great friend to all that were fortunate enough to know him. After a 33-year battle with MS, his sense of humor never failed him. He was a courageous & determined man whose strength & dignity is an inspiration to us all. He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Janel; daughters, Laura (Chad) Coady, Lisa (Jeffery) Garland; grandchildren, Maggie, Maya and Maccoy; Mother, Marge Bell; siblings, Karen Andrews and Timothy Bell; sister & brothers-in-law, Jannia & Tim Sweeney and Jan Slesinski, best friend, Gary Hill and many nieces & nephews.

Friends may visit with the family on Thursday, Sept. 30, 2010 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN.

Memorial service will be held on Friday, October 1, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. at Burns Funeral Home, Crown Point, IN. Father Andrew Corona officiating. Cremation at the Burns Funeral Home Crematory will precede the memorial service. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to the MS Foundation.www.burnsfuneral.com

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“ Dear Janel, I was so sorry to hear of your loss. Tom was an inspiration to us all. He always amazed me on how he handled his MS with dignity and courage. God will give you strength. Rely on the memories he has blessed you with. 39 years of marriage is quite an accomplishment and something to be so proud of. You too are a courageous woman! Love your cousin, Denise##imported-begin##Denise Kinney##imported-end##

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“ Sorry to hear of Tom\\\'s passing and that Jane and I are not able to attend the services. You are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Al & Jane Krol##imported-end##

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