



Thomas Jay Ehrmantraut

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Thomas Jay Ehrmantraut, 60, of Warrensburg, IL, passed away Thursday, January 16, 2014 in his home with his family by his side.

Thomas was born on December 26, 1953 in Decatur the son of George Walter and Mary Winifred (Arnold) Ehrmantraut. He was retired from ADM. He played bass guitar for the bands Bethlehem Steel and Iron Horse. He married Debra Kay McAdamis.

Surviving are his wife of 41 years, Debra Kay; daughters, Kimberly Livingood (Anthony) of Latham, IL; Kelly Copeland of Latham, IL; mother, Mary Winifred Ehrmantraut of Decatur, IL; sisters, Julia Grider of Decatur, IL; Janet Ehrmantraut of California; and grandchildren: Tyler, Samantha, Chase, Madison, and Lane. He was preceded in death by his father, George Walter Ehrmantraut, brother-in-law, Leonard Grider, and sister-in-law, Sandra Cunningham.

The family would like to thank Dr. Esparaz and the staff at Cancer Care Specialist of Central Illinois and DMH Hospice especially, Jim, sandy, and Gail.

Funeral service to celebrate the life of Thomas will be 11 AM Monday, January 20, 2014 in Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home with Pastor Joel Ruppert officiating. Visitation will be 10-11 AM Monday in the funeral home. Burial will be in Boilingsprings Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the family.

The family of Thomas Jay Ehrmantraut is being served by Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home, 2091 N. Oakland Avenue, Decatur, IL. View the on line obituary and send condolences to the family at www.gracelandfairlawn.com.



Tribute Wall

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DR

Deanna Shepherd Rhodes posted:

Debbie, Kim & Kelly – I am so sorry for your loss. I am praying for you all. Deanna (Shepherd) Rhodes (your neighbor on Packard St)

January 21 at 3:58 AM

TC

Toni Tabor Clough posted:

Lit a candle in memory of Thomas Jay Ehrmantraut

January 20 at 3:05 PM

TC

Toni Tabor Clough posted:

Deb, Kim, Kelly, Winnie and family. You were all in my thoughts and prayers today. What can you say about a friendship that has lasted a lifetime. I have 47 years of friendship that I will treasure always with Deb and TJ was 45. I met him when Deb did. He was my buddy in high school and through our adult yrs. Even thou we were far apart different states that friendship remained as always. The memories we have shared would take a book Kim and Kelly's births my daughter Brittany was almost born on Kelly's Birthday lacking one day went into labor on Kelly's birthday at her party. TJ was Uncle TJ to Doug and Brittany. I remember growing up our SDHS days all our fun times at the Ice Rink at Fairview Park, riding up and down Eldorado. We were all one big happy family. The band days Rush in high school. Iron Horse and the one band that I will never forget Bethlehem Steal. Those were the days traveling with the band all of us girls from town to town. Those were some of the best times of my life. Your life was taken too short but your memories and friendship will live on in my heart forever. Now the Lord has a Left handed Bass Player in his choir. Until we meet again I will be seeing you my friend. Love always Toni Tabor Clough, Douglas and Brittany Keithley.

January 20 at 3:04 PM

LR

Lindley Tryban Ralph posted:

Deb, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Will miss TJ's laugh. Loved his laugh. He was always so sweet to me and would tease me all the time. That let me know I held a place in his big heart. Back in the day, we were one big happy family. Those were some of the best days of my life. Through good times and bad we always remained friends. I have 38 years of memories and feel very blessed. Love always...

January 20 at 2:21 PM



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LR

Lindley Ralph posted:

Deb and family, our thoughts and prays are with you. TJI will miss your laugh. Loved your laugh. Have 38 years of memories and I feel blessed for that. Back in the day we were like family. Those days were some of the happiest days of my life. Through the good times and bad we remained friends! You are now at peace, TJ. Love always...

January 20 at 1:53 PM

LR

Lindley Ralph posted:

Deb and family, you are in our thoughts and prayers. I can still hear TJ's laugh. Loved his laugh. He was always so sweet to me and he would tease me all the time. That let me know that I held a place in his big heart. We had lots of fun and we have many memories. Through the good times and bad we all remained friends. The band days were some of the best times of my life. TJ, you will be greatly missed. Love you all. Lindley and Michael Ralph

January 20 at 1:38 PM

MP

Mike Pickerill posted:

May God bless and comfort you in your time of loss. I have many wonderful memories of growing up down the street from Tom and his family in south shores. He will be missed by many. Mike Pickerill

January 19 at 5:30 PM

KL

Kimberly Livingood posted:

Thank you very much

January 19 at 3:26 PM

KL

Kimberly Livingood posted:

Thank you very much.

January 19 at 3:26 PM

RB

Randie And Brenda posted:

Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.

January 18 at 2:22 PM



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David Daker posted:

When we met 44 years ago, we were rebels wearing bell-bottom blue jeans. You loved the guitar and I loved to sing and we both had stars in our eyes. It turned out that you was a much more accomplished musician than I'd ever be and it didn't take me long to realize that when it came to singing for your band, well, I was in waaaay over my head. But I have some great memories, thanks to you. Like when you gave me a place to stay for a while and when you and your dad got me that job at Calvary Cemetery during the summers of our high school days. I remember all the fun I had singing and drinking PBR, but not necessarily in that order. You told me I was an idiot for joining the military. You was right. Actually, you was right about a lot of things, but I wouldn't listen. I know you cared about me like a brother, but I got lost in the bottle. I'm sorry I let you down. I know you're gone from this world now, but your memory will live on in me, until the day I leave it, too. Thanks for being my friend Tom. I'll catch up to you later. David Daker

January 17 at 1:51 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Thomas by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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