



Thomas C. Ondercin Jr.

August 2, 1938 - February 10, 2017

On February 10, 2017, Thomas C. Ondercin, Jr., 78, of New Castle, passed away peacefully at home from complications of Alzheimer's Disease. He leaves behind a family that is grateful to have known and loved him, heartbroken to have lost him, and joyful that he is at peace in Christ.

Tom was born on August 2, 1938 in Uniontown, Pennsylvania to Thomas, Sr. and Margaret Ondercin. He was a 1956 graduate of Monaca High School and a 1966 graduate of Allegheny Technical School. He served his country honorably in the Army from 1963 to 1967. During his career, he worked for Ingersoll Steel and Philco Ford. He retired in 2007 from Allegheny Ludlum Steel Corporation after 29 years of service as a maintenance repairman and was a proud member of United Steelworkers of America Local 8535. He was a member since 1967 of St. Anne Catholic Church in New Castle.

Tom was a deeply-rooted family man and married his beloved wife, Mary Schumacher Ondercin on July 22, 1967. Together, they were devoted and enthusiastic parents to their daughter, Shelley, and later embraced her husband, Tim, as their beloved son-in-law. Two of Tom's greatest joys in life arrived in the form of his grandsons, Timothy, Jr. (T.J.) and Isaiah. From the moments of their births, Tom was completely smitten and dedicated himself to running, playing, chasing, biking, and generally reveling with his two young protégés.

Throughout his life, Tom was a shining example of quiet, dedicated service to others, whether his family, friends, or strangers. His service occurred in many settings, including charitable work with St. Vincent DePaul Society, lay ministry with St. Anne's, or serving as a "band dad" with NCCHS Marching Band.

Tom experienced life's simple pleasures with enthusiasm. This was evident through his love of Slovak food (especially desserts); his penchant for exploring favorite local stores while greeting all he met along the way; his love of bird watching and gardening with his wife; and his enjoyment of impromptu trips with his daughter or, later, grandsons, to the park to feed the ducks.

The family would like to extend their sincere gratitude to Tom's caregivers from Senior Helpers, including Jessika, Kimmy, and Kylie, as well as his caregivers from Hospice of Henry County and the staff of the Henry County Public Library who always made sure he had books. Thank you also to the countless extended family, friends, and community members who made sure to visit, call, and check in on Tom, Mary, and their family during his illness. The gift of your time, concern, and prayers was deeply precious to him and to us.

Tom leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Mary, daughter and son-in-law, Shelley and Tim Jackson, grandsons, T.J. and Isaiah Jackson, brother, Robert Ondercin (Carol), brother in law, Charles Schumacher (Barbara), niece Jen Schumacher (Josh Waxman), nephews Douglas Ondercin and Michael Schumacher (Erin), great-niece Emily Schumacher, great-nephew Asher Waxman, as well as aunts, an uncle, and many cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas, Sr. and Margaret, as well as aunts and uncles.

Memorial contributions may be offered to St. Anne Catholic Church or the Alzheimer's Association [www/alz.org/Indiana](http://www.alz.org/Indiana).

Visitation will take place at Sproles Family Funeral Home, 2400 South Memorial Drive, New Castle, on Thursday, February 16, 2017 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with prayer service at 7:30 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Anne Catholic Church, 102 North 19th Street, New Castle on Friday, February 17, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. with Father John Hall presiding. Tom will be laid to rest in St. Anne Catholic Cemetery in New Castle with Military Honors provided by contingents from the US Army and the American Legion and VFW.

You may send the family a personal condolence at www.sprolesfamilycares.com

The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of Thomas Ondercin.

Cemetery Details

St. Anne Catholic Cemetery

271 W. County Road 50 N.
New Castle, IN 47362

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 16. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Sproles Family Funeral Home
2400 S Memorial Dr
New Castle, IN 47362
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<https://www.sprolesfamilycares.com/>

Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Anne Catholic Church
102 N. 19th St.
New Castle, IN

Tribute Wall

DD

“ *Sad to hear of Tom's passing. It was an honor to work for him and your family when I used to work evenings for Senior Helpers. God bless.....Debra Dearmond.*

Debra Dearmond - February 20, 2017 at 07:49 AM



Debra, thank you for your condolences!

Shelley Jackson - March 06, 2017 at 04:02 PM



“ *61 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Sproles Family Funeral Home - February 16, 2017 at 07:25 AM

RA

“ *Saddened to hear of the passing of Tom. I worked with Tom in the maintenance department at A.L.Steel. Tom was a very kind and big hearted man. He was a very hardworker and a very conscientious worker. He did have a bit of a stubborn streak at times. Tom would stay with a job and work just as hard on the 8th or often the 16th hour as he did the 1st hour. I'm so sorry for the family's loss. Tom was a kind and a giving man.*

Ronald Asberry - February 16, 2017 at 12:02 AM



*Ron, thank you for your kind words. It was good to see you.
Mary, Shelley, and family*

Shelley Jackson - March 06, 2017 at 04:03 PM

AK

“ *Shelley, my heartfelt condolences to you and your family during this time.*

Wishing you peace and comfort, April Keaton

April Keaton - February 14, 2017 at 01:53 PM

DR

“ *I got acquainted with the Ondercin family while working at Bealls clothing store downtown. What a wonderful family. My prayers and sympathy to his wife and the entire family. Cherish your memories!*



Donna Ragan - February 13, 2017 at 07:38 PM



*Thank you, Donna, for thinking of us during this time.
Mary, Shelley, and family*

Shelley Jackson - February 14, 2017 at 09:12 AM

JC

“ *Kelly and I send our deepest sympathy to Mary and Shelley and their families with the loss of Tom. He was such a kind man who loved God and his family greatly. Whenever Kelly and I would talk with him, he was always so positive about life. He was a spiritual man who emanated goodness to everyone. May God hold Tom in the palm of His hand. Sincerely, Jane and Kelly Cronk*

Jane Cronk - February 13, 2017 at 03:09 PM



*Jane and Kelly, thank you for your heartfelt words.
Mary, Shelley, and family*

Shelley Jackson - February 14, 2017 at 09:11 AM

KA

“ *My deepest sympathies, Shelley, to you and your family! I see where you get your beautiful smile and happy spirit!*
Kathy Burkhart

Kathy - February 13, 2017 at 08:24 AM



*Kathy, thank you for your kind words!
Shelley, Mary, and family*

Shelley Jackson - February 14, 2017 at 09:10 AM

TJ

“ *Terry And Debbie Jones lit a candle in memory of Thomas C. Ondercin Jr.*



Terry and Debbie Jones - February 13, 2017 at 08:07 AM



*Thank you, Terry and Debbie. Your kindness means the world.
Shelley, Mary, and family*

Shelley Jackson - February 14, 2017 at 09:13 AM

BD

“ *Brian Dudley lit a candle in memory of Thomas C. Ondercin Jr.*



Brian Dudley - February 12, 2017 at 05:46 PM



Brian, thank you for thinking of our family. Mary, Shelley, and family

Shelley Jackson - March 06, 2017 at 04:04 PM

DH

“ *Dee Houser lit a candle in memory of Thomas C. Ondercin Jr.*



Dee Houser - February 12, 2017 at 05:08 PM



Dee, thank you. We appreciate your thoughtfulness. Mary, Shelley, and family

Shelley Jackson - March 06, 2017 at 04:05 PM

MK

“ *It was a great pleasure to work and know this man. He worked hard and had a great sense of humor. And a BIG heart.*

Mike Kautz - February 12, 2017 at 08:43 AM



*Mike, thank you for sharing your memory of Tom! We appreciate it.
Mary, Shelley, and family*

Shelley Jackson - March 06, 2017 at 04:06 PM

CO

“ *Carol, Bob, Douglas, Christina Ondercin
purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the
family of Thomas C. Ondercin Jr..*



Carol, Bob, Douglas, Christina Ondercin - February 11, 2017
at 03:42 PM