



THOMAS GUTTING

September 12, 1931 - July 15, 2010

Obituary of THOMAS GUTTING

Thomas Lee Gutting 78 Astatula Florida passed away after a long courageous battle with cancer at his home on July 15, 2010.

Tom was born September 12, 1931 in Maryville Missouri. The son of the late Lloyd O Gutting and wife Bessie Lee Harris Gutting of Kahoka Missouri. He received his education in Maryville and Kahoka Missouri and achieved his Bachelor of Science Degree of Agricultural science from University of Missouri on June 7, 1953 while also participating in the ROTC Air Force Program. On August 2, 1953 he was united in marriage to the late Patricia A. Thompson at the Trinity Methodist Church in Keokuk Iowa.

Mr. Gutting was a commissioned pilot and officer in the US Air Force. He had a very distinguished career including two tours in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War. He retired with the rank of Lt. Colonel after 23 years of dedicated service to his country. The family moved to Kahoka Missouri and farmed for 10 years. Subsequently, they moved to Lake County Florida and served as the county environmental health specialist for another 10 years before retiring.

On December 2, 1996 he was united in marriage to Roberta "Robin" A. Hechler. They made their home in Astatula Florida. Tom was a loving husband, devoted father and grandfather. He is survived by his wife Robin, a daughter Lee J. Gutting Varner of Moorsville, IN; a son Douglas K. Gutting and wife MaryBeth of Jacksonville Florida; a son Stuart T. Gutting and wife Brenda of Hotsprings VA; a daughter Leslie "DeeDe" Beaird and husband Tom of Keokuk IA; two step-daughters August Brammerier of Astatula FL and Brittany Hechler of Gainsville Fl; twelve grandchildren; three great-grandchildren, a sister JoAnn "Jody" VanVeghten; the late William T. VanVeghten, of Amarillo Texas; brother Joseph Gutting and wife Jan of LaHarpe IL and host of other family and friends.

Services

A memorial service will be held on Monday July 19, 2010 at 11:00 am at the family home 24650 Jefferson St., Astatula, FL. The service will be performed by Dr Bob Ware Pastor of New Life Baptist Church.

Memorials

At Tom and Robins request, in lieu of flowers, please make donations to St. Judes Children's Hospital by calling 800-873-6983 or going to www.stjudetributes.org. May God help us find a cure to this horrible disease.

Tribute Wall



“ *THOMAS GUTTING*

October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *He will be greatly missed. He was truly a shining light in this world. Only God gives the peace and comfort you all need. We love you and will do whatever you need, Robin.*

Al and Vickie Sikes - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Love yopu dad!*

Stuart - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *We've lost someone who was a very exceptional and remarkable man. May our family find comfort in each other as we remember Tom for the wonderful husband, father, grandfather and friend he will always be.*

Marybeth - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *So sorry about the death of your father. Wish I could have met him....must be one great guy to have such a wonderful daughter!! All my love, thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

Cindy Fowler - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ SORRY FOR LOSE...YOU HAVE OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY AND HEARTS WILL ALWAYS BE WITH YOU!!!! ❤️

JIM AND CARRIE COX - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time. Tom was one of the most caring men I have ever known. Truly a blessing to have known him and worked with him. Love to you all Sandy Board and Ashley Huffman McKinney

Sandy Board - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ As an old friend of Tom's in Missouri, I send my sympathy to the family. He was a great fellow and my thoughts are with all of you.

Jane Cutler - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Dear Robin & Family,we wish to send our condolences to your family..I wish we would have known Tom,he must have been a wonderful man,husband,& father. Know that are thoughts & prayers will be with you. Keep your family close & stay strong. Mr.& Mrs. B

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Bouton - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Tom's family - - I am so sorry for your loss. He will be at peace and no more pain. You are all in my thoughts and prayers, God bless.

Joan Ball Kahoka,Mo. - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Doug and Mary - I am so sorry to hear of your loss. May you all find some peace in this time of sorrow. His obit painted a man of true courage and service, one that will be truly missed by many. Take Care.

Rebecca Birke Scheuler - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ Stuart, Brenda and family, "You can shed tears that he is gone, or you can smile because he has lived. You can close your eyes and pray that he'll come back, or you can open your eyes and see all he's left. Your heart can be empty because you can't see him, or you can be full of the love you shared. You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday, or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday. You can remember him only that he is gone, or you can cherish his memory and let it live on. You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back. Or you can do what he'd want: smile, open your eyes, love and go on." You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Donna and Johnny Gibson Salem, VA

Donna Gibson - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ I'm sorry for the loss in your family Doug. It's tough losing a parent. May the spirit of God lift him and grant him peace. He is in God's hands now and comfortable.

Robin Mason - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

WH

“ I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Wendy Harris - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ A great guy and father who treated us like family you will be missed greatly. Love the Gordons

IGreg and Linda Gordon and family - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

NC

“ Lee & DeeDe...I am so sorry about the loss of your father, I have some very fond memories of him back when we were learning to play bridge from our mothers, especially when he advised me on slam bidding, telling me I did not have to listen to your mother. He was one of a kind. Your whole family is in my thoughts and prayers

Natalie Carroll - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ May the love of those around you help you through the days ahead. Our thoughts & prayers are with you during this difficult time. Joe & Amy Gutting

Joe & Amy Gutting - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

HB

“ My deepest sympathy goes out to you and your family.

Holly Blevins - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ Please accept our symathy

Arthur & Marilyn Barry - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PN

“ I am very sorry to hear about Tom. I enjoyed working with him in the Clermont office years ago. I know that he will be missed.

Pat Bean Neece - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Lee, Doug, Stuart and DeeDe - I have been wishing I had addresses for all of you but since I don't perhaps this is the best way to reach you. I share the sorrow of your loss and you have my deepest sympathy. Tom was a loving and wonderful cousin to me but I am thankful that he is no longer suffering with that awful disease. Sending love and sympathy. "Mar-ree Edith" as Tom always called me.

Mary Gutting Catlin & Bart - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ A man that was so great i am going to miss him.i love you tom.

brenda - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ But when I walked through the heaven's gates, I felt so much at home . When God looked down and smile at me, From his great golden throne, He said. "This is eternity, and all I've promised you." Today your life on earth is past, but here life starts anew. I promise no tomorrow, but today will always last, and since each day is the same way, there's no longing for the past. But you have been forgiven, and now at last you're free. So won't you come and take my hand,, and share my life with me. So when tomorrow starts without me, dont think we're far apart, for every time you think of me, I'm right here, in your heart. God Bless!

Talia Connolly - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM