



## Mr. Thomas R. Murphy, Sr.

January 4, 1946 - January 7, 2024

Thomas R. Murphy, Sr., 78, of Centralia, passed away Sunday, January 7, 2024 with his family by his side.

Tom was born January 4, 1946 in St. Louis, MO, the son of Van Murphy and Lillie (Diamond) Murphy. He married Kathy (Moore) Murphy in November of 1969 and she preceded him in death in September of 2006. He later married Hanna (Nelson) Murphy on March 23, 2014 in Centralia and she survives him. In addition to his wife Hanna of 9 years, he is also survived by a son: Thomas Murphy, Jr. and wife Stephanie of Simpsonville, SC; step child: Nicole Panek and significant other Matthew Gibson of Centralia; five grandchildren: Gavin Murphy of Simpsonville, SC, Taylor Middleton and husband Harley of Centralia, Alex Bauer of Mt. Vernon, Sophie Bauer of Mt. Vernon, and Jayden Bauer of Mt. Vernon; a great granddaughter: Clemintine Middleton two sisters: Debbie Sinclair of Walnut Hill, and Rhonda Mayer and husband Larry of Centralia; bonus family: Michele McNish of Odin and her extended family; also surviving is several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents: Van and Lillie Murphy; a daughter: Lisa Murphy; two sisters: Beverly Williams and infant sister Sandra Kay Murphy; two brothers: Bill Murphy and Don Murphy.

Tom served in the U.S. Army from October of 1965 to October of 1968. He retired from Warren G. Murray Developmental Center after working 10 years in October of 2008. He then worked for Kaskaskia Workshop working for about 10 years after Murray Center. He was an active member of the

American Legion Post 446 and the V.F.W. Post 2055 in Centralia. He was also a member of the Centralia Moose Lodge since 1983 serving as Fellowship Chairman, Moose Fellow of the Highest Degree and Moose Rider. He was also a 3 year Trustee, and treasurer of the Moose Lodge. After retirement, he enjoyed spending time with his family and friends.

Funeral Services for Thomas Murphy, Sr. will be held Thursday, January 11, 2024 at 1:00 pm at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia with Pastor Steve Upchurch officiating. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Park with Military Honors at the Grave by the American Legion Post 446 and V.F.W Post 2055. A visitation for family and friends will be held from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Funeral Home on Thursday, January 11, 2024. In memory of Tom, memorial donations may be made to the American Legion Post 446 in Centralia and will be accepted by the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home at 235 North Sycamore Street in Centralia, Illinois 62801, who is honored to be of service to the Murphy family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting [www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com](http://www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com) or the Funeral Home's Facebook page.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 11. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home  
235 N. Sycamore Street  
Centralia, IL 62801

## Funeral Service

JAN 11. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Thomas R. Murphy, Sr.*



**Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services** - January 10, 2024 at 04:46 PM

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“ *Just so sorry to learn of Tom's passing. Sending sympathy to Debbie and Rhonda and his wife. Always liked talking to Tom, he was a tease and liked to kid me. Had known him since he married Kathy, knew his folks, hugs Norma Hill Smith*

**Norma smith** - January 09, 2024 at 04:17 PM

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“ *I've known Tom and his family forever. My prayers for the family. He was a gentle man and always had a kind word to everyone who met him. He will be missed.*

**Pamela Boettcher** - January 08, 2024 at 05:28 PM

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*Tom Was Always a gentleman And So nice he Will be Missed*

**Gwen Talbert** - January 13, 2024 at 11:59 AM

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“ *Tom and Stephanie*  
*Sorry to hear about Tom. I enjoyed working*  
*with him at Murray’s. He was a great fellow.*  
*Hugs and prayers to your family.* 🙏🙏



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**Debbie Opolony** - January 08, 2024 at 01:44 PM

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“ *To all the Murphy family, especially Debbie and Rhonda, my*  
*thoughts and Prayers are with you all during this sad time.*  
*Godspeed!* 🙏💔😇

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**Peggy Myers Beal** - January 08, 2024 at 01:05 PM