



Obituary

Born: Thursday, January 28, 1954

Died: Friday, August 28, 2020

Thomas William Barger, 66 of rural Pittsfield, Illinois passed away on August 28, 2020 at his home. He was born on January 28, 1954 in Lynn, Massachusetts to Cecil and Annabelle Sanderson Ormord. Tom married Susan Snader on June 7, 1975 in Crystal Lake, Illinois at the First Congregational Church with the Detroit pastor Steve Lang officiating.

Tom grew up in Waukegan, Ill where his mother remarried to Don Barger, who then adopted Tom. They then moved to McHenry, Illinois and this is where Tom graduated from McHenry High School in 1972. He went on to attend McHenry County college. Tom then moved to Pittsfield in 1974 to begin his dream of farming with his grandfather, Harold Sanderson. After his grandfather passed, Tom farmed by himself for many years until his daughter and son-in-law Billy returned back to Pittsfield and will now take over the family farm.

Service Summary

Graveside Service

12:30 PM Tue Sep 01, 2020

Blue River Cemetery

Detroit, IL

Tom was an avid member in the Pike County Community. He was a dedicated long-standing member of the Detroit Christian Church, where he served as an elder, and taught Sunday School. In his spare time, he enjoyed bowling, golfing, and playing in the church softball league. Tom also enjoyed coaching and being a 4-H leader for his children and the local youth. Tom loved his family wholeheartedly and was always ready with a smile and a laugh for his 4 grandchildren. They loved to take tractor and combine rides with Apa/Papa and he was the best snuggler for a book or to watch t.v.

Tom is survived by his loving wife of 45 years, Susan Barger, two daughters, Becky (Billy) Fitzmaurice of Pittsfield, Jennie (Tommy) Hannon of Shorewood, Illinois and one son Daniel (Kelsey) Barger of Davenport, Iowa. Four grandchildren: Clara, Miriam, Elyren Fitzmaurice and Kaden Hannon. Three brothers; Stephen (Debra) Ormord, of Dodge City, Kansas, David Barger of Gurnee, Ill. and Rick Barger of Pittsfield, Ill; stepsister Donna Barger Jensen and several special nieces and nephews survive.

Tom was preceded in death by his grandparents Harold and Clara Sanderson, mother Annabelle Sanderson Barger, father Cecil Ormord and stepfather Donald Barger and stepsister Anita Barger Ambrose.

Graveside services will be held Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at 12:30 PM at Blue River Cemetery in Detroit. Memorials are suggested to be made to Detroit Christian Church or the

Blue River Cemetery. Online Condolences may be left to the family at www.nieburfh.com. Niebur Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Charitable donations may be made in Thomas's memory to the following organizations:

Blue River Cemetery
Detroit, IL

Detroit Christian Church