



Thomas Ivan Kelly

November 24, 1943 - November 22, 2019

Thomas Ivan Kelly, age 75, of Drummond Island, Michigan, died Friday, November 22, 2019, in Petoskey, Michigan. He was born November 24, 1943, in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, to Merlin Thomas Kelley and Lorna Ellen (Ellis) Kelley.

Tom grew up on Drummond Island, attended DeTour Schools, and was a member of the St. Florence Catholic Church. He graduated from DeTour High School with the Class of 1963. After high school, he moved to Kalamazoo, Michigan, where he worked construction until being hired by Gibson Guitar. He worked at Gibson until 1986 when he moved back to Drummond Island and started Kelly Construction which he operated for many years.

Tom raised, bred and showed Californian rabbits. He traveled with them throughout the United States for years, winning many awards and becoming distinguished in the field. Tom like to work. He had a dry sense of humor and could always make you laugh. He was an easy going guy who never complained.

Tom is survived by his wife, Martha "Jane" Kelly, whom he married July 28, 2007, on Drummond Island; daughter, Tina Kelly Arnot of San Antonio, Texas; son, Thomas Junior (Stephanie) Kelly of Richmond, Indiana; two step-sons, David Dillman of Dayton, Ohio, and John Dillman of Atlanta, Georgia; ten

grandchildren, Michael, Nicholas, and Jake Arnot, Cody and Zack Kelly, Caryn Lefeld, Christina Barnett, Andrew, Timothy, and Kaile Dillman; sister, Connie (Al) Schopp of Drummond Island; and brothers, Pat (Missy) Kelly of Drummond Island, Lyle (Theresa) Kelley of Moore Haven, Florida, Ron (Kari) Kelley of Drummond Island, and Jim (Sue) Kelley of Drummond Island.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents; and step-son, Michael Dillman.

A service will be held at a later date.

Interment will be in Drummond Island Cemetery.

Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas Ivan Kelly*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Thomas Ivan Kelly*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Thomas Ivan Kelly*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *A classmate is gone, but he lives on in memories of our school days and his place there. Sharing classes, laughter, and friends is a bond not easily broken. Rest in peace, Tom.*

Merle Jo Klickman - November 26, 2019 at 12:08 PM



“ *Joie and Ken Klickman purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." for the family of Thomas Ivan Kelly.*



Joie and Ken Klickman - November 26, 2019 at 12:06 PM