



Thomas Small IV

April 5, 1960 - July 6, 2011

Thomas "Taz" Andrew Small IV, age 51, of Brimley Michigan passed away early Wednesday morning, July 6, 2011 on his beloved beach with his loving wife, family and friends at his side. Thomas was born in Fort Bragg, North Carolina on April 5, 1960. He was an IronWorker and belonged to the IronWorkers Local #340. Thomas married Shirley Gray on October 24, 1981. He enjoyed his Grandbabies, his dog "Sally Mayo," family and his Harley Davidson. Thomas spent his whole adult life being called Papa and Dad by his many grandchildren and Misfits for which he had nicknames for all. He loved the Upper Peninsula which he has always called home. He spent countless hours tending to his campfire and his camper. Thomas is survived by his wife: Shirley (Gray) Small of 30 years; Children: Misty (Kenny) Massey of Lebanon, OH, Thomas (Danielle) Small V and Samantha Small, both of Brimley, MI. Thomas also had several other children, to many to name from which he called the "Land of Misfits." His grandchildren: Zoey, Jesse, Celyna, Ciona, Clay, Shawn Jr. Jilwin, Nathaniel, Jaylen, Wynter, Tony, Chloe, Chris, Marissa, Alec and Deacon, Trinity, Blake, Bryana, Toryn, Kira, Kaedence and Rylan. He is also survived by his mother: Annette (Franklin) Small; his siblings: Lynda (Rick) Doorlag, James (Tamara) Small, John (JoAnn) Small, Victoria (Craig) Lemonds, Daniel (Lynn) Small, John Jondall, David Schultz and Shawn Hascall, as well as his best friend: Joe VanDosen. Thomas was preceded in death by his father; Thomas Andrew Small III, and sister; Laurie Jondall, and Grandchild Maadissiwin. Per Thomas' request, cremation has

taken place. Private memorial services will be held at a later date at his home.
Memorials may be left to Hospice of the EUP.

Tribute Wall

YW

“ Hey baby we did it- it only took 25 yrs and with the help of my lil sister we made it to the outer banks,goose creek, together,just as the sun was setting and the moon was rising. What an amazing site and adventure, I love you and keep watching over us til we meet up again. love always moon n stars infinity.

your wife - August 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH ALL OF YOU. WISH YOU WERE CLOSER FOR MORE HUGS. HE WILL BE MISSED BY ALL, TO KNOW THE BIG GUY YOU HAD TO LOVE HIM, JUST LIKE HE LOVED EVERYBODY EVEN THOUGH HE TRIED TO BE THE TOUGH GUY WE ALL KNEW BETTER. LOVE ALL OF YOU. PLEASE KEEP IN TOUCH AND IF YOU NEED ANYTHING JUST CALL.
THE WHOLE WHIPPLE BUNCH!!!
XOXOXOXO

LISA WHIPPLE - August 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

VI

“ finally could look, finally finished the one from down here. Missing him

Victoria - July 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SN

“ justheardaboutTommyl,msoverysorryGodblessandkeepallofyoulwillmis

Steve nelson - July 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Our sympathy to Shirley and family - I'll always remember Tom and the many great times we shared.

Tony Millek - July 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ Dad always tried to be rough and tough but the truth is...he had a heart of gold, no one ever went without, you needed a place, food, help, anything he was always there. Dad was more than just my daddy, he was my best friend. He always told people, dont tell no one that I am a nice guy, I have a reputation to uphold. Guess what dad, secrets out and been out for years. My heart aches that one day I will forget the sound of your voice and I will never see you smile again. There will be no more drawings in the sand with the ski pole. My dad never took anything for granted, including time. He never broke a promise. The strongest man I have ever known is gone forever but will NEVER be forgotten. Go ride your Harley in Heaven Daddy, pain free and watch over our family.

Sam - July 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Sam and Family,
I know there is no words I could say that will make it better. Just know you and yours are in my thoughts and prayers. God Bless and take care of each other! With the deepest sympathy,
Jamie McCoy and Family

Jamie McCoy - July 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ The Man-Whore and She-Ra will miss you always Tom! God Speed!

Shannon Hascall-Reyes - July 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ *it's hard to see such a wonderful man leave so fast and he can never be replaced, but we can only remember the good times*

Everna Salisbury - July 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ *Daddy i will always love you. God blessed me with meeting a man that loved to be my dad. By choice you chose to be my dad not by obligation. And that's what hurts the most when i think of you and now you're gone. You loved me for me not what anyone wanted me to be. God gave me such a beautiful gift when he gave me you and mom and i will forever be your baby chocolate chip. I love you more than words can describe and you are forever written in my heart. Your grandbabies will forever remember you and even the ones to come will know who you are and be proud of to call you papa just as proud as i am to call you dad. Don't worry the family will be taken care of and we love you to the moon and stars as mom always says. Rest easy now you're in no more pain and make sure you give tippy's and justin's baby a kiss for all of us god blessed you with the gift of being the fist of us down here to meet that baby and you let that baby know we loved it from day one. i love you daddy now have some fun ripping up the road of heaven on that harley this is not goodbye for we will see you again one day. iloveyou*

Princess bby Chocolate Chip Misfit - July 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ *Dad was better to me than my biological father and my step father combined. He helped me when no one else could, and always opened his arms when I looked like I needed it. I'm glad I was here for his final days, and I'm glad that I got to know such a special man. I will hold him in my heart forever.*

Amber - July 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ Glenn and I would like to send your family our deepest sympathy. We first met Tom at North and South Cycle with Sam Nettleton. We bought our first Harley Davidson from him. A customer had it for sale. It was always a pleasure going in the shop and getting info on our bike or buying parts from Tom. We came out with Paula and Sam on the bikes one evening to visit all of you on the beach. We had such a great time with all of you. I always asked Sam about Tom to see how he was doing. Our prayers and thoughts are with all your family at this time. May God Bless you all during your loss. Tom will be greatly missed. It was great meeting him.
Glenn and Deb Smale

Glenn and Deb Smale - July 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GP

“ Shirley, Cindi and I send our heartfelt sympathies to you and your family. We will keep all of you in our prayers.
Gail Persons

Gail and Cindi Persons - July 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Shirley, Sam, Tommy, Lynda, Jim, John, Vicki and Annette, and all the other family that loved Tom. I am so sorry for your loss. It has been a long journey for you all as it was for Tom. I hope that fond memories will help to ease the pain and loss for you and bring comfort in the days ahead. RIP Tom

Cathy Franklin - July 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ *Shirley and Family:
Oh the memories of Tom!! They will stay forever in my heart. He had a wonderful life with all of you. And he got it his way. Our love and hugs to you and the kids.
Jamie and Rose*

Rose Mitchell - July 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TJ

“ *To the family, you will all be in our thoughts & prayers as you are going through this difficult time. I would like to share with you what Tom meant to me!*

A very caring & funny man who told so many jokes that put laughter on my face & a smile in my heart. He took me in from the very first time i met him & treated me like a sister. He even accepted my husband like a brother & he will always be in our hearts. Till we meet again Tom. You will be sadly missed by all. We love all of you our second family!

Todd & Patty Johnson - July 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *Finally at peace my love no more pain, watch over your family and your MISFITS as we will all be together again. I Love You Always to the MOON and STARS and back again INFINITY.*

shirley small - July 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ It doesn't seem possible I have known your family since 1990. You all have a special place in my heart. Tom gave me a hard time from day one!!! I think at first I was scared of him, but I quickly saw what a teddy bear he could be. Shirley... Meeting you was such a blessing! I truly do love you my Sister Friend!!!! Tommy and Samantha, watching you two grow up into adults...WOW! I can't believe I once babysat you two!! Misty, I have only met you 3 times, but I do know your Dad loved you.

You are all in my thoughts and prayers!! Love one another and be kind.

Bethany Burge Foust - July 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ I liked Tom a lot. He was a genuine nice guy. I really enjoyed when Shirley was cooking at Willabees and we'd go in for breakfast in the ambulance. Tom was always in there having his breakfast or just coffee and Abby and I would spend quite a bit of time chatting with him. RIP, Tom. God Bless.

Ruth Summerville - July 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM