



Milo "Tom" Sawyer

April 29, 1940 - April 5, 2019

Milo "Tom" Sawyer, age 78 of Mattoon, IL passed away at 5:31 A.M. Friday, April 5, 2019 at Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana, IL.

A funeral service in his honor will be held at 2:00 P.M., Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938; Pastor Steve McCann will officiate. A committal service will immediately follow in Roselawn Cemetery in Charleston, IL. A visitation will be held Tuesday evening, April 9, 2019 from 5:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M. at the funeral home.

Tom was born on April 29, 1940 in Paradise Township in Coles County, the son of Milo and Marie (Patterson) Sawyer. He married Brenda K Leonard on May 5, 1970 in Charleston, IL. He is survived by his wife, Brenda Sawyer of Charleston, IL; four children, Aaron Sawyer and wife Cindy of Mattoon, IL, Sharon Sawyer of Mattoon, IL, Shelly Birch of Bushton, IL, Todd Sawyer and wife Shelly of Charleston, IL; several grandchildren and great grandchildren; two brothers, Dick Sawyer and wife Deborah of Coal City, IL, Max Sawyer of Mattoon, IL; one sister, Karen Mallock and husband Ron of Lake Mattoon, IL; and many nieces and nephews. Tom is preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Margaret and Marilyn; and two brothers, Marion and Ed.

Tom worked at Tube-Lok Products in Mattoon, IL as an inspector, welder, and foreman. He was later employed by Vesuvius in Charleston, IL where he retired.

Tom had a passion for music and loved to perform for others. He played bass

guitar sang in many country bands throughout the years. He was a skilled mechanic and enjoyed restoring his John Deere. Tom knew the Lord and was baptized later in life. He fought cancer three times, being victorious through Jesus. Tom's pain is gone and he is home now with his family in Christ. He was loved by many and will be missed. Tom was a loving and kind-hearted man.

Memorials in Tom's honor may be made to the family in care of Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home.

Please visit www.mitchell-jerdan.com or www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome to light a virtual candle in his honor or share a memory with the family.

Cemetery Details

Roselawn Cemetery

Charleston, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 9. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Service

APR 10. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Milo "Tom" Sawyer*

October 08, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“ *Got to play music with him a couple times out at max's house. He was a very cool dude with me.*

Love all the sawyers.

Josh White

Joshua Melton - April 10, 2019 at 08:52 PM



“ *Brenda,*

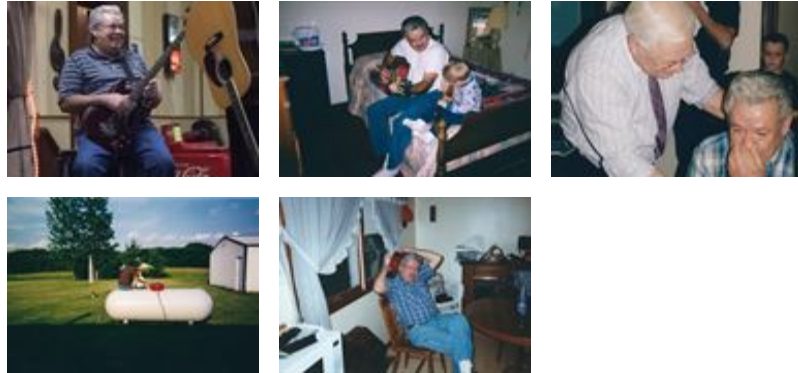
Tom was a special person. I treasure the friendship Tom, you, Toby and I had over the years. I enjoyed the time Tom and I were in a band together with Beef Easter, Jackie Lee Muscott , Billy Levett and me. A girl had to be on her toes with that crew. We had a lot of fun in that bunch. Always Tom was a gentleman, always. The Sawyer family has always been special to Toby and me. Tom will be missed for sure . I'll keep saying special prayers for you, Tom's kids, grandkids brothers and sister and the rest of the family as they deal with his loss. God Bless all of you. If I can help in any way please let me know.

*Love to all,
Billie*

Billie J Brant - April 09, 2019 at 02:03 PM



“ 58 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home - April 09, 2019 at 09:03 AM

DC

“ Brenda and family I am sorry to learn of your loss. I will keep you all in my prayers. Sincerely, Debbie Spence Creech

Debra Spence Creech - April 08, 2019 at 06:53 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Milo "Tom" Sawyer.



April 07, 2019 at 09:47 PM

SW

“ Steve Wells lit a candle in memory of Milo "Tom" Sawyer



Steve Wells - April 07, 2019 at 01:43 AM

SW

Played with Tom for many years in different bands, and venues. Always had a great time. He was also my foreman at tube- lok. Great guy, and always fun to be around. Sad.

Steve Wells - April 07, 2019 at 01:50 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Milo "Tom" Sawyer.*



April 07, 2019 at 12:23 AM

CH

“ *I am very sorry to hear about Tom. You all are in my thoughts.*
Christine Patterson family



Christine - April 06, 2019 at 06:25 PM

RC

“ *Very sad to hear about the death of Tom . He comes from a Beautiful family of musicians . God rest his soul. He will be missed.*
Rip sincerely, Becky & Maurice craig

rebecca craig - April 06, 2019 at 08:27 AM