



Tommie McKibben

January 5, 1937 - September 9, 2018

Tommie McKibben, age 81 of Lake Mattoon, IL went to his Lord Sunday, September 9, 2018 from his residence.

At Tommie's request, he will be cremated and wishes no services. Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

Tommie was born January 5, 1937 in Mattoon to Fred and Alice (Jones) McKibben. He married Jacqui Borgardus on August 22, 1965. Surviving are his wife, Jacqui; son, Curt (Jane) McKibben of Mattoon, IL; two grandsons, Clint (Ana) McKibben of Sullivan, IL, Clay (Beth) McKibben of Mattoon, IL; four great-grandchildren, several cousins, nieces, nephews, and his coffee klatch from Mattoon Mall. He loved you all. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Nancy Waltrip.

He worked beginning of his senior year of high school at Central National Bank for over eleven years. After that, he owned and operated Tomaso's Restaurant in Mattoon. He was an avid motorcycle rider, having owned Triumph, Suzuki and finally Harley. Tommie boxed in his younger years and went near and far to watch matches, seeing some of the future stars.

Special thanks to Dr. Joag and staff, and Lincoln Land Hospice, especially Emily. You truly are wonderful people.

Memorials may be made in his honor to American Cancer Society, 2509 S. Neil Street, Champaign, IL 61820.

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.

Tribute Wall



“ *Tommie McKibben*

October 08, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“ *Susan R. Tibbetts lit a candle in memory of Tommie McKibben*



Susan R. Tibbetts - September 28, 2018 at 01:45 PM



Jacqui, I learned today that Tommie had passed and am so sorry for your loss. Susie Rodgers Tibbetts

Susan R. Tibbetts - September 28, 2018 at 01:52 PM



“ *Greg MYERS lit a candle in memory of Tommie McKibben*



Greg MYERS - September 28, 2018 at 09:06 AM



We were best friends all of our growing-up years. You were a great friend.

Greg MYERS - September 28, 2018 at 09:10 AM

BB

“ *Joaquin - my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. It was a pleasure knowing Tommie for many, many years. A truly good and honorable man dedicated to his family and businesses. HE WILL BE MISSED!!*



Bryan Briggs - September 13, 2018 at 05:57 PM

WB

“ *So sorry to see obituary. I was always pleased to see you both out. My family ate at tomasos many times. We enjoyed it so much. Wanda Baker & family*

Wanda baker - September 12, 2018 at 11:59 PM

WC

“ *So sorry to hear of Tommie passing..He lived life to the fullest....I will always remember him at "Tomaso's"....Dining there was a fond memory of my youth...Sincerely ..Willa Campbell..*

Willa Campbell - September 12, 2018 at 04:14 PM

KM

“ Jacqui, I'm so sorry to hear the passing of Tommie! I've known the McKibben family all my life. We loved going in to Tomaso's & seeing you & Tommie & all your collectibles of Micky mouse & my favorite was the big Pinnocchio! You guys made dining in your restaurant a wonderful & warm experience...thank you both! When we moved away & would come home for a visits Tomaso's was the first place we would go & the last place we would go before going home because I had to have your lasagne 1 last time to tie me over until the next visit! Later when our daughter was in band we ran into you Tommie in Atwood many years ago! My father Bill McCleary passed away this past January, dad talked often about Tommie when he was a boy & the Mckibben family! Tommie was a wonderful man in fact you both are!



Krista (Kris) McCleary Mast - September 12, 2018 at 01:43 PM

MI

“ Tommy ,was a very good man !! I worked for him 35 years ago!!! When he did have to come out of the kitchen without his apron, I can guarantee somebody was going to get a ass whooping!!! Fact!!! And tommy and Jackie would go on there trips oh ya the mouses would play ,sometimes we the workers would get in to a little trouble ya know, lmao!!! He is one of the very few true men that I have respect for on this PLANET he will be remembered by me!! Thank you my friend , I will never forget you !!! OLDFIELD FAMILY!!!!

Michael - September 12, 2018 at 12:09 PM

DD

“ Jacqui,
So many fond memories of Tommie and you at Tomaso's. Sorry for your loss Jacqui.
Donna Dodson

donna dodson - September 12, 2018 at 10:37 AM

CH

“ Dear Jacqui,
I've thought of you often since moving to Texas- a friend from Mattoon told me of Tommie's passing. I'm so sorry for your loss. I know you'll be missing Tommie so much. I treasure the memories I have of working at Tomaso's. You and Tommie are delightful people. I pray the Lord will comfort you as you grieve the loss of your dear husband.
I love you bunches,
Charlotte (Hutchcraft) Hartzell

Charlotte Hartzell - September 11, 2018 at 10:13 PM

CH

Passing

Charlotte Hartzell - September 11, 2018 at 10:13 PM

ST

“ Jacqui,
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. The memories and lessons I learned from you and Tommie are some of the fondest of my life and I carry them with me to this day. God Bless
Steve Tomer



Stephen Tomer - September 11, 2018 at 09:25 PM

DY

“ Diana (Miller) Young lit a candle in memory of Tommie McKibben



Diana (Miller) Young - September 11, 2018 at 05:31 PM

PS

Jackie, so sorry for your loss....loved sneaking up behind him and whispering in his ear when he met his buddies at the mall, always told him we missed him at the class breakfasts.... we always loved going to Tomasos too and visiting with him. Prayers for you and the family.... he will be missed for sure. Love and peace to you....Les and Pat Sorensen

pat sorensen - September 11, 2018 at 10:32 PM

BS

“ *Jacqui
You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.
Tom and Brenda Sawyer*

Brenda Sawyer - September 11, 2018 at 03:45 PM



Renee
An Rick

I am so sorry for your loss. I lost Rick on March 24th . I miss him so much. I cry every day. So I know how you feel. And I wish I could do something to make you feel better. If you ever need to talk just text me. Love you honey.

Renee An Rick Farr - September 11, 2018 at 09:59 PM

CT

“ *Dear Jacqui,
So very sorry to hear of your loss. I know it was a long hard struggle. My thoughts and prayer are with You at this sad time. Take care and God Bless.*

*Love
Connie Thomas*

Connie Thomas - September 11, 2018 at 01:50 PM

PS

“ Our deepest sympathies Jacqui and family for this great loss. Tommie was a great person. I loved working at Tomasos, he and you were great people to work for. Keeping you and the family in our thoughts and prayers.

Pat and Henry Stuckey

Pat Stuckey - September 11, 2018 at 11:03 AM

TK

“ Sorry for your loss Jacqui. Had a lot of good times with Tommie back in the motorbike days. Bet he will find a good card game up there .

Tom kidwell

Tom Kidwell - September 11, 2018 at 10:35 AM

PW

“ Jacqui, our thoughts and prayers are with you. You two were so kind to me and I will always treasure the memories of the Tomasos years. He gave me some advice at a low time in my life and I'll never forget it.

Patsy Weiss - September 11, 2018 at 09:40 AM

DW

“ Tommie was a fighter until the end. He kept his sense of humor and we had many laughs and shares stories over the last several months. We will miss him greatly.



DALE E WITTMER - September 11, 2018 at 08:59 AM

GB

“ So sorry Jacqui for your loss .I will miss Tommie Dearly. For Tomaso's was the memory maker place for kids my age . A lot of the things still lives clearly in the memories of many patrons customers ,friends and also known as family as we came thru your doors . To be treated with the greatest atmosphere and personal care there was . How it was a growing up place for me from Columbia to Central and the on to the High School. those Subs and pizza still exist in my taste buds and the Swiss steak on Sundays. was awesome . Please except my deepest sorrow for the loss of Tommie , Your in my PRAYERS Gary Branson



Gary and Susie Branson - September 11, 2018 at 08:41 AM

RC

“ Tommie has been a friend and fabulous restaurateur and is a legacy. Memories of tomaso's live on and will for years to come. I remember giant Sirloins and exquisite salads and not to mention hot Italian hoggies (the likes of which Mattoon had never seen before) jackie & tommie have been cornerstones in many people's lives and we can only smile and remember the beautiful times together. Tommie would tell us Eat- Drink-& be Merry we'll be reunited again. Sincerely, Becky & Maurice Craig

rebecca craig - September 11, 2018 at 07:00 AM

SR

“ Got hooked on those wonderful baked submarine sandwiches at Tomasos - still often wish for one! God's blessings to Jacqui and the rest of the family.

Steve Rankin

Steve Rankin - September 11, 2018 at 06:39 AM

BM

“ *Barbara McLain lit a candle in memory of Tommie McKibben*



Barbara McLain - September 11, 2018 at 12:57 AM

JD

“ *Jodi And Ernie Drummond lit a candle in memory of Tommie McKibben*



Jodi and Ernie Drummond - September 10, 2018 at 10:40 PM

AD

“ *Amanda Drummond lit a candle in memory of Tommie McKibben*



Amanda drummond - September 10, 2018 at 10:27 PM

MO

“ *Marsha & Roy Overton lit a candle in memory of Tommie McKibben*



Marsha & Roy Overton - September 10, 2018 at 09:13 PM

J)

“ Loved you much Tommie ! Always a funny guy, and a dear friend of my parent (John and Joanne Turner) your gang is back together! Give my parents a big hug and kiss for me, RIP !

Jojo Roach (Turner) - September 10, 2018 at 08:52 PM

LG

“ Tommie and I go back along way he Tom Rogers and I where very close friends and did a lot together great memories my heart is sad RIP My Friend

Larry Gordon - September 10, 2018 at 08:35 PM

TD

“ Jacqui and family. I'm so sorry to hear of Tommie's passing. I have wonderful memories of both of you and treasure that time in my life. I loved listening to Tommie's stories! Prayers and hugs.

Tami Duzan - September 10, 2018 at 08:33 PM

RC

“ Jacque, we are so very sorry to hear of Tommie passing. Some of my fun memories are working at Tomasos for you two in my younger years. Even though you two worked by butt off. Lol! Even back then you two weren't just my bosses, you were like family! And even years have passed you guys are still like family to me! You two, Fred and Alice always the greatest. And my favorite and signature cologne is still Paul sabastine!! Thanks to Fred and Tommie! Just want you to know Jacque, you are in my thoughts and prayers thru this hard time. Love and prayers! Randy Coonce

Randy Coonce - September 10, 2018 at 08:04 PM

MB

“ TOMASOS REST. what a nice guy

michael bruner - September 10, 2018 at 07:42 PM

LC

“ Sorry to hear of Tommie's passing. He was a really nice guy. Still miss Tamaso's. Was always nice to see him and Jacqui go by on golf cart out here at the lake. May Positive thoughts and happy comforting memories be of solace for his family and loved ones.RIP Tom.

Linda croy - September 10, 2018 at 06:34 PM

DL

“ Jacqui, we're so sorry to hear of Tommie's passing. Our prayers and thoughts are with you during this difficult time.
Darrell Scott and Loran Owens



Darrell and Loran - September 10, 2018 at 06:27 PM

PW

“ My first job. What fun Tom and Jackie were to work for. Always a laugh and you learned a lot as well. So very sorry for your loss. Prayers Jackie.

Peggy Wishard - September 10, 2018 at 05:54 PM

CH

“ So sry for yr loss.We all will always temper him.All us girls at Hubbartts Downtown Diner sending our deepest sympathy and prayers!



christina - September 10, 2018 at 05:42 PM

CH

We will always remember him!

christina - September 10, 2018 at 05:43 PM

TO

Tommie was one of a kind. He had a loving spirit and a great sense of humor. He will be missed by a lot of people who had cherished memories of him. Jacqui and family, we are so sorry for your loss. Sending our love and deepest symphany to all. Tom and Regina Owens

Tom and Regina Owens - September 11, 2018 at 12:57 PM

PO

“ Prayers for the family. We both worked for Tommie and Jacqui in the late 60's. Great people, great food, wonderful times !! Thanks for the memories. Thinking of you Jacqui and sorry for your loss.

Les and Peg O'Dell

Peggy A O'Dell - September 10, 2018 at 04:29 PM



“ Brenda Walden-Ingle lit a candle in memory of Tommie McKibben



Brenda Walden-Ingle - September 10, 2018 at 04:28 PM

TH

“ *Toni Hooker lit a candle in memory of Tommie McKibben*



Toni Hooker - September 10, 2018 at 03:54 PM

BL

“ *Bev (Taylor) Leonard lit a candle in memory of Tommie McKibben*




Bev (Taylor) Leonard - September 10, 2018 at 03:35 PM

BL

I have known Tommie since middle school. He was my first crush! He was such a handsome young man and a beautiful soul. Condolences to all of his family and friends. I am so saddened by this news. R.I.P. my dear old friend. Bev (Taylor) Leonard.

Bev (Taylor) Leonard - September 10, 2018 at 03:40 PM

 Pam
Hubbartt-
Newman

“ *The best job I ever had, The best boss (and Jacqui) I ever had, the best restaurant with the best food I ever had!!!! You will be missed and I am so glad I got to see you recently!!!! RIP my friend!!!!*

Pam Hubbartt-Newman - September 10, 2018 at 03:33 PM

MY

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. I have only fond memories of Tommie and Jacqui and miss Tomaso's to this day. Sending my deepest sympathies.



Mindy Wymore Young - September 10, 2018 at 03:21 PM

KG

“ Jacqui, I'm so so sorry to hear this. May the God of all comfort give you peace during this sad time. I think back to the summers working with you and Tommie and loved that time working for you both. The kindness, generosity, grace, and laughter you both showed me daily are still fresh in my memory. RIP Tommie and my deepest sympathy to you Jacqui.

Kathy Gibbons - September 10, 2018 at 03:10 PM

CT

“ Chris Turner lit a candle in memory of Tommie McKibben



Chris Turner - September 10, 2018 at 02:57 PM