



## Thomas Carmean

August 24, 1920 - September 18, 2009

Thomas Albert Carmean, devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, friend, and shade tree mechanic died in Hospice Care on September 18, 2009. Tom was born August 24, 1920 in Carthage, MO, and was raised in Baxter Springs, KS. As Tom was a spirited youth, he spent the end of High School years at Wentworth Military Academy, where he bonded with several lifelong friends. After a brief try at college, Tom moved to LA to work at Lockheed Aircraft; he then decided it was time to marry his childhood sweetheart, Jean Bell, after the wedding they lived briefly in the LA area. The start of WWII moved them back to the KS and MO areas; then a job opportunity brought them down to Arkansas in 1951, trailing three kids and a dog. The family grew one more addition in El Dorado before finally settling in Camden, where they were to raise their family and live out their remaining lives together. Tom was very active in the Camden High School Band Auxiliary, making burgers at all home games to raise needed funds. He also was a leader in the Boy Scout Organization, courageous enough to pack 4 boys and himself into a pickup bound for Philmont Boys Scout Ranch in New Mexico. Tom will always be remembered by the town's youth as a wonderfully playful man with a boy's spirit. He created and ran several business ventures before working and retiring from the US Postal Service. His shade tree mechanics made him very popular with the teenagers and young adults ? there was not much he didn't know when it came to automobiles. The driveway and garage were always filled with youngsters with their cars, bikes,

go carts and anything that had a motor. Tom will be remembered for his sense of humor, generous heart and boyish spirit. After Tom's wife, Jean, passed away last year, Tom moved to a Nursing Care Facility in Waldron, AR to be watched over by his youngest son, Chris and his wife, Sharon. He is survived by his sons Kirk Carmean of Longboat Key, FL and Christopher Carmean of Waldron, AR; by his daughters Karen Carmean of Spartanburg, SC and Mary Lou Barnes of Spartanburg, SC; by his grandsons Joshua Tuberville of Los Feliz, CA, Adam Lageveen of Waldron, AR, and Jackson Carmean of Ellsworth, SD; by his granddaughter Sarah Alt of Alexander, AR; by his great grandson Keegan Carmean; by his great granddaughter Caitlyn Alt; and by his sisters Catherine Morrissey and Carolyn Bradley, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. There will be a private family memorial as his ashes will be laid to rest beside his wife in the IOOF Cemetery in Neosho, MO. Arrangements are being entrusted to Heritage Memorial Funeral Home and Crematory in Waldron, Arkansas.

# Tribute Wall

SL

“ *Children: Your father will always be remembered in my life. In Christ or Lord. Sonny.*

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**Sonny & Patsy LeMay** - October 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ *MaryLou,*

*We are thinking about you.*

*Love,*

*Mag & JP*

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**James & Maggie Pryor** - September 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ *Mary Lou,*  
*I loved reading about your father. I do remember the drive & garage being filled with parts of cars and other intereting items. He was such a happy, kind man. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Hugs,*

*Amy*

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**Amy Dee Hawley** - September 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ *Sending you our prayers. So sorry for your loss.*

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**Pam & Steve Boynton** - September 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. John & Melanie Reynolds*

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**John & Melanie Reynolds** - September 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ *Mary Lou and family,*

*I'm so sorry about your parents. Thinking of you all.*

*ME*

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**Mary Ellen Day Jansky** - September 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SE

“ *I am so terribly sorry to hear this news. Your family will be in my thoughts and especially my prayers in the days to come. May God give you peace, rest, and comfort.*

*Love,*

*Susan*

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**Susan Lindsey Efird** - September 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *So very sorry for your loss. So many good memories of both your parents from growing up, the stories they both could tell always put a smile on your face. Cherished Memories will comfort you in the days ahead. My thoughts and prayers for all the family.*

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**Debbie Hudsonpillar Sanders** - September 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

WK

“ Chris and Sharon, so sorry to hear about your loss. You guys are in our prayers! If you need anything, let us know! Love ya!

Wilson & Tanya Kennedy - September 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ I am so sorry for the loss of your loved one. I know that there is no words in this world that would comfort you but I want you to know that I am thinking of both of you in this hard time. I will keep you in my prayers. God Bless You..

Chris and Sharon Carmean - September 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ Chris, I am so sorry about your dad. He was quiet the character and I always enjoyed hearing his stories. He will be missed by all of us. I will be thinking of you in the days ahead.

Christine Lees - September 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Kirk, Karen, Chris, and MaryLou,  
So sorry to hear about Uncle Tom. After moving closer to Chris, it sounded like he was improving.  
I'll miss him and have so many fond memories of him and Aunt Jean.  
Love,  
Candace (Carmean) Blocher

Candace Blocher - September 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

WS

“ With Deepest Sympathies.

Waldron Nursing Center Administration and Staff - September 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM