



Thomas James Krennek

August 18, 1941 - September 6, 2017

Thomas James 'Tommy' Krennek, 76, of Somerville, formerly of Dime Box passed away Wednesday, September 6, 2017. Services will be held Saturday, September 9, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Dime Box with Father Joy Adimakkeel as Celebrant. The Burial will follow in the St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery in Dime Box. Visitation will be Friday, September 8th, from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. with the Rosary at 7:00 p.m. at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Caldwell.

Thomas James was born August 18, 1941 in Dime Box, Texas to Henry Louis and Annie Catherine (Malinak) Krennek. He began kindergarten and graduated from Dime Box High School. He later continued his training through an apprenticeship where he became an electrician and spent his career at Alcoa in Rockdale, Texas. Tommy grew up with Patsy Carol Spitzenberger of Dime Box and they were married on November 11, 1961 in St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Dime Box.

The friendships he made during his lifetime were countless and he never met a stranger. Those who knew him will remember his infectious smile. His family loved hearing the stories he shared while at work with all of his buddies.

Tommy retired from Alcoa in 2000 and spent endless hours in his woodworking shop where he loved designing and milling cedar furniture. The creations were priceless and the time he spent with his customers will forever be remembered. Tommy was also an avid fisherman and enjoyed fishing any

spare moment he had. He was also a passionate rancher and cherished his prize gardens. Over the years, he treasured volunteering his time at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Dime Box School Board, Lee County Jr. Livestock Show, where he served on the Board, and was an active member of Dime Box and Birch Creek Volunteer Fire Departments along with The Burleson County Municipal Utility District #1, serving on the Board there was well.

Tommy ("Paw Paw" as he was called) leaves behind a large loving family, including his wife, Patsy, of Somerville; son, Tim Krenek of Somerville; daughters, Tami Knipstein and husband, Chuck of Lexington, Trudy Bennett and husband, Rick of College Station; grandchildren, Cody Krenek and Lane Stoddard of College Station; Phillip Knipstein and Angel Gonzales of Austin; Rachel Knipstein and Justin Wehmeyer of Austin; and Sara and Scott Martin of Austin; and Hayden and Tatum Bennett of College Station. He is also survived by his brother James Krenek and wife Cynthia of Dime Box and numerous nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Annie Krenek; older brother, David; father-in-law, Walter Spitzenberger, and mother-in-law, Marie Spitzenberger.

The family would like to extend special appreciation and gratitude to Dr. Grace Joseph and the staff of Scott and White Clinic and Hospital for their dedicated and loving care.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Birch Creek Volunteer Fire Department, 202 Birch Forest Drive, Somerville, TX 77859.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

CR 426
Dime Box, TX 77853

Previous Events

Public Visitation

SEP 8. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Caldwell
404 W. Buck St.
Caldwell, TX 77836
(979) 567-3232
phillipsandluckeyfh@yahoo.com
<https://www.phillipsandluckey.com/>

Rosary

SEP 8. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Mass of Christian Burial

SEP 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
8282 FM 141
Dime Box, TX
<http://Dime Box>

Tribute Wall

LK

“ With deepest sympathy, Evelyn Loewe, John and Linda Kieschnick

Linda Kieschnick - September 10, 2017 at 09:43 PM

WH

“ Patsy and family, sending our love and support.
Wade and Margaret Hunt.

Wade and Margaret Hunt - September 08, 2017 at 07:13 PM

PK

“ Rest in blessed peace.

Peggy Kocurek - September 08, 2017 at 05:55 PM



“ 89 files added to the album LifeTributes



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - September 08, 2017 at 04:18 PM

DC

“ *David Carson - Helena Chemical Co. purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Thomas James Krenek.*



David Carson - Helena Chemical Co. - September 08, 2017 at 02:46 PM

BK

“ *I so remember going to grade school in Old Dime Box with T.J. and of course his wife Patsy. I have to thank Susie for keeping in touch all these years So sorry for your loss Patsy and all your family and friends. God Bless all of you. PS; If I may share a memory of him I have carried through out my life: standing at the chalk board in Dime Box in the 5th grade, Ms. Kasper-,teacher- called out a list of numbers to add up, competing with another classmate at the board... TJ added up the numbers as he wrote them on the board and the answer he had when he drew the line beneath all the numbers... this was amazing to me....I taught my kids (4) this method Thank you TJ for the memory..*

Betty Vavrecka Kramer - September 08, 2017 at 11:45 AM

TS

“ *The Class of 1959 Dime Box High School purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Thomas James Krenek.*



The Class of 1959 Dime Box High School - September 08, 2017 at 11:08 AM

BL

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family, our condolences*

Bob & Beverly Lee

Beverly Lee - September 08, 2017 at 10:14 AM

B#

“ *Burleson County MUD #1 purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Thomas James Krenek.*



Burleson County MUD #1 - September 08, 2017 at 09:40 AM

MC

“ *We are grieving Tommy's loss and want very much to continue a lasting relationship with his loving Wife, Patsy. They were among the first to welcome us to our new home In the Birch Creek Forest Subdivision and we thoroughly enjoyed every minute of the times that we had the honor of their presence during visits. Tommy will be missed every day by us and by anyone else who ever had the good fortune of knowing him. Much Love and Regard from Michael and Mary Cone*

Michael Cone - September 07, 2017 at 10:47 PM

LM

“ *Tommy was like a brother to all. He helped me out so many times and he was never in a bad mood. Always happy. He taught me so much about working with cedar. I will miss him and I know he is making God happy doing his woodworking for him*

Larry Marburger - September 07, 2017 at 08:46 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas James Krenek.*



September 07, 2017 at 05:03 PM



“ *To Patsy and James and Cynthia and all the Krenek family prayers for you during this time.*

Vicki Mikulin Prentice

Vicki Mikulin Prentice - September 07, 2017 at 04:57 PM



“ *Your family is in our prayers at this time.*



Gary and Beverly Iselt - September 07, 2017 at 04:32 PM



“ *The Bayer's purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Thomas James Krenek.*



The Bayer's - September 07, 2017 at 04:30 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas James Krenek.*



September 07, 2017 at 03:07 PM



“ *A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Thomas James Krenek.*



September 07, 2017 at 02:42 PM



“ *Patsy, I am so sorry! Praying for comfort!*
Karen Dube Watson

karen Dube Watson - September 07, 2017 at 02:35 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas James Krenek.*



September 07, 2017 at 02:22 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas James Krenek.*



September 07, 2017 at 02:01 PM



“ *Travis and Joyce Schiwart purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Thomas James Krenek.*



Travis and Joyce Schiwart - September 07, 2017 at 01:22 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas James Krenek.*



September 07, 2017 at 11:22 AM



“ *Tommy...
Your infectious smile and laughter will be solely missed. May God wrap you in his loving embrace and send comfort to your love ones.
Farewell our Friend...
Debbie & Roy Noski*

Debbie Noski - September 07, 2017 at 11:19 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas James Krenek.*



September 07, 2017 at 11:08 AM



“ *Your family at We Are Blood purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Thomas James Krenek.*



Your family at We Are Blood - September 06, 2017 at 06:26 PM