



Thomas Funke

December 2, 1928 - October 15, 2016

Thomas Funke, age 87, of Moundsville, died Saturday, October 15, 2016 at Country Club Retirement Campus, Bellaire, OH.

He was born December 2, 1928 in Germany, son of the late Eric and Magarethe Goetz Funke.

Thomas was a retired X-Ray Technician from various Hospitals in Iowa, a Marketing Specialist for Simens X-Ray and a Germany Air Force veteran. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by one son: Dieter Funke; one daughter: Ingrid Webber and a grandson: Kyle Funke.

Survivors include his wife, of 37 years, Connie Hall Funke; twin sons: Pat (Karen) Funke of Cleveland and Curt (Sheroma) Funke of Chicago, IL and son: Pete (Tina) Funke of NC; two sisters: Barbara Funke of Iowa and Elizabeth "Betsy" Persons of MS; two step-daughters: Dana (Bernie) Lewis of Moundsville and Dot Smith of TX; one step-son: Jerry (Sharon) Elliott of Shadyside, OH; 16 grandchildren, several great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Private services will be held at the convenience of the family.

Arrangements entrusted to Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory, 400 Jefferson Ave., Moundsville.

Tribute Wall

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“ Please accept my family's heartfelt condolences on the loss of your dear loved one. May you find comfort in fond memories, and The Almighty God's promise to restore those asleep in death to perfect life on a paradise Earth.

Greene Family - October 31, 2016 at 12:46 PM

JF

“ Dear Papa,

We love you so much! The last time I saw Papa was about 5 years ago, which is far far too long. My wife and I drove up for thanksgiving weekend. I made a point to stop at a German Delicatessen before we arrived. Papa loved treats from his homeland and we made sure to bring him a bunch. We spent the weekend playing games, sharing stories (really just listening to Papa tell his stories haha), eating deli treats, and drinking German Beers. Papa was the smartest man I ever knew in my life. He achieved so much greatness and was happy to share his memories even though many of them were painful. He is truly one of a kind and made more of an impression on us than he will ever know. I am proud to call myself his grandson and will always cherish the time I got to spend with him. May god bless Papa and give him a wonderful after life.

Love,

Robyn, Ryan, and Josh Funke

Josh Funke - October 18, 2016 at 11:43 AM

 Carla
McCort

“ My name is Carla McCort. I've waited on Mr & Mrs Funke at Greg's on 4th St. I always loved when he would come in and tell me short stories of his past (The War, coming to America, his name meaning twins and then him fathering some) with his German accent. I could of listened to him for hours. One day he told me that I had the prettiest hair braid he has ever seen...well, that is one of the best compliments I've ever had...I imagined the pictures I've seen of old days Germany, Europe in general, and thought of all the braids this old German man has probably seen and thinks mine is the prettiest?? Now, whether or not he meant it, who knows. I know this all probably sounds silly to you all but, the thing is, I was having a really, really bad day that day. He made me feel so much better. I looked forward to seeing you two come into the store. He was a very kind man and I've thought of him often. I was very sad to see his obituary in the The Echo tonight. My deepest sympathy for all of his family.

Carla McCort - October 18, 2016 at 03:19 AM

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“ Beth Lochmayer lit a candle in memory of
Thomas Funke



Beth Lochmayer - October 17, 2016 at 02:31 PM

EH

“ *Memories I have of Tom:*

Every time I called Grandma, he was anxious to speak with me about life. He was usually in the basement working, & would tell grandma on the other end of the line that he wished to speak with me, too. He told me there was nothing I couldn't do if I set my mind to it, & always pushed me to be a journalist, because he knew my passion. He would tell me I belonged on TV. :) I always enjoyed his intellectual conversations and advice about life and about running. What a brilliant man he was!

There is one particular picture I have in my mind, of Tom holding my daughter with a huge smile spread across his face. This is how I will remember him. Rest In Peace Papa.

Erica Harris - October 17, 2016 at 07:48 AM



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time*

May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,

May your memories of Thomas Funke, give you peace, comfort and strength...

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your work on earth is complete. I thank you for your service and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten.

My thoughts and prayers are with the family of.....

US Air Force Veteran, Thomas Funke, “A True American Hero” God Bless†

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †

Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - October 17, 2016 at 06:56 AM

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My thoughts and prayers go out to the Funke family.

Cindy Hogg Reinhart

Cindy Hogg Reinhart - October 17, 2016 at 12:37 PM

JF

Thomas Was not a Air Force Veteran FYI. He was soldier in the German Army in WW2, thanks for your thoughts though

Joshua Funke - October 18, 2016 at 01:11 PM

IF

Dear Karen, Pat & Families:

*My deepest sympathy for your loss.
All will be in my thoughts & prayers.*

*Ida P Fisher
Parma, Ohio*

Ida P Fisher - October 19, 2016 at 08:51 AM

LT

My deep sympathy for your loss. I worked with Tom at Picker for many years. He was a great friend.

*Terry Theriault
Fort Kent, Maine*

Lucien Theriault - October 19, 2016 at 07:32 PM