



## Thomas W. DeYoung

November 28, 1946 - July 15, 2024

Thomas W. DeYoung, 77, of St. Anne, passed away Monday, July 15, 2024, at his home.

He was born November 28, 1946, in Kankakee, the son of Morris and Rose (DeMik) DeYoung. On June 10, 1967, he married Mary A. Laney at St. Anne Catholic Church. Thomas graduated from University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign with Bachelor's Degrees in Agronomy and Agricultural Economics. He was a member of Life Compass Church, Kankakee.

If you knew Thomas, you knew 3 things. He loved farming, his family, and the Lord. As a husband of 57 years and father for 50, he was the cornerstone of the family, leading them with love and wisdom. Thomas was the family's strength, and rock, holding them all together, especially in rough times.

He loved farming and was very proud of their centennial farm, which he lived on his 77 years of life. His love for farming was not just a job, but a passion and way of life that he shared with the next two generations, instilling in them the values of hard work and determination.

Thomas had a heart for helping people and was the one that many called on first in need. Everywhere he went, he shared his faith, whether in words or in his actions. He was constantly seeking to know the character of God to be a

Christlike example to those around him. He cared for so many and carried the burdens of others.

Now, he is no longer in pain and is at peace in heaven. We can only imagine the joy and comfort he must feel, surrounded by the love of our Heavenly Father, experiencing the beauty and glory of eternal life. He was a faithful servant till the end, and we know he heard these words as he entered heaven's gate: "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!" (Matthew 25:21,23).

Thomas is survived by his beloved wife, Mary A. DeYoung of St. Anne; three children, Greg (Michelle) DeYoung of Overland Park, KS, Scott (Lisa) DeYoung of St. Anne, and Tammy (Brian) Earsley of Bourbonnais; grandchildren, Kale & Thade DeYoung, Travis, Taylor, Tiffany, & Tessa DeYoung, and Austin (Amy), Alex, Laney, & Gabriel Earsley; great granddaughter, Elizabeth and one great grand baby girl on the way; brothers, James (Kathryn) DeYoung of Carbondale, Edward (Grace) DeYoung of Barrington, Donald (Sherry) DeYoung of Barnett, MO, & Andrew (Cherie) DeYoung of Arcola; as well as many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He is preceded in death by his parents and in-laws, Leroy and Mildred Laney.

Visitation will be held Friday, July 19, 2024, from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. at Life Compass Church, Kankakee. Additional visitation will be held Saturday, July 20, 2024, from 10 a.m. until the funeral service at 11 a.m. at Life Compass Church with Pastor Ken Tueck officiating. Burial will immediately follow at Oakwood Cemetery, Wichert.

Memorials may be made to the wishes of the family.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 19. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Life Compass Church  
175 S Wall St  
Kankakee, IL 60901

## Visitation

JUL 20. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Life Compass Church  
175 S Wall St  
Kankakee, IL 60901

## Funeral Service

JUL 20. 11:00 AM (CT)

Life Compass Church  
175 S Wall St  
Kankakee, IL 60901

# Tribute Wall

SS

“ Steven and Sarah purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Thomas W. DeYoung.



Steven and Sarah - July 18, 2024 at 07:14 PM

ED

“ Ed Grace Ken Peter Nandini Anya Dev purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Thomas W. DeYoung.



Ed Grace Ken Peter Nandini Anya Dev - July 18, 2024 at 01:54 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas W. DeYoung.



July 18, 2024 at 09:54 AM

DF

“ DeGroot Families and DeGroot's Veg Farms purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Thomas W. DeYoung.



DeGroot Families and DeGroot's Veg Farms - July 17, 2024 at 10:01 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Thomas W. DeYoung.



July 17, 2024 at 08:38 PM

JM

“ Our relationship with Tom began when he was a significant person in our parents lives. He was a neighbor farmer and eventually farmed for them when they were elderly. As a result he became important in our lives because he tended the farm as though it were his own. He was not only our farmer, but our friend as well. We respected Tom and relied on his expertise on all farming matters. He will be remembered forever in our hearts until we meet again.  
With love,  
Jeanne Nykaza Mattick  
Freda Nykaza Mulhall

Jeanne Mattick - July 17, 2024 at 05:56 PM

TE



Tammy DeYoung Earsley - July 18, 2024 at 11:26 AM

BD

“ Bob Duis purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Thomas W. DeYoung.



Bob Duis - July 17, 2024 at 03:48 PM

BD

“ Bob Duis planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas W. DeYoung.

Bob Duis - July 17, 2024 at 03:48 PM



“ Divine Light was purchased for the family of Thomas W. DeYoung.



July 17, 2024 at 02:56 PM

KM

“ Me. DeYoung was always kind and gracious. His steadfast character was always something to look forward to seeing every Sunday. I'm grateful to have known him. Our prayers are with the whole family.



Kristin Mathews - July 17, 2024 at 09:44 AM

TE



Tammy DeYoung Earsley - July 17, 2024 at 02:30 PM

BC

“ B and D Chemical purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Thomas W. DeYoung.



B and D Chemical - July 17, 2024 at 08:54 AM

BC

“ B and D Chemical planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas W. DeYoung.

B and D Chemical - July 17, 2024 at 08:54 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Thomas W. DeYoung.



July 17, 2024 at 07:57 AM

AN

“ Alisha Nettleman and john nettleman purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Thomas W. DeYoung.



Alisha Nettleman and john nettleman - July 16, 2024 at 10:20 PM

AN

“ Alisha Nettleman and john nettleman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas W. DeYoung.

Alisha Nettleman and john nettleman - July 16, 2024 at 10:20 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Thomas W. DeYoung.



July 16, 2024 at 09:22 PM

JG

“ Jody and Gary planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas W. DeYoung.

Jody and Gary - July 16, 2024 at 09:22 PM

SN

“ One of the finest men God ever put on the planet.  
A true gentleman in every way from a loving husband to a great father and a precious papa.  
Tom loved his family unconditionally and by his example to them he showed Jesus.  
It was an honor to know him. This world needs more Tom DeYongs. Covering y'all in prayer 🙏  
The California Nicholson's

Steve Nicholson - July 16, 2024 at 07:06 PM

TE



Tammy DeYoung Earsley - July 17, 2024 at 02:31 PM

KS

“ My deepest sympathy to your family. I got to know Tom when I worked at Compeer (Farm Credit). He was a true man of God. May the angels surround you and bring you peace.

Kathy SHANAHAN

Kathy Shanahan - July 16, 2024 at 06:15 PM

MD

Thank you so much.

Mary Ann DeYoung - July 16, 2024 at 06:25 PM

TE



Tammy DeYoung Earsley - July 17, 2024 at 02:31 PM

FT

“ From Pioneer Team purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Thomas W. DeYoung.



From Pioneer Team - July 16, 2024 at 05:04 PM

HM

“ *Hannon and Shawna Maase purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Thomas W. DeYoung.*



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**Hannon and Shawna Maase** - July 16, 2024 at 04:50 PM

FS

“ *Fernando, Kelly, Adan & Silas Salcido purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Thomas W. DeYoung.*



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**Fernando, Kelly, Adan & Silas Salcido** - July 16, 2024 at 04:12 PM