



Thomas Floyd Potter

September 28, 1944 - October 9, 2021

Thomas Floyd Potter, a man who will always be remembered as a farmer and a prankster, passed away on October 9, 2021. Thomas, 77, was born on September 28, 1944 on a farm in Roxand Township to Floyd John and Alice Clark (Mead) Potter. Thomas graduated from Sunfield High School in 1962. In his youth, Thomas was active in FFA and Boy Scouts. After graduation he worked for OI, Fowlers Farm Store, Barker Fowler Electric, River Electric, and Robinson Farms. Even while working other jobs he still was a farmer working his own farm land until the 1980s. After that he rented it out and still worked the land. Thomas resided in the same house all of his life. Thomas had a great love for anything western related. In his heart he was a cowboy from the past. He enjoyed the history of ghost towns, westerns, especially those with John Wayne and Clint Eastwood, and Hopalong Cassidy chaps. Thomas really enjoyed road trips. One of his favorite trips was to Dodge City, Kansas (cowboy heaven). All trips always included stops at a museum, he loved history. He also had a huge love for cats. He was known as the cat whisperer. Most of all Thomas loved babies. Baby animals, grandbabies, he loved them all. Thomas was a man you could count on to help you, he didn't know the meaning of the word "no." He was so proud of his children and his grand children and his family was his world.

Thomas is survived by his loving family, his wife of 44 years, Celinda (Eaton); daughter, Lisa (Scott) Patterson; sons, James (Tina) Potter, John Potter, and

Eddie Potter; granddaughters, Elena Potter, Clare Potter, Avery Kirkbride; special nieces, Mary Palucki, and Tracy Spears; brothers and sisters-in-law, Vanessa Eaton, Danny (Cindy) Eaton, Sherry (Joe) Merrill, Marie Palucki, and Frank Spears; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Thomas was predeceased by a stillborn brother who was not named; his parents, Floyd and Alice; and his brother-in-law, Terry Eaton.

Friends are encouraged to support Thomas' family at visitation and funeral services. Funeral services are Friday, October 15, 2021, at 2 p.m., at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte with Laura Cooper officiating. Visitation is Friday, October 15, 2021, from noon – 2 p.m. at Pray Funeral Home. The funeral service will be webcast so you may watch it from any computer, smartphone, or mobile device that has internet access. Go to www.prayfuneral.com, click on Thomas' tribute, then click on Photos & videos from your computer (or Media from your smart phone). Just prior to the beginning of the service, a link will appear on this page to watch the webcast. Friends and extended family members may send flower arrangements to the service to sit in your chair as a show of your support for the family. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to Future Farmers of America. Family and friends are encouraged to share remembrances and condolences online in Thomas' Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte, MI.

Cemetery Details

Meadowbrook Cemetery-Roxand Twp

100 Ionia Street
PO Box 127
Mulliken, MI 48861

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **15**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home
401 W. Seminary St.
Charlotte, MI 48813

Funeral Ceremony

OCT **15**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Thomas Floyd Potter



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - October 15, 2021 at 01:25 PM



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Thomas Floyd Potter



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - October 14, 2021 at 03:53 PM

KK

“ I am sorry to hear of Toms passing. My thoughts and prayers for everyone in the family. My dad and brother and I have known Tom and Cindy and the boys for many years. Tom let us hunt behind the house for several seasons. It might seem like a small gesture at first glance but the memories I have from the countless mornings and evenings back there with dad and Jeff will never be forgotten. I have all the deer mounts above me in my living room and every night I relive those special nights in my mind as I gaze at them. Tom we will be forever grateful to you for doing what you did all those years. You could never know how thankful we are for the opportunities you afforded us. RIP.

Kirt Kemp - October 14, 2021 at 06:38 PM

EP

Thank you

Eddie Potter - October 15, 2021 at 08:27 PM



“ 26 files added to the album Life Tributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - October 14, 2021 at 03:49 PM

LL

“ Love, Patti and Lee purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Thomas Floyd Potter.



Love, Patti and Lee - October 14, 2021 at 03:42 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Thomas Floyd Potter.



October 13, 2021 at 01:46 PM

TL

“ Tom use to let me hunt on his land in my youth years it was the nicest place to hunt, he would always meet me afterwards to see if I got anything. One day I surprised him by saying yes I got one and he was so happy he wanted to go get it with his front end loader course to his surprise it was the 10pt buck he said he been watching for weeks, to this day it is the biggest buck I have every got. I really appreciate all those wonderful years of hunting he gave me. Jim and family I'm so sorry for your loss.

todd lahr - October 13, 2021 at 12:45 PM

EP

Thank you

Eddie Potter - October 15, 2021 at 08:27 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Thomas Floyd Potter.*



October 12, 2021 at 10:05 AM



“ *Tom was one of the first people I ever met when I went to work for Barker Fowler, I truly knew nothing about the business but it was because of guys like Tom that made me more comfortable to learn and make mistakes. Tom would give me a hard time almost everyday but you could tell he had a heart of gold. He and his wife Cindy became friends of ours and helped me out more times than I can count and more importantly, more times than they had to. I have many stories I could share here about Tom and I can't think of one that was funnier or more important than the other, so I will just say that Susan and myself appreciated him for being the real person that he was. That may not sound like much, but based upon the world we live in.... well, let's just say the world could use a whole lot more Tom Potters. I personally will miss him, his cowboy boots and even his cranky attitude that was really not that at all to me - he had a persona that will be hard to duplicate, but as time passes I can see that I have a few of his traits and am happy to have them. I thought Tom was a truly great guy and he will be missed by all that knew him, even if they knew him for a short time. Our prayers are with his family at this time, God Bless your hearts... the last thing I would say to Tom....Happy Trails To You, until we meet again.*

*Sincerely,
Jim and Susie French*

Jim French - October 12, 2021 at 08:23 AM

EP

Thank you so much.

Eddie Potter - October 15, 2021 at 08:16 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Thomas Floyd Potter.*



October 11, 2021 at 09:28 PM

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“ *I will always remember how kind Tom was to Jaime (about 5yrs old) when we all went Dollywood & he made sure she got to ride the “big kids” rides. She had a special place in her heart for him & in mine, too! He will be truly missed.*

Penny Eaton - October 11, 2021 at 09:26 PM