



## Tom Boas

November 4, 1948 - December 3, 2020

Wilbur Thomas “Tom” Boas, 72, of rural Bloomfield, Iowa passed away on December 3, 2020 at his home surrounded by family. He was born November 4, 1948 in Ottumwa, Iowa to Wilbur Louis and Marie Fae (Amelang) Boas. He married Mary Ellen Schlarbaum on September 2, 1967 at the Drakesville Methodist Church in Drakesville, Iowa. They celebrated their 53rd anniversary earlier this year.

Tom worked for John Deere Ottumwa Works for 30 years, retiring in 1997. He drove a school bus for Davis County for 3½ years and worked for Golden Furrow/Nutrien for 22 years. Tom also enjoyed farming and raising cattle.

Tom was a devoted family man. His wife, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren were the light of his life. He had many interests including; trap shooting at Izaak Walton League; coyote and deer hunting; attending the Southeast Iowa Coyote Hunters annual hunt; fishing with family; being an active member of the Soap Creek Rebels Saddle Club and going on the annual trail ride to Fort Madison; playing cards; and traveling. Tom and Mary participated on a trail ride in 1996 across Iowa and in 1997 from Council Bluffs, Iowa to Salt Lake City, Utah in a covered wagon.

Tom was a member of the Floris Baptist Church.

The family would like to thank Dr. Floyd, Becky Swaim, Brandy Summers, and Rachel Lames for their exceptional care.

He is survived by his wife; four children, Jon (Laurie) Boas of Cincinnati, Iowa, Kristi (David) Lee of Floris, Iowa, Susan (Colby) Buckallew of Lancaster, Missouri, Darci (Brian) Jackson of Ely, Iowa; 17 grandchildren, Levi, Gunnar, and Spencer Boas, Bryer, Josie, Carley, and Dugan Oden, Whitney, Rocky, and Davina Lee, Alexis (Tyler) Shanahan, Chloe and Marissa Buckallew, Austyn, Blayk, Dominick, and Brooklyn Jackson; eight great-grandchildren; two brothers, Ray (Patricia) Boas, Roy (Patsy) Boas both of Bloomfield; in-laws, Shirley and LeRoy Arndt, George and Deb Schlarbaum, Fran Ludwig; and numerous nieces, nephews, other members of family, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; mother and father-in-law, Emery and Jessie Schlarbaum; brothers, Carl and James Boas; and brothers-in-law, Harley Schlarbaum, Don Ludwig.

Funeral services will be at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, December 7, 2020 at the Mark Baptist Church with Pastor Tom Gibson officiating. Burial will be at the Drakesville Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2-5:00 p.m. on Sunday at Tom's house located at 19191 Opal Ave, Bloomfield, Iowa 52537. Masks are required for both visitation and funeral.

# Cemetery Details

## Drakesville Cemetery

Drakesville, IA 52552

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 6. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Tom Boas residence  
19191 Opal Ave  
Bloomfield, IA 52537

## Funeral Services

DEC 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Mark Baptist Church  
16011 276th Street  
Bloomfield, IA 52537

# Tribute Wall



“ *Tom Boas*

January 28, 2023 at 10:57 AM



“ *Mary - I am so sorry for your loss. Just wanted to share with you that my Tom, when he had a brushful of grease when both Tom's worked on the assembly line at JD, would crawl under whatever was between the two of them and paint your Tom's shoes with as much grease as he could get in one swipe. He might have painted his shoes couple of times, also. Of course, JD green or yellow. You may or may not have known this, but my Tom got a big charge out of doing it. Prayers and peace for you and your family. Cathy*

**Cathy Warner** - December 07, 2020 at 08:06 PM



“ *Diane Glattfelder lit a candle in memory of Tom Boas*



**Diane Glattfelder** - December 07, 2020 at 08:41 AM



“ *Tom was such a good neighbor. He and Mary would always help a neighbor in any way they could! His family was a great enjoyment to him! God bless you all.*  
*Larry and Clela Larrington*

**Larry/Clela Larrington** - December 06, 2020 at 09:41 PM

JC

“ Thinking of you and your family during this tough time. Josh(Soup) Campbell and family



Josh Campbell - December 06, 2020 at 11:22 AM



“ Heart's Companion Bouquet was purchased for the family of Tom Boas.



December 05, 2020 at 09:49 AM

RB

“ So sorry for the families loss. He will be truely missed. God Bless!!!

Renetta Blew - December 05, 2020 at 09:19 AM

SH

“ Roy I am so sorry for your loss.



Susan Houglan - December 05, 2020 at 08:49 AM

GB

Sorry for loss Susan colby Buckallew and rest famiy

Gloria Buckallew - December 06, 2020 at 04:51 AM

GS

“ *Georgia Stevens lit a candle in memory of Tom Boas*



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**Georgia Stevens** - December 04, 2020 at 04:48 PM

GS

*I always enjoyed working with and being around Tom when he came to therapy. Thinking of you Mary.*

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**Georgia Stevens** - December 04, 2020 at 04:50 PM

LR

“ *Lynn Roberts lit a candle in memory of Tom Boas*



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**Lynn roberts** - December 04, 2020 at 12:59 PM