



Leonard Thomas Jarvis

March 14, 1942 - May 22, 2012

Leonard Thomas Jarvis died on May 22, 2012, at his home in Frankfort, KY. Tom was born on March 14, 1942, in Harrodsburg, KY, the son of Joseph Leonard and Eva Conder Jarvis.

Services for Tom will be held at Harrod Brothers Funeral Home in Frankfort at 11:00 a.m. Friday, May 25, 2012. Rev. Steven Pace will officiate. Visitation will be at the funeral home Thursday from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

He is survived by a son, Kevin Thomas Jarvis and daughter-in-law Elizabeth Martin Jarvis of Franklin, TN, a daughter, Karen Jarvis Waataja and son-in-law Jeff Waataja of Rock Hill, South Carolina, and four grandchildren, Bryce and Kennedy Jarvis and Ryan and Grayson Waataja. He is also survived by a sister, Patricia Jarvis Webb and brother-in-law, Lowell Webb, of Maysville, KY. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Mr. Jarvis was a member of the South Frankfort Presbyterian Church, a former member of First Presbyterian Church, Lexington and an ordained elder in that denomination.

He was a 1960 graduate of Franklin County High School where he was president of his class and a member of the basketball team. He was a 1964 graduate of the University of Kentucky with a B.S. Degree in Business

Administration. After retiring from IBM/Lexmark where he had held several management positions for over 25 years, he was employed for ten years with the Kentucky Department of Education, Personnel Division. He was an avid fan of UK Athletics and professional baseball and enjoyed 35 years of fellowship with his Poker Club.

Pallbearers will be Don Bender, Bob Cope, Duane Culp, Jim Farra, Lane Veltkamp and Butch Welsh. Honorary pallbearer will be Ron Ripley.

Arrangements are under the direction of Harrod Brothers Funeral Home ; condolences may be shared via the online guest book at www.harrodbrothersfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ Leonard Thomas Jarvis

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ so sorry we are so late in sending our thoughts and prayers; we thought alot of Tom, Kevin and fm. best wishes to the family

Marge and Larry Martini - July 17, 2012 at 02:21 PM



“ THE FAMILY AT IBM TRULY LOST A GREAT FRIEND... TOM MADE EVERYONE FEEL SO AT EASE AND CONFORTABLE..HE WAS REALLY A GREAT GUY AND IS GOING TO BE MISSED BY ALL HIS FRIENDS AND CO-WORKERS @ IBM..HE REALLY ENJOYED PLAYING IN OUR GOLF OUTINGS FOR FORMER IBM PERSONNEL EMPLOYEES..WHEN HE WAS UNABLE TO PLAY BECAUSE OF HIS HEALTH,HE STILL WANTED TO TALK AND SEE HOW EVERYONE ELSE WAS GETTING ALONG[THAT WAS TOM]..I ENJOYED GOING WITH TOM TO SEE KEVIN PITCH FOR THE LOOKOUTS..HE WAS SO PROUD OF HIS FAMILY...WE'LL MISS TOM..MY SYMPATHY GOES OUT TO EACH OF HIS FAMILY..

Marvin Reed - May 30, 2012 at 10:17 AM

JJ

“ I am so sorry to hear about your loss. I just heard about it today. I worked with Tom in health insurance and provided us with so much laughter. Some of the women would fuss at him if he ate wrong as they worried about his sugar level. We were all one family. My son and I would see him at Kroger occassionaly. We would always talk for 30-45 minutes each time. He will be missed so much. He was a very good man. I was blessed to have known him and considered him my friend.

Jerry Jones

Jerry Jones - May 29, 2012 at 12:41 PM

SS

“ Karen & Kevin - I am so sorry for your loss. I worked with your Dad at IBM/Lexmark for several years and considered him a friend. He spoke of both of you with much love and pride. I remember your Dad as a man of integrity and a great sense of humor. Tom was a good man and will be missed by many. Prayers for your comfort and peace.

Sue Stafford - May 25, 2012 at 10:46 AM

TB

“ Condolences and heartfelt grievance to Tom's family and friends. We were classmates and friends during our "Elkhorn years" (5th grade through junior high school). Just a great guy and good person!! Please let me know if there is a separate memorial service to be scheduled at a later place and time.

*T.C.Bates (Cal)
Boca Raton, Florida
May 25, 2012*

T.C. Bates - May 25, 2012 at 02:17 AM

SC

“ Tom and I worked in the Education Department at IBM/Lexmark from the early eighties to early nineties, only a few years really, but Tom knew how to make a friend feel like you had known him all your life. Although both of us could be stubborn and could hold our own in expressing our opinion, we never had a disagreement or cross word with each other! Tom, unlike most of us, worked at maintaining friendships, when too much time had passed without contact between us I could always count on a phone call from Tom. He had a way of closing that gap as if it never existed. We closed too many gaps over the past 30 years, but now the gap will be ever expanding and will remain open. I will miss those calls from the finest gentleman I have ever known. Rest in peace Tom.

Sam Carr - May 25, 2012 at 02:09 AM

TM

“ It is with deepest sympathy that we morn Tom's passing. From baseball to poker, talking about our kids growing up and sharing friendship with the likes of Lane and Butch, we will miss Tom's smile. The last few years have been a difficult journey. Rest in peace.

Tom & Jean

Tom & Jean Miller - May 24, 2012 at 08:49 PM

PM

“ I worked with Tom several years ago. I'm so sorry to hear of his passing. He was a really nice man. My daddy is a huge baseball fan, and when Tom talked baseball, it was like listening to my daddy. He will be missed by all whose lives he touched. Please accept my deepest sympathies.

Priscilla McCowan - May 24, 2012 at 03:24 PM

AA

“ I worked with Tom at Governmental Services Center, back when my sons were 5 & 1 (the youngest graduates from high school tomorrow), & you, Kevin, were in the major league. We often compared notes on baseball, & I loved teasing him that at least my 5 year old hadn't spit at the umpire!

Tom was a man of great character & tender heart. He made a difference in my world, & I am blessed to have known him.

Sincerely, Ann

Ann Aukerman - May 24, 2012 at 03:13 PM

EW

“ Tommy will be greatly missed by both of his families, through his children living out of state as well as the family of Charlene Roberts my wonderful Grandmother. As most people know "Tommy," as we've always called and my grandmother Charlene have been companions since I was just a child. I'm in my twenties now and I can count on one hand the few family occasions for which Tommy wasn't present. With Charlene as my only grandparent still living in Frankfort with us, Tom obtained the role of loving Grandfather and has been wonderful my whole life. To say Tommy was a long time family friend doesn't begin to explain the relationship he shared with my family. Tommy was not a family friend, he was family. He will be greatly missed by everyone.

Ethan Whitt - May 24, 2012 at 02:19 PM

HW

“ I have always considered tommy as my grandfather, I cannot remember one occasion or important step I have taken without tommy, never a birthday, a hospital trip, or graduation without him there congratulating me. He was the most generous person and grandfather i could have ever asked for, everything will be hard without him. I pray for his family and ours, my grandmother, charlene Roberts has been his partner for over 20 years and this will be a very tough time for her, but i know tommy will watch over her and take care of her as he always has as she has for him. I love you Tommy and you will forever be my grandfather and in my heart, part of my family. I love you. prayers go out to your family and ours.

holly whitt - May 24, 2012 at 12:56 PM

PT

“ I graduated from F.C.H.S. with Tommy in 1960. He was one on the nicest guys in the class. Always very polite and a big smile for everyone. I remember him fondly. Sorry for the loss. A friend from the past. Paul Taylor

Paul L. Taylor - May 24, 2012 at 12:20 PM

WF

“ My heart goes out to Tommy's family and Charlene....you are in my prayers. I have such sweet memories of our times together at FCHS. Tommy will always be remembered and missed.

Wanda Bondurant Flener - May 24, 2012 at 12:11 PM

BT

“ So long to a former classmate and good friend. It seems like yesterday that we shared good times at Franklin County HS. He will be missed by all, especially by his helpmate and good friend during his illnesses, Charlene Roberts. She was his rock and constant companion. He was a good person and we will miss him at our class reunions.

Billy and Linda Tillett - May 24, 2012 at 11:49 AM

BC

“ Words cannot express the loss our family feels. You were my mother's best friend and partner for twenty years. You were at every birthday party, dinner, ballgame, wrestling match, everyplace my mother was you were also. My children don't know life without Tommy. You were the sweetest, kindest, most good natured person I've ever known and Mom enjoyed every minute she spent with you whether it was taking care of your needs or just being close to you. We already miss you terribly and you will forever have a special place in our hearts.

Beth Roberts Combs - May 24, 2012 at 10:04 AM

RW

“ In life there are times when you just have no words left. Tommy was always a friend of mine. We were classmates at FCHS. We both graduated with the class of 1960. I was basketball manager and I remember Tommy as being a very good player. We all went our seperate ways after high school but through reunions kept in touch. We will always remember Tommy. He will be missed.

Robert Wood - May 24, 2012 at 09:42 AM

BR

“ We both worked with Tom at IBM. Tom loved his Family and was always a gentleman. We will be praying for the Family and just know that there is comfort in God.

Bruce and Sue Reynolds - May 24, 2012 at 08:31 AM

RR

“ Tom and I started as classmates: elementary, high school, college. We each had our separate life experiences: marriage and divorce, kids and grand kids, Vietnam, corporate downsizing, not by choice self employment, retirements, heart disease and diabetes, car wrecks and cancer. But over the decades we kept in touch: stupid birthday cards and "bs" phone sessions trying to make sense of it all or at least find the humor in it. So farewell old friend. You left too soon and I'll damn sure miss you. Godspeed!

*Ron Ripley
Fort Myers, FL*

Ron Ripley - May 23, 2012 at 11:20 PM