

## Thomas "Tom" Sylvester Lynch

June 15, 1931 - October 15, 2021

Thomas "Tom" Sylvester Lynch, son of the late Phillip Remi Lynch and Leoti Art (Welsh) Lynch, was born June 15, 1931 in Macon County, Missouri.

At the age of 10, Tom and his family moved to the Waynesville area where they lived in a tent the first winter. He graduated from Waynesville High School as valedictorian of the Class of 1951.

Tom served with the National Guard for eleven years beginning at the age of sixteen.

On June 14, 1952, in St. Robert, Missouri, Tom was united in marriage to Karalene Prewitt. They shared over 64 years of marriage together before Karalene preceded him in death on March 16, 2017.

Tom and Kay were blessed with three children: Joe, Ann, and Ken. The family hosted Ertugrul Yilmaz, an AFS student from Turkey, for a school year. Years later, Ertugrul hosted Tom and Kay for an extended tour of Turkey.

Tom liked to stay busy, and he certainly did. He served as a partner, along with his brother and father, for 51 years in Lynch's Furniture. He and his brother Vic also built the Spur Shopping Center and owned and operated Spur Furniture for many years. After his retirement, Tom worked with his grandson

Clinton in home rehab projects for several years.

Tom took civic engagement seriously. He served on several committees and boards. He served as an alderman and mayor of St. Robert and in his mid-20's even filled in as St. Robert judge for a short period. He was active in the Lions Club for many years. Tom helped found the Committee of 50 and for several years, he ran the Chamber of Commerce Christmas tree sales. He served two terms on the Waynesville R-VI School Board. During that time, he and Herman Vaughan initiated the practice of a Fort Leonard Wood liaison sitting with the school board at meetings to improve communication and relationships with Fort Leonard Wood.

Tom enjoyed sports, especially playing basketball. He was on the Waynesville High School team that took second place in the state tournament in 1951. He continued to play on a recreational team as an adult, until he tore a tendon and Dr. Nickels told him he was too old to be playing basketball. He was an avid fan of the St. Louis Cardinals and loved watching them either in person or on television.

Tom loved his family tremendously. He was so very proud of them and if you asked how his family was, his face would light up as he started telling you about his grandchildren.

Until his health began to fail, Tom was a faithful member of the St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church. He was active in the Knights of Columbus and was instrumental in the construction of their new Fellowship Hall.

Tom passed away Friday, October 15, 2021 in the Cedar Pointe Care Center of Rolla, Missouri having attained the age of 90 years. He will be sadly missed, but fondly remembered by all those that knew and loved him.

Tom leaves to cherish his memory, his three children: Joe Lynch (Hannah) of Springfield, MO, Ann Jarrett of Waynesville, MO, and Ken Lynch (Sharon) of Kingdom City, MO; six grandchildren: Suzanne Boyd (Brian) of Milwaukee, WI, Bekah Teller (Jesse) of Springfield, MO, Joanna Fredrick (Matt) of Ballston Spa, NY, Jessica Moore (Marcus) of Petaluma, CA, Clinton Jarrett (Lisa) of Laquey, MO, and Sean Lynch of Fulton, MO; fifteen great grandchildren; one brother: Vic Lynch of Waynesville, MO; two sisters: Annora Davis of Linn Creek, MO and Sue Thomas (Jerry) of St. Clair Shores, MI; several nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

In addition to his parents and wife, Tom was preceded in death by one brother: Al Lynch; sister-in-law: Barbara Lynch; brother-in-law: Gordon Davis; and son-in-law: John Jarrett.

Even though he is gone from our sight, his work ethic, sense of community pride, and love for family will live on in our hearts forever.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Tom Lynch to the Pulaski County Fair Board or to the St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church Building Fund and may be left at Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

# Cemetery Details

## Resurrection Cemetery

367 Old Route 66  
St. Robert, MO 65584

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **18**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM.

Memorial Chapels And Crematory Of Waynesville / St. Robert

## Visitation

OCT **20**. 10:00 AM.

St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church Of St. Robert

## Mass of Christian Burial

OCT **20**. 11:00 AM.

St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church Of St. Robert

# Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas "Tom" Sylvester Lynch*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *I first met Tom when I joined the Committee of Fifty. He was a fine man. May he RIP.*



**Frank Livingston** - December 11, 2021 at 08:58 AM



“ *Cornelia & Robert Dodds lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tom" Sylvester Lynch*



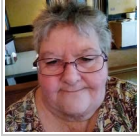
**Cornelia & Robert Dodds** - October 20, 2021 at 06:06 PM



“ *Janet Weber York lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tom" Sylvester Lynch*



**Janet Weber York** - October 20, 2021 at 01:35 PM



“ I didn't know your dad Ann, but I know he was very respected in our community. May God comfort you and your family in this time of double loss.



Janice Howell - October 19, 2021 at 07:34 PM



“ Annette & Bill Catts lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tom" Sylvester Lynch



Annette & Bill Catts - October 19, 2021 at 11:49 AM



“ Deb Bradbury Popp lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tom" Sylvester Lynch



Deb Bradbury Popp - October 18, 2021 at 08:01 PM



“ Pamela Cox lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tom" Sylvester Lynch



Pamela Cox - October 18, 2021 at 05:47 PM

DB

“ *Dianne Bailey lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tom" Sylvester Lynch*



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**Dianne Bailey** - October 18, 2021 at 04:58 PM

SH

“ *Shirley Henry lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tom" Sylvester Lynch*



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**Shirley Henry** - October 18, 2021 at 01:06 PM

TA

“ *Tom was a good man and friend. He was always visiting those he grew up with like Bertie Egan and my dad and mom (Ernie and Bunnie). He was at my sister Dot and my Dad's visitations. He always had a kind word, a nice smile, and a beautiful soul. He will be missed. My heart and prayers go out to his family. We bought our appliance's from him when we will built our home on the Gasconade River in 93 pre-flood. 4 months later we bought from him again, post-flood. He bent over backwards to give us a good deal.*

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**Tina (Massey) Anderson** - October 18, 2021 at 12:27 PM



“ 106 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



**Memorial Chapels and Crematory** - October 18, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *Mary Haas lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tom" Sylvester Lynch*



**Mary Haas** - October 17, 2021 at 10:23 PM



“ *Marge Scott sent a virtual gift in memory of Thomas "Tom" Sylvester Lynch*



**marge scott** - October 17, 2021 at 08:56 PM

TB

“ Thoughts and prayers for the family. I hope that you rest in peace sir--you will continue to be loved and cherished by many. Brian & Tammie Black

Tammie Black - October 17, 2021 at 07:54 PM

LH

“ My love to Tom. A good friend. His community will miss him. Godspeed.  
Luge Hardman

Luge Hardman - October 17, 2021 at 07:12 PM

LC

“ Linda Cole-Schonbok sent a virtual gift in memory of Thomas "Tom" Sylvester Lynch



Linda Cole-Schonbok - October 17, 2021 at 03:53 PM

PG

“ Pulaski County Camp Gideons lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tom" Sylvester Lynch



Pulaski County Camp Gideons - October 17, 2021 at 03:23 PM

MM

“ Marilyn (Thiltgen) Miller lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tom" Sylvester Lynch



Marilyn (Thiltgen) Miller - October 17, 2021 at 10:44 AM

JO

“ Mr. Tom Lynch was such a nice person and we enjoyed having him as a neighbor for several years. We will remember him with fondness.  
Art and Joyce Connor

Joyce\_connor@msn.com - October 16, 2021 at 09:49 PM

MB

“ Tom was a very good friend to Clay and I and KJPW!

Millie Howlett Brotherton - October 16, 2021 at 09:06 PM

PC

“ Pamela Cox sent a virtual gift in memory of Thomas "Tom" Sylvester Lynch



Pamela Cox - October 16, 2021 at 07:03 PM

PT

“ Mr. Lynch was a mighty fine man. He will be greeted by my Mom (Carol) and Dad (Harold "Jug"), Mel and Bertie, and a host of other folks that shared his youth.

Pamela Thompson - October 16, 2021 at 03:58 PM