



## Thomas L. Lechner

August 4, 1930 - March 19, 2021

Dateline Jasper, IN

Thomas L. Lechner, age 90, of Jasper, Indiana, passed away at 10:06 a.m. on Friday, March 19, 2021, at home, surrounded by his beloved wife and family.

Tom was born in Jasper, Indiana, on August 4, 1930, to Lawrence and Mathilda (Sermersheim) Lechner. He married his beloved wife of 67 years, Betty Ann Mehringer on April 11, 1953, in St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Jasper, Indiana.

He was a United States Air Force Veteran, serving during the Korean War.

He was the superintendent of the Dubois County Farm from 1964 until 1977 when the farm was sold. After that Tom worked for the Dubois County Highway Department. He then worked for Dennis Prechtel's coal mine which turned into Nerco Coal Mine. Tom worked for Nerco until retirement. After retirement he spent time helping his son-in-law farm and was always willing to lend a helping hand to his other family and friends.

He was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Jasper, Indiana, and a Lifetime Member of the American Legion Post #147, Jasper Moose, Jasper Outdoor Recreation, and Jasper K of C.

Tom enjoyed farming, gardening, woodworking, playing cards, travelling to Florida, which they did in the winters for 20 years, and spending time with his wife, family and friends. He and his wife Betty Ann had a love for dancing, and they were always noticed on the dance floor for their grace while dancing the Waltz and the Polka. He and Betty Ann were always last on the dance floor exhibiting being married the longest among couples on the floor.

Surviving are his wife, Betty Ann Lechner, Jasper, IN, six children, Bonnie (Donald) Schwenk, Ireland, IN, Thomas Jr. (Christine) Lechner, Chandler, IN, RoxAnne (Jim) Cockerill, Salem, IN, Kim (Don) Basham, Fordsville, KY, Dina Lechner, Jasper, IN, John (Robbi) Lechner, Duff, IN, one daughter-in-law, Linda Yocum, Schnellville, IN, 19 grandchildren, three step grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren, 14 step great grandchildren, and two sisters, Lila Buechler, St. Anthony, IN, Pat Weisheit, Jasper, IN.

Preceding him in death are two daughters, Brenda Kay Lechner, Mary Bernadette Lechner, one son, Roy Yocum, one grandson, Jesse Lechner, four sisters, Bert Renner, Bernie Schnell, Delores "Toots" Schuler, Jeannie Hasenour, and three brothers, Wilfred "Wif", Eddie, and Donnie Lechner.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Thomas L. Lechner will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 24, 2021, in St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Jasper, Indiana, with burial to follow in Fairview Cemetery in Jasper. The American Legion Post #147 will conduct military gravesite rights.

A visitation will be held from 4:00-8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 23, 2021, at the Becher-Kluesner Downtown Chapel in Jasper, Indiana. St. Joseph's Catholic Church will pray a rosary at 3:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Heart

to Heart Hospice, Dubois County Community Foundation, or to a favorite charity.

Online condolences may be made at [www.becherkluesner.com](http://www.becherkluesner.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Fairview Cemetery

1020 Kundek Street  
Jasper, IN 47546

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 23. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Becher & Kluesner Funeral Home - Downtown  
214 East 7th Street  
Jasper, IN 47546  
(812) 482-4141  
[email@becherkluesner.com](mailto:email@becherkluesner.com)

## Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 24. 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
1029 Kundek Street  
Jasper, IN

# Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas L. Lechner*

January 01, 2023 at 10:54 AM



“ *Bonnie, my thoughts and prayers are with and your family. I have lots of good memories as a young person being a neighbor and friend. Your mother and dad always made me feel welcomed to visit. God bless you all. Pam Clark*

**Pamela Clark** - March 23, 2021 at 07:43 PM



“ *i have many fond memories of Uncle Tom and Aunt Betty and the whole family.....my prayers and condolences to you all*



**patrick renner** - March 22, 2021 at 05:46 PM



“ *Roxanne,  
I will always remember the great times we had while growing up and visiting on weekends. Our parents really new how to have a good time!! Sending our prayers to you, your mom and your whole family!  
God bless you all!!*

*Nanette and the whole Durcholz family,*

**NANETTE MEHRINGER** - March 22, 2021 at 08:49 AM

JR

“ I was the babysitter for Tom and Betty's older children for years.They were the nicest people to work for.My sympathies go out to Betty and all the children.He was a kind and generous man.

Jane Barnhart Rohlman - March 21, 2021 at 06:56 PM

ML

“ Sending Bonnie, het mother and whole family our sincere sympathy.❤️🌸



Mike and Donna Linette - March 21, 2021 at 06:46 PM

TO

“ Kim, I am sorry to hear of the loss of your dad. He and your mom were always kind and gracious. May your loving memories and knowledge that he is with Jesus help to comfort you during this time of grief. Prayers and love to you, your mom and your family.

Tammy Osburn - March 21, 2021 at 06:16 PM

JK

“ Jill Kress lit a candle in memory of Thomas L. Lechner



Jill Kress - March 20, 2021 at 09:25 PM

JS

*“ I always enjoyed Uncle Tom and know he is rejoicing in Heaven. May your memories comfort you during this time of loss.*

**Jamy Schuler** - March 20, 2021 at 07:20 PM

VR

*“ Aunt Betty and family have our sincere sympathies! Uncle Tom was a great person! He always treated me with great respect! I always remember the visits that Aunt Betty and Uncle Tom had with Grandma and Grandpa Schuler! Those were some fun times especially when the women were quilting and Uncle Tom and Grandpa were talking and laughing! They are all missed! Aunt Betty and everyone will be in our prayers!*



**Victoria Seng Runyon** - March 20, 2021 at 12:19 PM

JS

*I always enjoyed Uncle Tom and know he is rejoicing in Heaven. May your memories comfort you during this time of loss.*

**Jamy Schuler** - March 20, 2021 at 07:19 PM

SS

*Betty and family I want to offer you my deepest heart felt sorrow for the loose of such a very sweet and caring person. I'm so glad that I had the opportunity to know and be friends with Tom. He may not be with us in person but he will always be in your heart. God bless you all.*

**Steve Schnaus** - March 21, 2021 at 12:03 PM