



Thomas J. Halpin

August 22, 1925 - June 24, 2008

Thomas J. Halpin, 82, was born in Monroe LA on August 22, 1925, the son of Vincent and Frances Porter Halpin. He served our country in the US Army Air Corps during WWII in the Pacific Theater. He graduated from KU with a degree in Sociology. In 1952, he and Marilyn McQuade were married, and they have lived in Topeka since 1952. He was a member of Most Pure Heart of Mary Church, the St. Patrick's Day Committee and formerly, the American Legion, Knights of Columbus and Boy Scouts of America, Troop 46. His work background is sales. Tom was a loving, patient, and attentive man whose wife and family were his highest priority. He developed an avid interest in motorcycles and sailing early in life and enjoyed sharing the outdoors with his children on many camping trips. He enjoyed gardening and woodworking and KU basketball. He was ever aware of another's need for help and comforting; and he lived his life honorably, practicing his religion each and every day. He was preceded in death by his parents, his stepmother, Jimmie Porter Halpin, and his only brother, Vincent Halpin, Jr. Survivors include his wife, Marilyn; children, Ann Smith and husband, Tom, Garfield KS; Jim Halpin and wife, Connie, Wellington MO; Nancy Mense, Overland Park; Tim Halpin and wife, Dianna, Olathe; and Tony Halpin, Baldwin City; ten grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. Family will greet friends from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. today at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Rd, Topeka KS 66614, where a rosary will be prayed at 7:30 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday at Most Pure Heart of Mary Church.

Burial will follow in Mt. Calvary Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, the Good Samaritan Fund at Aldersgate or The Marian Clinic, sent in care of the funeral home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas J. Halpin*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *I just read about Tom. I wish I had known him. I am a distant cousin and have recently come across some Porter letters from 1896 and pictures from about 1918 that may have some Porter family members in it. Perhaps Tom's grandmother and her sisters, I am not sure. The pictures were from Henry Clay Porter's farm. His brother, James Franklin Porter lived about five miles away with Mary and the three girls. I would love to share them with you. Please contact me. Janice Gneiting in Colorado*

Janice Gneiting - December 24, 2014 at 03:38 PM



“ *Ann, Tom, and your entire family - We are so sorry to hear about the loss of your dad. Just know that our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this time. God bless all. Kathy & Don*

Kathy & Don McCaffrey - June 27, 2008 at 01:57 PM



“ *Marilyn, I am so sorry to learn of your loss. Take care. Sincerely, Nancy{Hinck}Cord*

Nancy {Hinck} Cord - June 24, 2008 at 10:06 PM

JB

“ Marilyn and family, I am so sorry for your loss. I really enjoyed the 4 years that I got to spend with Tom. He was a very kind and loving person. There was never a dull moment with Tom. He always kept the staff members on their feet. I remember the only way I could get Tom up out of bed in the morning was to offer him a cup of coffee. Tom will be greatly missed. Your whole family will be in my thoughts and prayers. Love Jessica

Jessica Bernhardt - June 24, 2008 at 07:59 PM

DF

“ Marilyn, Tim, Dianna and all the Halpin Family - Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. I remember Tom fondly and enjoyed the many visits we had with him when we were in town. He always made us feel like part of the family, extended as it is. He was a very generous person. He will be sorely missed. Love, Doreen

Doreen, John, Erin, Meghan and Shannon Fitzpatrick - June 24, 2008 at 12:26 PM

JS

“ Tim -
So sorry to learn of your loss.

Your whole family will be in our thoughts and prayers.

John, Lori, CHris and Ben Spain

John Spain - June 24, 2008 at 09:23 AM