



## William "Bill" Tinsley

February 26, 1923 - January 22, 2013

William David "Bill" Tinsley, 89, Topeka, went home to his Lord and to his wife of 64 years, Bernice Mary Tinsley, on January 18, 2013. Bill was born February 26, 1923 in St. Louis, Missouri, the son of Maude Alice Williams Tinsley and William Henry Dowdall. He attended schools in the St. Louis area. He married Bernice Mary Koper on June 29, 1946 at St. Liborious Catholic Church in St. Louis. She preceded him in death, December 10, 2010. A veteran of WWII, Bill served in the Army Signal Corp., Air Force Cadets and as a Navigational Radar Maintenance Man. Bill was an avid sportsman, especially enjoying playing softball, basketball, hunting, fishing and pinochle. He was a Golden Gloves boxer in the Army and at age 53 he pitched a perfect game in City League Softball. He participated in Senior Olympics. Bill worked 43 years in the newspaper industry for St. Louis Post Dispatch, San Francisco Chronicle, Idaho Statesman and Montana Standard. He retired in 1987 from the Topeka Capital Journal and had been general foreman of the mail room. He was a staunch adherent in the labor movement and served as a president of a local union of the International Typographical Union. In retirement he worked at the YMCA. Preceding him in death were his parents, brothers Eugene Tinsley, Horace T. Tinsley and sister, Marion E. McDonald and a son, Michael E. Tinsley. Survivors are children, Rita Summers, Indianapolis, IN., Anne (Barry) Stark, West Chicago IL, Robert Tinsley, Baltimore, MD., David (Jenny) Tinsley, Gerard (Debra) Tinsley, William Tinsley, Catherine (Michael) Halpin, Barbara (Scott) DeWalt, James (Kellee) Tinsley, all of Topeka;

eighteen grandchildren; eleven great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. A rosary will be prayed at 5:30 p.m. Tues. at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Rd., Topeka, Kansas, 66614, where family will greet friends until 7:30 p.m. A celebration of Bill's life will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home with burial following at Mount Calvary Cemetery, Topeka, Kansas. VFW Post #1650 will conduct military honors at the cemetery. Memorial remembrances may be made to Birthright of Topeka or Midland Hospice Care, sent in care of the funeral home. Cards of condolence may be sent in care of 4340 SE 28th St., Topeka, Kansas, 66605.

# Tribute Wall



“ *William "Bill" Tinsley*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Dear cousins,*

*We were very sorry to hear about the passing of your Dad. We heard he was a wonderful father. I know he was a great volleyball player at our Koper family reunions.*

*Christine*

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**Ed and Christine Garcia-Ferrer** - February 08, 2013 at 12:31 PM



“ *Sorry to hear about the loss of your dad. Remember all the good times.*

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**Mark Scheve** - January 31, 2013 at 12:38 PM



“ *Daddy, We are thinking of you and Mom being together and that gives us your children much comfort. I guess you are both 89 now together...we miss and love you both so much but knowing you are both with God in heaven makes us happy. We are proud to be your children and we know your love for us will always be in our hearts...Im so thankful for my wonderful sisters and brothers and we will stay close to each other as we always have...love your daughter Annie*

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**Anne Stark** - January 25, 2013 at 01:16 PM

SF

“ Dear Bill, Ryan, Halie & Tinsley Family,

*My deepest sympathy in the loss of your father and grandfather. You are in my thoughts and prayers. I always say a prayer at the resting place of your mom when I'm visiting my dad who is nearby. God bless you all and keep you in his loving care. Your mom and dad are reunited. What a comfort.*

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**Sherryl Flatt** - January 23, 2013 at 11:01 PM

DV

“ Jim,

*So sorry for your loss, may god comfort you and your family during this time. You and your family have been in our prayers.*

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**David & Angela Valdivia** - January 23, 2013 at 05:49 PM

SI

“ Anne, We are so soory for your loss. Your dad had to be a great guy. You are a great friend to both Chris and I and I'm sure your parents had a lot to do with you being the wonderful person you are. You and Barry are the best neighbors any one could ever dream of having. God Bless you and your family. Have a safe trip home.  
Santo&Chris

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**Santo&Chris Ianno** - January 23, 2013 at 03:51 PM

SS

“ Dear Tinsley Family,

*I so enjoyed the memories shared last evening....so much love, so many stories. I just know that Bill and Bernice are smiling down on all of you as you honor your parents being reunited, with each other and with the Angels and Saints.*

*How proud they must be! Barbie.....I know how much you have done to honor your folks, and with the support of your family and siblings, you assisted with whatever was needed over the past several years. It is a beautiful thing to see you all pulling together to make sure that your father was well taken care of after Bernice passed. Yes, I'm thinking she called in a few favors from those angels and saints....and she is spending her birthday with Bill once again....Happy Birthday Mrs. Tinsley. What a beautiful love story they shared. May the memories, love and laughter bring you peace. I believe with all of my heart that they are so proud of their family, each with a role, each in their own way, honoring them as parents and role models. May they watch over you all, and your children, and their children after that. What a legacy. I think Bill knew he had the 'winning hand' for many, many years.....*

*Love and prayers,  
Susan*

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**Susan Swalwell** - January 23, 2013 at 10:03 AM

BB

“ Cathie, my prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. May God comfort you.

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**Beth Foster Blumreich** - January 22, 2013 at 09:16 PM

RF

“ As you honor your dad today, know I'm with you and your family in prayer. It's so hard to lose our parents, the ones that love us unconditionally as we are. I know your dad was a hard worker and had a great sense of honor for his Lord and family. He must have had an amazing life, after reading his obituary. I will always have fond memories of both your dad and your mom from all those overnight stays spent at your house. Your house was a home full of love, with all the brothers and sisters. Please accept my sincere sympathy on the passing of your dad. I will always remember him as the hard working and decent man that he was. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your sweet “ Tinsley” family. God Bless you all.

Love,  
Jim and Holly Houpt

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**RITA& FAMILY** - January 22, 2013 at 02:37 PM

CM

“ Wow! What a gentleman and patriarch of his family! I will always remember Bill as being very optimistic and generous. His physical activities and stamina were a marvel to me. What a legacy he leaves to his family. Welcome to the fullness of life in your eternal home.

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**Carol Ludwig, MD** - January 22, 2013 at 02:14 PM

GS

“ Barb and family.....so sorry to hear about the loss of your father. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time.

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**Gary and Janet Scheidegger** - January 22, 2013 at 10:16 AM

AL

“ *Bill, Cathy, and extended Tinsley Family.  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you in the loss of your father.  
May God comfort you in the coming days.  
Sincerely, Armond and Rachel Landavazo*

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**Armond & Rachel Landavazo** - January 21, 2013 at 08:45 PM

DP

“ *My sincere condolences to you all. May you take comfort in your memories of your dad, and in knowing he is now reunited with your mom, and others who have gone before him.*

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**Dee Byard Poe** - January 21, 2013 at 08:30 PM

GM

“ *So sorry for your loss*

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**Gene F Meyer** - January 21, 2013 at 06:09 PM

AA

“ *Cathy, Mike, Bill and family,*

*I am so sorry for your loss. Prayes to you and your family.*

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**Annette Ayala-McElroy** - January 21, 2013 at 05:23 PM

CF

“ To The Tinsley Family, A song I wrote and sing as part of the Sister Mary Corita melody: this is the refrain Now Bill and Jesus are priceless people and when the day is thru I'll sing this Prayer for you. Now let your kingdom come and let your WILL be done as I forgive my brother and I LOVE EVERYBODY like You, Jesus! Nehemiah 8:10 "the JOY of the Lord is Our Strength!" I will miss Bill and Berniece from Holy hour at St. Joseph. God has them both and we have thier memories in our hearts thoughts, and minds forever. Isaiah 54:7-8 God says, "YOU are Precious to me and I Love You!" You will always be remember in our Prayers! Dance with Jesus and live. Alleluia!

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**Connie Fouraker Christenson and Fouraker Family** - January 21, 2013 at 04:44 PM

LD

“ Bill, I'am so sorry to hear about your dad, you and your family are in my thoughts ! Lori

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**Lori Doud** - January 21, 2013 at 04:28 PM

CD

“ Barb and family,  
I'm so sorry to hear about your loss. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.  
Cheryl Martin Dew

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**Cheryl Martin Dew** - January 21, 2013 at 11:56 AM

JS

“ God bless you all at this sad time. You're in our prayers and our thoughts with fond memories of your folks.

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**John & Lori Spain** - January 21, 2013 at 10:28 AM

WT

“ *Barb & Family,*

*Sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*  
*Windi*

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**Windi Thomas** - January 21, 2013 at 10:10 AM

MB

“ *To all of my wonderful cousins, We know your grief is unbearable. We send our condolences and peace to face all the tomorrows. Our hearts hurt for all of you. There are no words that will comfort you on your loss, just know that we love you.*  
*Mers and Bill*

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**Mers and Bill** - January 20, 2013 at 10:04 PM

JH

“ *Barb and family, I am so sorry to hear your dad passed away. My heart aches for all of you. He is now rejoined with your mom in heaven. God Bless you all, you are all in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Jim and Gina Herman** - January 20, 2013 at 04:08 PM

NC

“ *Jenny and family: I am sorry to read of your loss and keep you in my thoughts and prayers. Your friendliness and welcome smile is always a lift for those you meet - may it always be so.*  
*Nadine*

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**Nadine (Kneedler) Chandler** - January 20, 2013 at 02:33 PM

TF

“ *Barb and family,  
So sorry to hear of you dad's passing. I'm thinking of you during this difficult time. Keeping you in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Tokie Franklin** - January 20, 2013 at 12:43 PM

AN

“ *I am so very sorry for your loss. He must have been a wonderful man, to have raised such a fine family. I pray that you find comfort in your memories of him, and take joy in knowing he is in heaven with his beloved wife, watching over all of you. Audrey*

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**Audrey Nagy** - January 20, 2013 at 12:34 PM

AS

“ *Cathie and family,  
I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I am keeping you in my thoughts and prayers.  
Love,  
Audra (Porter) Silkey*

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**Audra Silkey** - January 20, 2013 at 11:53 AM

RF

“ *To the Tinsley Family,  
  
Sorry for your loss.  
  
Richard & Terie Jolly*

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**Richard & Terie Jolly & Family** - January 20, 2013 at 10:25 AM

SF

“ *So sorry to hear of your loss. Sam.*

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**Sam & Nancy Flowers** - January 20, 2013 at 10:24 AM

NU

“ *Barb & Family,  
We are thinking of you and wishing you peace during this sad time.  
Hold tight to memories for comfort, lean on your friends for strength,  
and always remember how much you are cared about.*

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**New Century Credit Union** - January 20, 2013 at 10:12 AM

RM

“ *David and Jenny:*

*Sorry to hear about your loss.*

*Ron*

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**Ron Morris** - January 20, 2013 at 09:54 AM