



# Thomas Arthur Cannon, Jr.

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**T**homas Arthur Cannon Jr., 83, of Dresden, Ohio died Thursday evening, November 22, 2012 after a 21 year battle with cancer.

Tom was born June 2, 1929, the son of Thomas Arthur “Art” and Vera Cannon of Dresden who preceded him in death. Tom was a graduate of Dresden Jefferson High School and he served with the United States Army in the Korean Conflict. He bragged openly about the splinters “still stuck in his hands from when the draft man pulled him off of his mother’s porch”. Despite his levity about the situation, he served bravely during the war and achieved the rank of Sergeant during his 1 year, 11 month and 13 day tour of duty (not that he was counting).

Tom was a baker, and until its closure in 1978, was employed in the family business, Cannon’s Bakery of Dresden. Later, he was employed by The New Bakery of Ohio in Zanesville until his retirement in 1995. After retirement, he decorated cakes, washed windows, and handled cleaning responsibilities at the Dresden Village Offices where he shared his opinions daily with Mayor Lane and his staff. He was a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Dresden Volunteer Fire Department where he served periodically as Chef during his service of 41 years. Tom was also a member of St. Ann’s Catholic Church of Dresden.

Tom is survived by his beloved wife of 43 years, Rita (McNeely) Cannon, three children, Thomas (Lynn) Cannon of Hilliard, John Cannon of Dublin and Amy (Clement) Cannon Chiu of Blacklick and four grandchildren, Alyssa, Abigail, and Alivia Cannon of Hilliard, baby Chiu of Blacklick, due January 2013, and his devoted dog, Casey.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his sister Mary Cannon Frick. Friends may call 2 pm to 5pm Sunday, November 25, 2012 at the Dresden Chapel of Vensil & Chute Funeral Home, 714 Main Street. A Christian Wake service will follow at 5:00pm with Deacon Robert Ghiloni officiating.



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Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30am Monday, November 26, 2012 at St. Ann Catholic Church, 405 Chestnut Street, Dresden with the Rev. Father Michael Nimocks as celebrant. Burial will be in the Dresden cemetery with military honors being conducted by Dresden American Legion Post #399.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Dresden Volunteer Fire Department.

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## Tribute Wall

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BB

**Brandy Crowthers Black** posted:

Amy&family, I am so very sorry for your loss. Your dad was a wonderful person with a heart of gold. He could always make you smile. You and your family are in my prayers, god bless you all.

November 28 at 12:27 PM

LR

**Laura Ring** posted:

Tommy Cannon,you and your family was such a part of my childhood. The kindness has never been forgotten. Laura Jean (Bonifield) Ring.

November 26 at 2:37 PM

LC

**Louis Chiu** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. May God bless Mr. Thomas Cannon and may he rest in peace.

November 26 at 1:09 PM

BD

**Bob Day** posted:

John....our thoughts & prayers are with your family. You are a pillar of strength to your mother. Bob & Deb Day

November 26 at 9:50 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Our deepest sympathy to all of the Cannon family.Thoughts and prayers are with you.He will be missed greatly.Dale,Judy, Erica and Chad Ferrell

November 26 at 7:28 AM

CC

**Cheryl Kreis Cooksey** posted:

So sorry to hear of Tom's passing. Remember those wonderful Cannon Buns and Tom coming into the store to fill the bread shelves.

November 26 at 5:25 AM



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JM

**Jeremy Morgan** posted:

May God's peace cover you in this trying time. Rest assured, Tom is at peace and has fought the good fight. Blessings and prayers to the entire Cannon family.

November 26 at 3:48 AM

SC

**Stacy Climer** posted:

Thoughts and prayers to you and your family.

November 26 at 3:10 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

To all the Cannon family: My deepest sympathy is sent and prayers of peace to all of you during this difficult time. Ginny & Dean Davis

November 26 at 3:08 AM

LH

**Larry & Cynde Hesson** posted:

So sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time.

November 26 at 2:50 AM

HH

**Heidi Hardbarger** posted:

I'm sorry to hear about your loss. I worked at the Heart Of Dresden for a few years. He would always stop in and tell us jokes after washing the windows. He always made us smile.

November 25 at 6:17 PM

RB

**Ray Back** posted:

Mrs.Cannon and family was so sad to here of Tom's passing.Tommy will surely be missed by all.I enjoyed his friendship down through the years and especially when serving as a Police officer for the Village.God Bless

November 25 at 5:31 PM



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BB

**Bryan Belville** posted:

My deepest sympathy for your loss.

November 25 at 8:54 AM

MK

**Mary Kosar** posted:

My condolences to Rita, Tom and family, John, Amy and Clement. I will miss my cousin. I will cherish the childhood memories we shared. The world needs more Tommy Cannons.

November 25 at 8:30 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

The Cannon Family, My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Tom was my foreman at the New Bakery. I will always remember his stories and jokes. When I was part time he would call me at 2 or 3 in the morning to come into work for someone. I would answer and he would say what are you doing and then say i need you to come in now. You just wanted to scream what do you think i am doing. Lots of fond memories of him.

November 25 at 7:41 AM

JB

**Jerry Bowman** posted:

A GOOD MAN.

November 25 at 6:38 AM

AL

**Anita Kithcart (Leiendecker)** posted:

To The Cannon Family: I was saddened to hear of Tom's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with your family. Tom always had a smile and his smile was contagious, he even got my dad to smile- I think they are probably laughing together right now. I will always remember coming to Dresden visit Uncle Art, Aunt Vera and Tom and going home with a big box or two of baked goods! What a treat. Tom- will surely be missed by all.

November 25 at 6:14 AM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Rita and Family, so sorry to hear about your loss. May happy memories carry all of you through this sorrowful time. With Deepest Sympathy Ruth Phillips

November 25 at 5:37 AM



**Heather Treadaway** posted:

John and family, So sorry to hear of the passing of your father. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of sadness. Doug and Heather Treadaway

November 25 at 4:58 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

John and Tom, Debby and I were sorry to hear about the passing of your father. Our thoughts and prayers are with both of you and your families. John and Debby Cacchio

November 25 at 1:06 AM



**Mike & Sarah Clark** posted:

So sorry for your loss. We will always remember the jokes that Tommy told. He always had something to say that would brighten up our day. We will be praying for you all.

November 24 at 7:59 PM



**Kevin Flood** posted:

John, Tommy, Amy and Mrs. Cannon, I am so sorry for your loss. What a wonderful man to have known and he raised a great family. He was a Blessing to all who knew him. You all are in my prayers.

November 24 at 5:05 PM



**Jody Rodgers** posted:

My deepest sympathies to the Cannon family on their loss. Tommy was a great guy and always had a joke to tell.

November 24 at 4:40 PM



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NA

**Nancy Armstrong** posted:

John and Family, I am so sorry to hear about your loss. My thoughts are with you all at this difficult time.

November 24 at 1:30 PM

JM

**Jay Miller** posted:

Rita, Tommy, John and Amy... Sorry for your loss. Your dad was a big influence in my life. He always brought a smile to my face and kept me laughing. I'll miss seeing him around town. If you need anything Rita please don't hesitate to call. --- Love Jay

November 24 at 12:27 PM

MK

**Mike And Monica King** posted:

So sorry to hear of the passing of Tom. He was such a great man. May your fond memories, as I am sure there are many, comfort you in your loss. He will be sadly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.

November 24 at 9:04 AM

CL

**Carolyn & Bud Lawrence** posted:

Tom would always stop at our house when he drove the bread truck. My kids loved him as did we. He gave us many good memories.

November 24 at 8:43 AM

CS

**Charles & Amanda Solt** posted:

Grief can be so hard during the holidays, but our special memories help us cope. Remembering you and your loved one this holiday season.

November 24 at 7:08 AM



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KA

**Karen Ayres** posted:

Rita,I am so sorry for you loss. I will always remember Tommy for the stories and jokes he would bring into the Bonnie Longaberger Senior center for us to read and his big smile. Your in my thoughts and prayers.

November 24 at 6:11 AM

JM

**Jim And Karen Mullinnex** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you during your loss.

November 24 at 6:08 AM

PL

**Paul & Mary Jo Lacey** posted:

To the Cannon Family:Mary Jo and I were saddened to hear of Tom's passing. His picture is how I always think of Tom, always had a smile on his face. And who in Dresden doesn't remember all the wedding pictures he and his Dad displayed in the bakery. He was truly a part of the community. Our sincere condolences to all who knew and loved him. Blessings.

November 24 at 5:17 AM

JH

**John & Carole Hoffman** posted:

Rita and Family,I was sadden to read of Tom's passing. It is always hard when we lose someone we love. I am thinking of you and will remember all of you in my prayers. My the Lord be with you during this difficult time.

November 24 at 4:30 AM

NF

**Nora Fry** posted:

Rita and family: I am so sorry to learn of Tom's death. I pray God blesses you with peace and comfort in the coming days. Nora(Guinther)and Dick Fry

November 24 at 4:13 AM



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DS

**Dean And Tacy Sarbaugh** posted:

To The Tom Cannon Family: We were saddened to read of Tom's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this most difficult time.

November 24 at 4:07 AM

TC

**Terry (Wilson) Hill Dresden Senior Center** posted:

Rita & Family So Sorry for Your Loss. Tom was a Wonderful man & will be missed greatly. You are in My Thoughts & Prayers

November 24 at 3:53 AM

DV

**Dale And Kay Vandebark** posted:

So very sad to read of Tom's passing. What great memories I have of growing up in Dresden and knowing Tom and his family. I can still smell the bakery and how it makes me smile. Thank you Tom for all you have done for Dresden and how much we all loved Cannon's bakery goodies. Kay Pletcher Vandebark and Dale

November 24 at 3:47 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Thomas by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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