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Thomas E. "Tom" McElfresh, 81, of Dresden, died at 10:33AM Wednesday May 25, 2011 at the Genesis Good Samaritan Hospital ER.

Mr. McElfresh was born June 22, 1929, a son of the late Perry and Elsie (Szirbeck) McElfresh. For many years, Tom operated Tom's Body Shop in Dresden and enjoyed gardening and always shared his produce. Anyone driving down Chestnut Street can recall his smile and baskets of tomatoes ready for anyone to pick up. He had attended the Muskingum Presbyterian Church and was a US Army veteran of the Korean Conflict.

Surviving are his children, Vickie (Jack) Large of Coshocton, Jenny (Barry) Shumaker of Dresden, Tom E. McElfresh, Jr. of Dresden, Patsy (Ken) Stout of Dresden; grandchildren, Steve (Jen) Large, Nichole (Stan) Braxton, Shannon (Jason) Shumaker, Aaron (Devyn) Shumaker, Kyle Smythe, Laken Webb; 11 great-grandchildren and one expectant great-grand child; sisters, Jane Kinney of PA, Bernice Behler and Marilyn Hellworth both of the Dayton area; a brother, Sidney (Iris) McElfresh of Kettering and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Sondra T. (Cullins) McElfresh on July 31, 1973 and a brother, Perry Robert McElfresh.

Friends may call 2-4 & 6-8PM Friday May 27, 2011 at the Dresden Chapel of Vensil-Orr & Chute Funeral Home, 714 Main Street. A funeral service will be held on Saturday at 11AM with Pastor James Large officiating.



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JM

Jack & Kitty(Dixon) Myers posted:

Barry & Jenny & family, So sorry to hear of Tom's passing. He was a wonderful person and loved by many. Please accept our sincere sympathy.

June 14 at 3:13 PM

KF

Kevin Flood posted:

So sorry to hear of your Dads passing, Tommy and Jenny. You're all in my prayers.

May 31 at 5:35 PM

RG

Richard Glosser posted:

I Am so sorry for your loss!!, I met Tom while he was working my Dads car, I was @ 8-10 years old

May 29 at 5:16 PM

RP

Ruth Ann Phillips posted:

So sorry to hear about the passing Of Tom. When the Lord calls our loved ones home, He leaves a gift of memories in exchange. May these happy memories carry all of you through this sorrowful time. With Deepest Sympathy

May 28 at 4:58 AM

KC

Kaci Cullins posted:

Barry and Jenny Shumaker, So sorry to hear about your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

May 28 at 3:40 AM

AR

Arlene Romage posted:

SORRY jenny to hear about your dad. you will all be together again someday, thinking and praying for you .

May 27 at 2:01 PM



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Jon & Kathy Hutchison posted:

Jenny, Our prayers are with you and your family, so sorry to hear about your Dad.

May 26 at 6:02 PM



Amy Wagner posted:

Patsy & Family, Thinking of you during your time of sorrow. Allow the Lord to heal your hearts as he did your fathers body.

May 26 at 3:25 PM



Anonymous posted:

Jenny, Tommy, Vicki and Families, I am so sorry to hear Tom has passed. He was a wonderful man. He was always so kind and fun to be around. I know I haven't been around for awhile but he was a friend and I will miss him. We would sit and talk and sometimes he would remind me of my Dad. He was a good man. Love you all. Take care and God Bless. Mary Prouty

May 26 at 1:50 PM



Mary Anne Sheffield posted:

Sorry to hear of Tom's passing. He is one of the last older icons of town. A pleasant hard working man and honest. Always enjoyed talking garden with him. He will be missed by all who knew him.

May 26 at 1:33 PM



Renee Swift posted:

So sorry to hear about Uncle Tom, he will be missed, if any of you need anything please let us know. Just try to hold onto the precious memories you have of him that will help to get you through these next hard days. We will be praying for you all. Love you all, Renee, Gary, Kayla, & Tori.

May 26 at 10:28 AM



Kristin Kussmaul-Webb posted:

My prayers go to all family members and friends. He sure was a wonderful man always smiling at everyone as who walked down chestnut street

May 26 at 10:17 AM



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LW

Laken Webb posted:

I miss him already. he was loved and dear to many people. he will never be forgotten. he was the best grandpa anyone could ever ask for.

May 26 at 9:44 AM

KM

Kim McCormick posted:

Jenny and family, So very sorry to hear of the passing of your wonderful father. You all are in our thoughts and prayers.

May 26 at 9:15 AM

KM

Kim McCormick posted:

Dear jenny and family: I am so very sorry to hear of the loss of your father. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

May 26 at 9:09 AM

LH

Lisa Hicks posted:

Tom,I am so very sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. May you find comfort knowing your dad is in the hands of his Lord.

May 26 at 8:16 AM



Anonymous posted:

Tommy, I was so sorry to hear about your dad.My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time. Patty Johnson(Albuquerque,NM)

May 26 at 5:48 AM

DR

Della Runyon posted:

Vicki, Sorry to hear of your dad's passing I know god will help you through this time of need. Your in my thoughts and prays. Thinking fo you

May 26 at 5:46 AM



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PB

Patty Bichard posted:

So sorry to hear of Tom's passing. He was so kind in giving me his extra tomato plants on year when my children were small and there was really no extra money to buy them. The community will miss his great smile and giving heart. Prayers for the family during this sad time.

May 26 at 4:52 AM

MH

Michelle Spiker Hartsock posted:

I grew up just two houses down from Jenny and her family. I have the greatest memories. Tom was ALWAYS kind and gentle to everyone. After my mom died and dad didnt plant a garden anymore Tom would share his.. such a great man! Thinking about you all. Michelle Spiker Harsock

May 26 at 4:47 AM

CB

Cari Bobb posted:

Rest in peace Tom. God bless you and your loved ones.

May 26 at 4:36 AM

JA

John & Sue Adams posted:

The loss of a parent makes us feel very much alone. Our prayers and sympathy are with all of Tom's children and grandchildren. He was a kind and loving person, and will be missed by all.

May 26 at 3:44 AM

DF

Donna Freshwater posted:

Tom was a good friend for many years. I always knew he would be sitting out in front of his house all summer long, always had a wave for everyone. He will definitely be missed.

May 26 at 2:54 AM

SF

Suzy Foster posted:

Vickie, Jenny and Tommy so sorry to hear about your loss. I will always remember your dad he was a great man. Your families are in our thoughts and prayers.

May 25 at 5:51 PM



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DM

Donna, Millie posted:

So sorry about Uncle Tom. He will be missed dearly. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. May the Lord comfort you and be with you through this time of need. Love you all!

May 25 at 5:43 PM

TF

Tiffany Fountain posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

May 25 at 5:38 PM

KS

Kyle Smythe posted:

You will be missed

May 25 at 5:23 PM

SS

Susie & Kevin Schneider posted:

To the entire McElfresh family, You are in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. Praying for your comfort.

May 25 at 5:18 PM

RR

Rod And Peggy Rollison posted:

Keeping your family in our thoughts and prayers.

May 25 at 4:33 PM

CU

Cheryl Untied posted:

Sorry to hear about Tom, keeping you in my thoughts and prayers.

May 25 at 4:31 PM

AL

Amy Love posted:

So sorry. Thinking of you.

May 25 at 4:03 PM



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SR

Shelly Reiter posted:

So sorry to hear about Uncle Tom, you are all in my thoughts and prayers. He was a great man and will be missed by all. If there's anything you guys need let me know. I hope you can get some comfort in knowing he's in a better place and no longer suffering, but I know that doesn't make it any easier. Love you all

May 25 at 1:27 PM

TC

Ted Crozier posted:

You are in our thoughts and prayers Megan, and Teddy Crozier

May 25 at 1:03 PM

TC

Ted Crozier posted:

Sorry to hear about your loss, he will be missed by many people. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Ted and Karen Crozier

May 25 at 1:00 PM

PS

Patsy Stout posted:

Thank you for "choosing" to be the best DAD a girl could ever ask for... I Love You and will miss you everyday...

May 25 at 12:34 PM

PS

Patsy Stout posted:

Thank You for "choosing" to be the best DAD a girl could ever ask for... I Love You and will miss you always!

May 25 at 12:19 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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