



## Tommy Culver

May 2, 1934 - May 6, 2021

Tommy Claude “Pa” Culver, 87, passed away suddenly on Thursday, May 6, 2021. His daughter Merri Sisak Luce was by his side.

He is survived by his children: Tommy (Lisa) Culver, Kenny, David, Kathy, Danny, Merri (Gary) Sisak Luce, Dorothea (Byron) Higginbotham, and adopted son Brian Shaver; his grandchildren: Elisha Culver, Tommy Culver, Jason (Lori) Culver Moon, Melissa Culver, Katie Ochoa, Autumn Marie, Erin (Kevin) Nicholls, Ryan Culver, Ronald Culver Jr., Daniel Culver, Jonathan Culver, Jason (Julie) Nelson, David (Cecilia) Sisak Jr., Andrea (Joey) Sisak Terez, Angel Sisak, Justin (Britney) Culver, Bryon Higginbotham Jr., Marc Higginbotham, Kaylee (Tim) Higginbotham; his great-grandchildren: Elizabeth, Michael, Christian, Olivia, Mississippi, Seth, Steven, Scarlet, Isaiah, Abel, Izzy, Bella, Arielle, David III, Devin, Mari, Mila, Noah, Selena, Lailah, Nathaniel, Kailyn, Kaylee, Bridgette, Tommy, Dorothy, Rachel, Lillian, Natalie, Amber (little boy blue); great-great grandpa to Estevan and Lydia; brother John (Sharon) Culver; sisters Barbara and Shirley; and best friends Don Taylor and Joe from Pick-n-Pull. He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 52 years, Dorothy; son Ronald; daughter, Linda; his parents Stella and John Culver; and daughter-in-law Jackie Culver.

Tom retired from Ford Motor Company after working 35 ½ years. His favorite past time was gardening and working around his church. He was active and

attended the Hammond New Harvest Church. He loved and was loved by his family and friends.

The visitation will be on Wednesday, May 12, 2021 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. and on Thursday, May 13, 2021 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. with a funeral service immediately following at 11 a.m. with Pastor Brian Shaver officiating at Memory Lane Funeral Home 6305 W. Lincoln Hwy Crown Point, Indiana 46307. Interment to follow.

# Cemetery Details

## Memory Lane Memorial Park

6305 W. Lincoln Highway (US 30)  
Crown Point, IN 46307  
(219) 322-2050  
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# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 12.** 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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## Visitation

**MAY 13.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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## Service

MAY 13. 11:00 AM (CT)

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## Burial

MAY 13. 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

JN

“ *Rip grandpa love u and miss you!*

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**Jason nelson** - May 19, 2021 at 11:12 PM

KH

“ *Missing you like crazy, wishing that I could wake up from this dream. Pa you are our world, you been here through everything! From taking me as a little kids to church with you, To stoping at yard sale when I was sick and couldn't go to school. To cook out celebrating ma life every year, to you meet Amber for the first time and say "She to Tough to be a girl" and telling all your renters that she your "Boy Name Blue". To spending the last 7 months with you and when your great grandkids came over you would pick on them like telling Billy go sit by the door. To us asking if you knew our names and the funny comments you would say. Pa I love and miss you so much.*

*Rest easy my pa* ❤️💕

*Fly high*

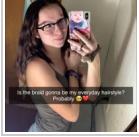


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**Kaylee Higginbotham** - May 14, 2021 at 01:54 PM

JS

“ *Pa I want to say thank you for helping my family and helping me through out the years. I'm very grateful for what you have taught me I'll miss you pa rest in peace*

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**Julie szany** - May 13, 2021 at 06:39 PM



“ Pa you need to watch over all your family including the ones you haven't seen in years. Everyone needs you to watch over them. You need to bring everyone closer together. Your family is all being pig headed and not doing what you wanted all along.

Angel Sisak - May 13, 2021 at 06:29 PM



“ J A Riner and family purchased the Thoughts & Prayers for the family of Tommy Culver.



J A Riner and family - May 13, 2021 at 11:28 AM



“ Tom Culver will be missed ,he loved his family,honored god and helped the people around him Jim R

james a riner - May 13, 2021 at 11:13 AM

“ My friend Tommy Culver has moved on. JoAnn & I met Tommy only after his wife Dorothy, "Dorothy's the only wife I ever had!", moved on herself. Tommy & I would visit her at Memory Lane Park regularly. The few times Tom accepted eating dinner at our home, I must say for such a small man, Tommy sure could eat. I don't think Tom ever shared the chocolate cakes JoAnn baked for him with anyone but his grandson Jason... occasionally. Chocolate Chocolate cake, Chocolate frosted Brownies, Tommy loved Chocolate or peppermints. I suppose Tommy's most notable friend was Johnny Cash, The Man In Black, when Johnny lived in Hammond. I hope I'm not the only one knowing Tom loved to sing with a range from baritone to genuine tenor. Do you think Tommy & Johnny are harmonizing now? Everyone knows Tom was proud of his work record at Ford, never late never missing a day but some forget the wilderness between Hammond & the Hegwisch plant during the '50s- mid '60s. No RR Bridges then & draw bridges over Grand & Little Calumet Rivers. Can you imagine the effort to be on time, let alone going to work, during The Blizzard of '67? Some say Tommy is stubborn, I'd say Tom's Steadfast! Others say Tommy is stubborn, but I say Tom is Resolute! Some said Tom was opinionated & arrogant while I would counter Tommy is Confident & most generally "always right." Tommy Culver had a head for business. Unfortunately he kept most of his business in his head. Yeah, he could quote details from a 1956 deal as easily as a deal from 2019. Don Taylor was Tom's Accountant, really more of a friend than just Accountant, I'm unable to count the times we would laugh after Don said, "Tommy you got to write this stuff down." Tom would respond, " I remember everything, you just ask me what you need to know." Tommy is the Patriarch of a Large family, you all should tell & retell how much he loved you all, Equally. Across the generations everyone should know Tommy's Mother is Indigenous American Choctaw from Alabama. Tommy is the lead beneficial owner, or Chief TOMMY C CULVER of Native/Tribal/Family land trusts in AL, TN, MS and I think TX. Never forget. Tommy & I are friends and Co-Appellants. I think the only things Tommy & I argued about were; 1. My smoking cigarettes, "Smoking will kill you Welch!"

2. Tom is a "dyed in the wool" Christian, while I am dedicated to the Equality of Indigenous Animistic Ceremony. Tommy was always trying to convert me, "Come to church & Testify!" Not to annoy you my friend & Co-Appellant Tommy Claude Culver, but I & asking all to join in, give a Hearty WHOOP & HantaYo Yay to The Spirits and 4 Elementals to make way for Chief Tommy C Culver as he moves to a different part of his Soul's journey.  
Rick & JoAnn Welch

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**Rick & JoAnn Welch** - May 13, 2021 at 10:47 AM

JN

Lol

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**Jason nelson** - May 19, 2021 at 11:15 PM

SU

“ Sue sent a virtual gift in memory of Tommy Culver



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**Sue** - May 12, 2021 at 10:58 PM

KO

“ Hi my name is kelly ive been a renter of toms since june 2012. He was a caring and giving man. He was patient with me when i was having hard times. Going to miss him. Love kelly



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**Kelly overy** - May 12, 2021 at 12:06 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Tommy Culver.



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May 10, 2021 at 10:45 PM



“ Hi dad I just want you to know I love you more then you know . But I thank god your not suffering no more . I am so glad we have the best Relationship any dad and daughter can have I glad your with mom now and no more pain and thank you for all the good memory's and for showing me how to live life without you and mom please give mom a big kiss and hug from me . Please watch over me and my hubby and kids and grandkids we all loved you very much . You will never be forgotten dad Love always your daughter Dorothea culver higinbotham

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dorothea - May 10, 2021 at 10:01 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Tommy Culver.



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May 10, 2021 at 03:16 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Tommy Culver.



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May 10, 2021 at 12:12 PM