



Addison Lee Tatman

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Addison Lee Tatman, age 93, a third generation farmer of Bridgeville, DE died Thursday, February 26, 2015 at home. He was born in Milford, DE on July 9, 1921, son of the late Raymond and Addie W. (O'Bier) Tatman.

Addison spent his entire life doing what he loved, farming with his sons and grandson. He was a 1939 graduate of Bridgeville High School.

He was a charter member of the Bridgeville Lions Club and enjoyed being in the annual Lions Club shows for many years. Throughout the years, he provided playground equipment for the school and helped grade the Little League fields in Bridgeville. He also assisted with getting the facility to sell Oyster sandwiches for the Lions Club. He was a friend to many and was always willing to help those in need.

Addison enjoyed going out to dinner with friends and occasionally would agree to leave the farm for a week and go out West on a vacation. When told one time to have fun on vacation, his reply was, "What am I supposed to do for a whole week?" He also enjoyed stock car racing and attended many local races over the years. Anyone who ever rode in a pickup with him knew they needed to hold on because he was always in a hurry.

In addition to his parents, Addison is preceded in death by his wife of 55 years, Eleanor Wroten Tatman who passed away in 1999, a son who lived just a week in 1953 and a step-granddaughter, Tori Ferrell.

He is survived by two sons, Morris Lee Tatman and his wife Denise of Bridgeville, DE and Stephen Tatman and his wife Annabelle of Greenwood, DE; three grandchildren, Jill Davis & her husband Bill of Millsboro, DE; Clay Tatman & his wife Shannon of Greenwood, DE and Allison Tatman & Jason Dean of Bridgeville, DE; three step-grandchildren, Stephanie Ferrell Rhanim and her husband Elias of Newark, DE; Chelsea Ferrell of Newark, DE; five great-grandchildren, Edith & Mary Davis; Laura and Abby Tatman; Austin Tatman Dean and two-step great grandchildren, Sam & Zak Rhanim.



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The family wishes to thank the dedicated caregivers who made his last years comfortable and to Delaware Hospice for their compassionate care in his last months.

A Graveside Service will be held at 9:30 AM on Monday, March 2, 2015 at St. Johnstown Cemetery, St. Johnstown Road near Greenwood, DE.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggest contributions be made to Delaware Hospice, 100 Patriots Way, Milford, DE 19963.

Please sign Addison's online guestbook at this site.

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LW

Laurence And Daniel Williams posted:

We feel honored to have met and known Mr T. Deepest sympathy to the family.

March 4 at 8:00 PM

DT

Donald Tatman posted:

I am so sorry to hear about your father. Just read it in the paper on Tuesday. Cindy and I go down to Jimmy's and would always see your Dad there and would talk with him. We would talk about farming. Good conversations. I will miss talking with him. Deepest sympathy to the family.

March 3 at 8:00 PM

SC

Steve & Kathy Carter posted:

Stevie and Morris Lee it's without saying the respect we held for Tat. The world lost a "Real Salt of the Earth. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the entire family during this time of loss.

March 1 at 8:00 PM

DT

Denise Taylor posted:

My most sincere sympathy to the family at Addison's passing. I always enjoyed talking with him. May your memories help to comfort you during this time of great loss and throughout the days ahead.

March 1 at 8:00 PM

LY

Lynn posted:

I am sorry to hear of your loss. May you find comfort in knowing that the Bible reveals God's purpose to restore the dead to life by means of a resurrection to a paradise earth, where sickness and death will be no more. Jesus said: "The hour is coming in which all those in the graves shall hear his voice and come out."—John 5:28, 29; Revelation 21:1-4. I hope you find some comfort in this promise.

March 1 at 8:00 PM

AC

Aaron & Karen Chaffinch posted:

Well, the Bridgeville area lost a great gentlemen. Morris Lee and Steve, our thoughts and prayers are with you in this very difficult time. We will miss your Dad very much. God Bless you all.

March 1 at 8:00 PM



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DW

Dennis A. Williams posted:

So sorry for your loss. His children are his legacy and represent him well.

February 28 at 8:00 PM

HR

Hester Reed posted:

Cared for him one year ago, such a very nice man. He always wanted to be out riding in the car, looking at his farmland. An liked his westerns too. Such a quit an caring man. I know he will be missed.

February 28 at 8:00 PM

JH

Janet And Alan Holloway posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with your family Tat will be missed

February 28 at 8:00 PM

DL

Dennis & Debi Lookerman posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Hugs from Texas...

February 28 at 8:00 PM

BB

Bob And Vicki Short (Banning) posted:

Please accept our condolences over the passing of Addison. He was a true gentleman. I remember when I was in the Lions Club Show back in '66. What fun we had with him and Ray Passwaters, Dugan Willey and Walt Smith. Prayers to the family.

February 27 at 8:00 PM

DS

Donna Handloser Seabrease posted:

My sympathies to Tat's family. He was a wonderful friend to my dad for many years.

February 27 at 8:00 PM



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CC

Charles & Clifford Callaway posted:

Our condolences to Tat's family. He was a fun loving man, always on the go.

February 27 at 8:00 PM

MI

Michael posted:

Such a kind man. He will truly be missed by everyone who knew him.may God grant him peace!

February 27 at 8:00 PM

SC

Sherry Cannon Collins posted:

To the Tatman Family, our hearts are with you in the loss of Mr. Tat. He will forever be remembered, a great mentor, friend, father, & grandfather.

February 27 at 8:00 PM

LS

Lisa Smith posted:

Thoughts and Prayers to the Family.. God Bless..

February 27 at 8:00 PM

MB

Maria Boyd posted:

He was such a nice man. He was one of my Grandpop's(Bill Handloser) best friends. Grandpop always had a nice word to say about Tat. I had the pleasure of speaking with him last July & he was so very nice & remembered Grandpop fondly. Rest Easy Tat. Peace be with the family.

February 27 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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