



Tom O. Wendling

October 8, 1928 - March 22, 2003

Madison - Tom O. Wendling, 74, Madison, Georgia died March 22, 2003 at his home after an extended illness. He was born October 8, 1928 in Ludwigshafen, Germany, and resided in Madison, Georgia. A man determined to make a better life for his young family, he immigrated to the United States in February of 1957 with his wife and 2 1/2 year old daughter and settled in Anderson, Indiana. He became a U.S. citizen in 1964. Not yet fluent in English and unable to find work within his locksmith trade, he did odd jobs for York News Company and thereafter got his first break when he began working for Anderson Tool & Engineering, where he later earned his apprenticeship in toolmaking. He worked at various machine shops during his early years and ventured into his own business when he owned and operated the Wendling Brothers Tin Shop in Alexandria. On July 6, 1970, he joined General Motors as a journeyman toolmaker and retired from Delco Remy Division of General Motors on March 1, 1991. He was a member of U.A.W. Local #662 and Anderson Elks Lodge #209. He is survived by his wife of 6 years, Inge Zeuch Wendling; daughter, Monica Wendling & husband Bill Cooper of Anderson; son Robert Thomas & wife Tracy Wendling of Pendleton; three grandchildren, Brian Michael Pring of Anderson, Ashlyn Nicole-Ann Wendling and Kelsee Marie Wendling both of Pendleton; two brothers, Al & wife Heidi Wendling of Anderson and Hasso & wife Wilma Wendling of Germany; nieces, Millie & husband Steve Noel of Anderson and Evi & husband Juergen Grahn of Germany; nephews, Horst Hoffman, Bernd & wife Maria Wendling and Udo

Toepler all of Germany. He is also survived by his former wife of 44 years, Hilda Rudolph Wendling, and three close friends: Jim Adams of Anderson, Evan Hodges and Adolf Schnell both of Florida. He was preceded in death by his parents, Adolf & Kathe Wendling and his sister, Gerda Toepler. Services will be Monday, March 31, 2003 at 8:00 PM, at Robert D. Loose Funeral Home, South Chapel, with Rev. John K. Summers officiating officiating. Private burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery, Anderson at a later date. . Visitation will be from 6-8:00 PM on Monday, March 31, 2003 at Robert D. Loose Funeral Home, South Chapel. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of the donor's choice. www.LooseFuneralHomes.com

Tribute Wall

AH

“ Rob, Tracy, Ashlynn, and Kelsee, I am so sorry you lost someone who had to be wonderful to have a family like you! My deepest sympathies, Andrea L. Horan

Andrea Horan - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ My deepest sympathies to Monica and Robert on the passing of their father. I remember him to be a strong and proud man. I am proud I knew him. May God Bless you all. Wayne

Dr. Wayne Phlegar - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Monica & family---I am so sorry for your loss. Words always seem to be so inadequate. . . Know that our prayers are with you all----

Loree Bartle - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ My deepest sympathies on your loss. Please extend our condolences to your families. Sincerely, Patty McCann Burkhardt & Family Lilly McCann Christina McCann

Patricia McCann Burkhardt - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ Dear Monica and Family: I was so sorry to learn this evening of your father's passing. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers at this time. Sincerely, Chris Schmitz Lalaria

Christine Schmitz Lalaria - June 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM