

TOM MCKINNIS

“MOLE”

2003

I am writing to see about putting my husbands name on the physical memorial..to be viewed at this years nats... My husband Tom "mole" McKinnis passed away Nov 15, 2003 at the age of 50..he was a long time vanner..he belonged to custom coaches out of pittsburgh pa..owner of the 1977 dodge, ,called vanslyvania and the 1996 GMC called mystery machine... he had just purchased another 77 dodge and only got to show it at remember butler in 2003 before he entered hospital on sept 2..never to return home...I was told to contact you about getting his name put on the memorial... thank you let me know if it can be done..

Mary McKinnis

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THOMAS MCKINNIS OBITUARY

Thomas 'Mole'
Robert McKinnis

Thomas "Mole" Robert McKinnis, 50, of Prospect died Saturday at Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh, following an illness.

Born Jan. 23, 1953, in Butler, he was a son of Robert and Pauline Critchlow McKinnis. At one time, he had worked at his family business, the Critchlow General Store in Prospect.

Mr. McKinnis was a member of the Presbyterian Church of Prospect.

He was a 32-year member of the Prospect Volunteer Fire Department, where he currently was the president and safety officer. In the past, he was elected many times as the fire chief and the assistant fire chief.

Mr. McKinnis was currently the Emergency Management Agency coordinator for Prospect and Franklin Township.

He belonged to the Butler County Fire Chiefs Association, where he was chaplain. Mr. McKinnis was a volunteer staff member at the Butler County Fire School for years. He was currently a senator for the Jaycees organization, and a past president of the former Butler Chapter of the Jaycees.

He belonged to the Tri-State Antique Fire Engine Association, the Custom Coaches Van Club of Pittsburgh and the Street Life Car Club Association of Pittsburgh.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Riemenschneider McKinnis, whom he married May 30, 1998; two daughters, Melissa and Nicole McKinnis, at home; a sister and brother-in-law, the Rev. Deborah and Duane Crusan of Mercer; two nephews, Shawn and Troy Crusan of Mercer; a niece, Caitlyn Crusan of Mercer; his stepmother, Alice McKinnis of Evans City; and his father and mother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Riemenscheider of Portersville. A number of aunt, uncles and cousins also survive.

MCKINNIS - Friends of Thomas "Mole" McKinnis, who died Saturday, Nov. 15, 2003, will be received from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday at the EDWARD L. RAISLEY FUNERAL HOME, 387 Main St., Prospect. Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Presbyterian Church of Prospect with the Rev. Dan Reuter, his pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Crown Hill Cemetery, Prospect.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Prospect Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 516, Prospect, Pa. 16052

For information, go to www.raisleyfuneralhome.com.

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Mole was a one of a kind man. He'll always be greatly missed. Sincere sympathies to the family.

Laurie Hutcheson

December 3, 2003

Very shocked to read this. May his soul rest in peace. My most sincere condolence to the family.

Tom MacKay

November 24, 2003

Butch Hutcheson

November 22, 2003

Malynda Henricks

November 20, 2003

Mary & Family, So very sorry to hear of Tom's passing. It's been quite some time since last I saw him. . .but you still don't easily forget someone like Tom. I'll be sure to keep you all in my prayers. God bless and keep you in his care.

Deb Yorko

November 19, 2003

Please accept my condolences on your loss.

Mole was a good, man. I'm sorry to hear of his passing.

Butler County won't be the same without him.

Eric Kunz

November 19, 2003

TOM ALWAYS DID IT HIS WAY

David&Erin Dixon

November 18, 2003

On behalf of the Tri State Antique Fire Engine Assn, we express our most sincere remorse at the passing of our friend, fellow member, and past editor of our newsletter,

Bob Clifford

November 18, 2003

We were sorry to read of the death of Tom. You have our sincere sympathies.

Jim and Marge Pifer

November 18, 2003

To Mary
So sorry to hear of your loss.
Thank you for the pleasure of knowing Mole.
God bless you and your girls
So sorry Sally Pinkle

Sally Pinkle

November 18, 2003

I have not seen Tom since I moved from Butler in 1996. I am very sorry to hear of his passing. He was a great man.

Brad Magill

November 18, 2003

Mole will be sadly missed by all in the community which he was so dedicated to serving. He always brought out the best in everyone, and brought sunshine to the lives of all he touched.

Sincere sympathies,

Jim & Wilda(Fannin)Stroup

& Pearl Fannin

Wilda Stroup

November 18, 2003

Mary and girls,

We all are so sorry about the passing away of your husband..."MOLE" The girls will sure miss him LOTS...

You and your family have our deepest sympathy....SORRY!!

Connie,Tony, James,Dennis and Toby

Connie Duffield

November 18, 2003

Ringgggggg,Comes a fire call from Heaven to Tom, you have fought the good fight, but it's time to come home. I only knew you a few years before you married Mary, but enjoyed our chats by phone call and online when possible. You were a good man and friend, my life is enriched by having known you. To Mary and kids and other family members and friends, I send my deepest sympathy. May the peace of the Lord be with you always.

Foy & Cheryl

Foy Jolley

November 18, 2003

One of the True Great friends anyone could ever have. Mole and I spent many great times together that I will cherish forever. Everything from fighting fires to going on road trips to just having fun crazy times together with our many friends. Mary, I am so glad you came into Mole's life because you made him whole and I think everyone would agree that you two were a match made in Heaven. Our thoughts will forever be with you and your Family and Thank God for friends like Mole!

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that you'd have done something - you've always went ahead and done it. Anything we've ever needed, you've been there. You probably have no idea of just how many lives you've touched, but you've definitely touched ours. We'll miss you, Prospect Vol. Fire Dept will miss you, Butler Jaycees will miss you, and I know Debbie, Mary, and the rest of your family will miss you. Godspeed, Mole, Godspeed. We'll miss you, buddy.

Rich, Jenn, & Ciera Osborne

November 17, 2003

DEAR MARY,

SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT MOLE. MY MOM AND I ARE TRAVELING IN CALIFORNIA AS NURSES AND DIDN'T EVEN KNOW HE WAS ILL. MOLE ALWAYS MADE US LAUGH. AGAIN SO SORRY.

LISA NAGY

November 17, 2003

Tom, we sure are gonna miss you. You will always be Remembered at Butler!
Truck em' easy, truck em safe up there.

John (Vanatic) DeLuca

November 17, 2003

One fond memory we have of Mole was playing "chase" on the weekends. He was such a wonderful man & will be missed by so many people. Our sympathy to his wife, children & other family members.

Mike & Sally Dietrich

November 17, 2003

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