

Steiner Family Newsletter



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HENRY THOMAS BURGESS STEINER FEBRUARY 15, 1920

He was born Henry Thomas Burgess Steiner, but we all have known him as "Tom." Third born son to Harry and Edith Steiner.

Born: February 15, 1920

Died: January 4, 1989 (Alzheimers and Parkinson Disease)

Cemetery: Tippecanoe Memory Gardens

Profession: Press Operator, Peerless Wire Goods

Wife: Wyoma Bagby

Born: January 28, 1923

Married: (marriage ended in divorce)

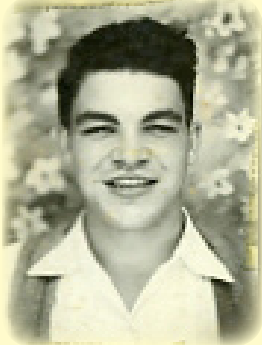
Wife: Aletha Margaret Garriott

Born: May 28, 1921

Died: September 14, 1995 (Lung cancer)

Cemetery: Tippecanoe Memory Gardens

Married: June 26, 1948



Henry Thomas Burgess “Tom “ Steiner was the 3rd oldest of the eleven children. Like his older brothers Fred and Erv, Tom lived on the farm until, at the age of 7, they moved to Lafayette, Indiana. Tom attended grade school at St. James Lutheran in Lafayette. He was baptized and confirmed there. Tom went on to attend Jefferson High School where he graduated in 1939.

Tom’s father died when he was 16. It was at that age that Tom started delivering papers for the Journal and Courier to earn money to help out his mother and younger brothers and sisters. Later on they would remember Tom as a big brother who was helpful, caring and with a good sense of humor. When not in school or working Tom loved to play checkers with his Mom and later on would spend hours with his own children doing the same.

After high school Tom briefly worked at Peerless Wire Goods with his older brother Fred. Peerless eventually was shutdown for the war effort so Tom went to work at the new Alcoa Plant where he would work with his younger brother John. Tom and John would later combine the money they made at Alcoa to buy their mother a new washing machine.

On December 5, 1941 Pearl Harbor was attacked and the next day the United States entered World War II. In October of 1942 Tom was drafted into the Air Force and was the first of the brothers to go. Tom would have basic training in Miami Beach, Florida and be trained as an Electrician’s Technician and later Aircraft Mechanic. Tom was never one to boast about his training. He said once it was really just a matter of removing and replacing. Throughout his time in the Air Force Tom would continue to send a portion of his pay back home to help out the family. Tom eventually reached the rank of Sergeant and was stationed in many places around the world including Puerto Rico, England, France, North and South Africa. Tom was honorably discharged in 1945 and returned to Lafayette.

Just prior to the start of the war, one week after Pearl Harbor Tom married a woman named Wyoma Bagby (born 1/28/1923). The family doesn’t know much about her or the marriage except that Tom, while overseas, received a “Dear John Letter” from her. Shortly after Tom was discharged from the service they divorced. There were no children from this marriage.

Tom went back to work for Peerless Wire Goods after the he returned to Lafayette. His job there was as a press operator manufacturing wire shelves for refrigerators and ovens. The environment there was not at all like many factories today. It was a very dark and dirty place and very hot

in the Indiana summers. After a single days work Tom’s work shoes and socks would have dozens of small holes in them from the welding sparks burning through them. But Tom was a dedicated and hard worker. His family remembers their father coming home every night dirty but with a smile on his face. Many times they wanted to promote him to supervisor but he always said no, that he didn’t want to be boss. Tom would eventually work there 39 ½ years when Peerless closed their doors for good.

In 1947, at a dance, Tom’s Friend Larry “Sonny” Garriott introduced him to his little sister, Aletha. Years later Aletha would recall how handsome she thought Tom looked that night. Soon they began dating and on June 26, 1948 they were married. The wedding was held at Trinity Evangelical and Reformed Church in Mulberry, Indiana with a reception at the Hurby Garriott farm. Attendants to the wedding were Hurby (Jude) Garriott Jr. and Selma Moore.

Tom and Aletha devoted their lives to their five children: three daughters and twin sons. His children remember their Dad as someone they wanted to spend time with. When he came home from work we would all run to him and pile on top of him. We remember the many hours he spent building us a playhouse in the backyard. Matt and Mike remember trying to build a go-cart once. Dad came down to see what they were doing. They thought he would be mad for using his tools and wood. But instead dad helped them build it the right way. Tom was a very even-tempered man. We hardly ever remember him getting angry. He was also the first to help a strange in need, to give someone a ride, jump a car with the dead battery or push a car stuck in the snow. Because we lived on a hilly street when we were growing up giving cars that were stuck in the snow a push was something Matt and Mike remember helping Dad do. We also remember Dad was a night owl; He would stay up late at night watching old movies. Laurel and Hardy was one of Dad’s favorite. Dad’s laugh would trigger anyone else’s in the room.

Tom loved playing cards with his brothers and sisters and later his own family. He always amazed us with his sharp memory of which cards had been played and knowing what cards must be left in hands. He never cared about winning and was the first to laugh at being “euchred” by someone else.

Dad also loved to bowl. He bowled with the same group of guys for 42 years! He was President and Secretary of his league at one time. He maintained a bowling average of around 175 for most of his life. He bowled in many tournaments and did well in several of them. Nancy remembers bowling with Dad in the 1975 city tournament. Nancy had

a pretty high handicap with a low average. She had an exceptionally good game that day. (Maybe because she was 7 months pregnant.) They ended up with a high score. Dad was pretty happy and proud about that. In 2005 Tom was inducted into the Bowlers Hall of Fame.

During the seventies Tom worked both a day job at Peerless and also a part time job at Shoppers Fair department store to better provide for his family. After the closing of Peerless in April of 1979 Tom went to work at Purdue as a maintenance and utility man. He worked there for about 5 years until he retired on disability in 1984.

Tom developed symptoms of Alzheimer's disease in the early eighties. Later on he also was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease. It was hard to watch the disease progress. Dad's sense of humor was replaced with confusion and paranoia. After a fall resulting in a broken hip and as the Alzheimer's became more and more pronounced Tom was eventually cared for at the Indiana Veteran's Home. Tom died there on January 4, 1989.

Tom was very proud of his family and they were equally proud of him. Tom was not a man of material possessions but a simple man who asked for very little. What he had he shared with other. His sense of humor and optimistic outlook taught us to appreciate simple things. We didn't have a wealth of material possessions, but we had each other. Most valuable to him were his wife, and five children, his grandchildren and his siblings.



Lee and Tom get together with family (Selma Moore and Johnny Steiner) and friends.



Gathering probably at Mom Steiner's house (bottom L to bottom R - Lee Steiner, Sissy Kemery, Hazel Braun, Adie Hawk, Dick Kemery, Jim Moore, Tom Steiner, and Irene Hawk).



*June 26, 1948 - Wedding Day
(Selma Moore, Aletha and Tom Steiner, and Hurby Garriott)*



Edith Steiner, Aletha and Tom Steiner, and Lillie and Harby Garriott at wedding reception at the Garriott farm



Tom loved to bowl. He was very involved in the league during his 42 years in the sport.

In 2005, he was posthumously inducted into the Bowlers Hall of Fame.



CHILDREN OF TOM AND ALETHA STEINER

GRANDCHILDREN OF HARRY & EDITH STEINER

Virginia "Gini" Sue Steiner Kelly

Born: July 10, 1950
 Died: May 15, 2005 (Leukemia)
 Profession: Social Worker
 Husband: William "Bill" Kelly
 Born: March 15, 1944
 Married: July 14, 1989

Nancy Jo Steiner Kroll

Born: August 26, 1951
 Profession: Oklahoma State University
 Husband: Larry "Bucky" Miller
 Married: December 6, 1969 (marriage ended in divorce)
 Husband: Craig Kroll
 Married: (marriage ended in divorce)

Beth Diane Steiner Lancaster

Born: March 1, 1954
 Profession: Beth's Cleaning Service
 Husband: Richard Thomas Lancaster
 Profession: Truck Driver
 Born: May 27, 1952
 Married: August 30, 2003



Tom with his girls



Tom and young Beth

Matthew Burgess Steiner

Born: September 19, 1959
 Profession: Subaru Isuzu Automotive
 Wife: Debra Jo March
 Profession: X-Ray Technologist, Purdue University
 Born: December 28, 1959
 Married: October 22, 1983

Michael Burgin Steiner

Born: September 19, 1959
 Profession: Artist, Animator
 Wife: Lora Ann Bundza Sagraves
 Profession: Operation Mgr., Medical Practice
 Born: April 9, 1958
 Married: October 11, 2003



Baby Gini Steiner

The Family - Mike, Matt, Tom, Lee, Nancy, Gini, and Beth

*The newborn twins
Matthew and Michael Steiner*

CHILD OF VIRGINIA "GINI" STEINER

GRANDCHILD OF TOM AND ALETHA STEINER

GREAT GRANDCHILD OF HARRY & EDITH STEINER

Chad Thomas Burgess Steiner

Born: May 6, 1972

STEP-CHILDREN OF VIRGINIA "GINI" STEINER KELLY

Leann Kelly

Born: March 5, 1966

Shawn Kelly

Born: March 12, 1973

Don Kelly

Born: August 26, 1978

Joy Kelly

Born: June 23, 1981

CHILDREN OF NANCY AND LARRY MILLER

GRANDCHILDREN OF TOM AND ALETHA STEINER

GREAT GRANDCHILD OF HARRY & EDITH STEINER

Krista Lynn Miller

Born: March 5, 1975

CHILDREN OF NANCY AND CRAIG KROLL

GRANDCHILDREN OF TOM AND ALETHA STEINER

GREAT GRANDCHILD OF HARRY & EDITH STEINER

Brian Craig Kroll

Born: August 29, 1985

CHILDREN OF BETH AND RICHARD LANCASTER

GRANDCHILDREN OF TOM AND ALETHA STEINER

GREAT GRANDCHILD OF HARRY & EDITH STEINER

Stephanie Diane Lancaster

Born: February 12, 1982

Allison Leigh Lancaster

Born: October 11, 1985

Megan Marie Lancaster

Born: February 6, 1989

CHILDREN OF MATT AND DEB STEINER

GRANDCHILDREN OF TOM AND ALETHA STEINER

GREAT GRANDCHILD OF HARRY & EDITH STEINER

Aimee Danelle Steiner

Born: October 31, 1985

Ryan Matthew Steiner

Born: December 27, 1987

STEP-DAUGHTER OF MICHAEL STEINER

Scarlett Sagraves

Born: January 24, 1991



*Four Generations of Steiners
1972*

*Edith Nelson Steiner
Henry Thomas Burgess Steiner
Virginia Sue Steiner
Chad Thomas Burgess Steiner*



*Grandpa Tom with his first
grandchild, Chad in 1972*



*Grandpa Tom with his first
granddaughter, Krista in 1976.*

GRANDCHILDRED OF GINI AND BILL KELLY

GREAT GRANDCHILDREN OF TOM AND ALETHA STEINER

GREAT GREAT GRANDCHILD OF HARRY & EDITH STEINER

Joseph Thomas Steiner Born: July 6, 1991
<Child of Chad Steiner>

Bradley Cook Born: March 5, 2005
<Child of Jo Kelly Cook>

GRANDCHILDRED OF NANCY STEINER KROLL

GREAT GRANDCHILDREN OF TOM AND ALETHA STEINER

GREAT GREAT GRANDCHILD OF HARRY & EDITH STEINER

Robert Dean Hunt IV Born: March 30, 2002
Alexa Katherine Hunt Born: May 5, 2004
Rachel Kay Hunt Born: February 5, 2007
Cole Thomas Hunt Born: February 5, 2007
<Children of Krista and Robert Hunt>

GRANDCHILDRED OF BETH AND DICK LANCASTER

GREAT GRANDCHILDREN OF TOM AND ALETHA STEINER

GREAT GREAT GRANDCHILD OF HARRY & EDITH STEINER

Brooklyn Diane Moffatt Born: July 5, 2000
Madison Bell Moffatt Born: october 17, 2005
<Children of Stephanie and Mark Moffatt>



Brothers, Tom and John Steiner <back row>
brothers, Mike and Matt Steiner <middle row>
Chad Steiner <front row>



Family gathering
<front row - Chad and Krista; second row - Aletha, Gini, Nancy, Beth and Stephanie; and back row - Tom, Matt, Mike, and Dick>



Christmas 1986
<front row - Debbie, Stephanie, Dick and Krista; second row - Matt, Aimee, Beth, Allison, Tom, Nancy, Brian, and Craig; back row - Aletha, Chad, Gini, and Mike>



Christmas 1987
<front row - Stephanie; second row - Dick, Debbie, Ryan, Tom, Allison, Brian, Aletha and Aimee; back row - Craig, Nancy, Chad, Mike, Gini, Matt, Beth, and Krista>



*Miscellaneous pictures of the family of Tom and Aletha Steiner
<it isn't to hard to recognize who is who!>*



Virginia Sue Steiner Kelly Family

Bill, Gini, Joy, Joey, and Chad



Nancy Jo Steiner Kroll Family

Top Left - Nancy Kroll

Top Right - Brian Kroll

Bottom Photo

Front row - Robbie Hunt

*Back row - Rob, Cole, Alexa, Rachel
and Krista Hunt*





Beth Diane Steiner Lancaster Family

Front row - Brooklyn, Dick, Beth, and Madison

Back row - Stephanie, Mark, Allison, and Megan



Matthew Burgess Steiner Family

Aimee, Matt, Debbie, and Ryan



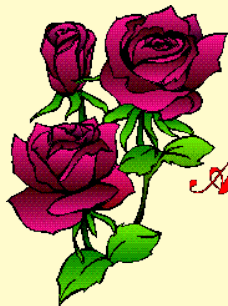
Michael Burgin Steiner Family

Lora, Mike, and Scarlett

June Birthdays



Rodney Troxell (40)	6/2
Anna Troxell (37)	6/4
Shelly Steiner (31)	6/4
Jim Steiner (67)	6/5
Autumn Burnham (23)	6/9
Gabe Golba (35)	6/13
Stacey Rhymer (31)	6/14
Chris Rhymer (35)	6/16
Ryan Troxel (31)	6/19
Joy Kelly Cook (27)	6/23
Collin Beck (12)	6/23
Joannah Braun Williams (47)	6/26
Joshua Steiner (27)	6/26
Harry Steiner	6/28
Joshua Briscoe (32)	6/29



Happy Anniversary!

Jim and Lela Steiner - 46 years
6/3/1962

Angela and P. J. Obrien - 4 years
6/5/2004

Tom and Aletha Steiner
6/26/1948

June Angelversaries



Katherine Louise Steiner Troxel
6/24/1989

Robert David Bierly
6/26/1985



Congratulations Graduate!

Aubrey Beck, daughter of Dana Steiner Beck, graduated in late May from Harrison High School. Aubrey will be attending Purdue University in the fall of 2008 in the Krannert School of Business.

You go girl!!



May and June Weddings

Congratulations to Shawn and Darcy Keegan. They were married in a small ceremony on May 31st.

On Saturday, June 7th, Josh and Amber Briscoe exchanged vows in an evening ceremony in rural Lafayette.

In next months issue we will have pictures for both of these weddings. Also we may have two new Steiners to announce if the stork arrives as planned for two others couples!

Well as you can see, Beth, Nancy, Matt, and Mike gathered information and pictures for the June newsletter. Many thanks to all of them for working together on this project. I hope you all are noticing as we see the different generation of pictures, just how strong the genetics are. I continue to see the faces of our parents in our generation and the next. Next month is John Steiner. I have lost contact with Kathi and my efforts haven't produced any contact info. So I will do my best next month, but I would appreciate any stories or special information you might like to share on Uncle Johnny.

Again, please keep me posted of changes in addresses or email addresses of anyone in your family. We want to get the newsletter to all the Steiners we can. Don't forget the reunion is Sunday, July 20th at the Frankfort Park. Pam