



## Thomas Edward Caulfield

June 5, 1925 - August 18, 2014

Thomas Edward Caulfield  
(1925 - 2014)

Thomas E. Caulfield, age 89, was born the oldest of three boys to Michael and Susan Caulfield in Chicago, IL on June 5th, 1925. During the Great Depression, his family relocated to Jamestown, North Dakota where his father found work as a boiler man and custodian at St. John's Academy. Tom developed his incredible work ethic at a young age stoking coal into the school furnace and assisting his father with custodial work. His high school senior class graduated early to volunteer for the army during World War II. Tom was trained as a machinist in the Army Air Corps. Following the war, he enrolled in Jamestown College, graduating in 1950 with a degree in History. He met his future wife, Gladys, when he came into the local Jamestown bank to cash war bonds to purchase a car. Tom and Gladys were married in 1950 and raised 6 children. Tom became a "World-Class" salesman at the Pillsbury Company, and was quickly moved into sales management. After moving to Indianapolis in 1966, he became a successful manufacturer's rep, working long past normal retirement age, well into his 80s. He simply loved people, and especially loved to sell. A member of Woodland Country Club in Carmel for many years, he teamed with his son Mike to win the prestigious Woodland Swinger Invitational Tournament in 1989. He was also the Senior Club Champion there in 1985. Tom was extremely proud of his Irish heritage and was a life-long fan of Notre Dame. He always said, "There's only two seasons:

Notre Dame Football – and waiting for it.” The only thing he felt more passionately about than the Fighting Irish was the love of his life, Gladys, and his family. He spoke with a tremendous amount of pride when discussing any of them. They loved him deeply in return, and will miss the nightly chats at the “round table”. Those chats had a significant influence not only on Tom’s kids, but many of their friends as well. Tom was predeceased by his beloved wife, Gladys, and is survived by his brother Patrick Caulfield (Kay), son Michael Caulfield (Maureen), and daughters Susan Caulfield, Sandy Caulfield, Noreen Kavanaugh (Tim), Mary Larson (Dan), Kathleen Beach, nine grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Visitation will be at St. Pius X Church on Thursday, August 21st, from 9:00 – 11:00 AM followed by a funeral Mass. In lieu of flowers, we ask that donations be made to St. Pius X Church.

# Cemetery Details

## Our Lady of Peace Cemetery

9001 Haverstick Road  
Indianapolis, IN 46240

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 21. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Pius X Catholic Church  
7200 Sarto Drive  
Indianapolis, IN 46240

## Funeral Service

AUG 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Pius X Catholic Church  
7200 Sarto Drive  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ I was blessed to have had the opportunity to work with Tom when he was a representative for the Terramite products. I remember him leaping up and tapping his heels together, his laughter and stories, his great love for his family and his encouragement to get as much education as possible. “That you can take it with you anywhere, and it weighs nothing”. And, he was right! We have lost a good man. But, he will live on in the hearts of his family and friends. May God’s blessings be with you.  
Doreen Lanyi

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**Doreen Lanyi** - August 20, 2014 at 09:17 AM

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“ I came to know Tom 17 years ago when I joined the M J Miller team. Tom and I logged many miles, on the road, together where he not only became a close friend by a great mentor. I will always be grateful for him sharing his experiences, wisdom and love of life. I can truly say I am a better person for knowing Thomas Caufield  
Rest in peace my dear friend and my god always bless your family.

*Steve Hammond  
M J Miller Combined Companies*

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**Steve Hammond** - August 20, 2014 at 06:25 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas Edward Caulfield.*



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August 19, 2014 at 02:30 PM



“ *I am saddened to learn of Tom's passing. We became acquainted years ago when he represented my company's products in the construction equipment industry. He had great love for his family, a passion for sales persuasion, an excellent storyteller, and with fanatical love for Notre Dame football. I'll never forget him. My sincere condolences to Tim and the entire Caulfield family.. Tim Carroll*

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**Tim Carroll** - August 19, 2014 at 07:06 AM