



Thomas L.

October 7, 1938 - December 21, 2007

Thomas Lewis Pry, resident of Searcy, died Friday morning, December 21, 2007. He was 69 years of age.

Mr. Pry was born October 7, 1938 in Chicago, Illinois, the son of Marcella Edwards Pry and Robert Pry. Tom was a program manager for a broadcasting company where he worked most of his life. He loved writing and telling stories. Mr. Pry is survived by his wife, Karen Pickinpaugh Pry of Searcy; his mother, Marcella Edwards Pry of Searcy; a daughter, Carla S. Pry of Greenville, S.C.; a son, Michael Pry of Greenville, S.C.; three step-sons, Tracey Doeden of Lancaster, Ohio, Channing Doeden of Albuquerque, N.M., and James Doeden of Ypsilanti, Michigan; six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father, Robert Pry and a sister, Marcella Roberta "Cookie" Pearl.

Tribute Wall



“ To the Pry family--I am so sorry for your loss. I met Tom a few years ago when covered actions of the election commission. Tom always looked for the positives that came out of the meetings. He always had kind words and compliments that helped us feel better about decisions we made. I am sure he is writing great articles for the "Heavenly Son". I'll miss him.

December 30, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. May God Bless you and comfort you.

December 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ I had the privilege of meeting Tom about four years ago. As County Clerk, I worked with him sometimes on a daily or weekly basis and found him to be a very interesting and fun fellow. I was always glad to see him when he came to visit the office or when he worked the Quorum Court meetings. I was very sadden to hear of his passing. He will be missed greatly. To Tom's family, my prayers are with you.

December 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ I went to high school with Tom, but hadn't seen him since then. I remember him as a kind, funny kid in the band--almost always smiling. I really appreciated the opportunity he and his friends (Ernie and Dan) provided to share and compare memories with other folks through the "Searcy Yesteryear". Losing a loved one during the holidays can bring sadness at holiday time in future years, but hopefully, your family will use that time to smile by retelling Tom's wonderful stories.

December 24, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Karen, I hope you know how much I enjoyed having resumed my friendship with Tom. We were special buddies in high school, mostly in band.

Tom fought the good fight....and faced his diagnosis, treatments and possible death with dignity and courage. I applaud him for that.

To his children I say carry on the legacy, your Dad was a good and smart man who saw things as they were.

I and many others will miss him.

December 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ I never met Tom personally but appreciated his hard work on the Searcyesteryear blogspot as well as his personal blogspot. He did a special favor for me shortly after my deceased brother's class of 57's 50th reunion this past summer and I'll always remember his kindness for that. After that we had exchanged a few e-mails and I checked his blogspot daily. I will miss starting my day with a laugh from Tom. Rest in Peace.

December 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ I didn't know Tom in high school. I met him at high school reunions in the last five years and we enjoyed talking about digital picture taking. Tom inspired me to write more about growing up in Searcy than I would otherwise.

His Searcyesteryear Journal is wonderful! So many of us Searcy High School graduates have kept in touch through his journal.

I second Anita Fuller in commenting on Tom's bravery when faced with the ordeal of treatment for his condition. Many would have just secluded themselves with family but Tom shared his feelings with the whole world through his blog and journal.

I admired him greatly and hope that Tom's family takes some comfort in knowing that he touched so many of us.

Paula and I will miss him.

December 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ To the Pry family, I am very sad that Tom has left this world but I know he is in a much better place now. I met Tom when we were kid at Searcy High School in the band program. I have not seen Tom since about 1958. We recently had gotten reacquainted via emails the derived from the Searcyesteryear and Tom's personal blogspot. We got to exchange several storys and I always enjoyed his writings and the humor behind most of them. I know he went through some tough times but he kept his courage up all the way through. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him. May God be with you all

December 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM