



## Thomas Royce

February 6, 1947 - July 20, 2019

Thomas Lee Royce, 72, of North Judson, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, July 20, at his residence.

Born on February 6, 1947 in LaPorte, Indiana, he was the son of the late James and Floraine (German) Royce.

Thomas was a graduate of North Judson High School and received his culinary certificate. He also served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War.

He retired from the San-Pierre Elementary School as a custodian. Upon his retirement he enjoyed playing the organ and the accordion, collecting model trains, die cast cars and trucks.

He belonged to the North Judson American Legion Post #92, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1728 of Winamac, was a member of the Hoosier Valley Railroad Museum, and he played with the North Judson Pickin' Palace.

He is survived by one sister, Kay [Robert] Jachim; one sister-in-law, Gladys Royce; one niece; three nephews; and eight great nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents James and Floraine Royce; brother Ronald Royce; and niece Jeannie Burkett.

A memorial service will be held from 5-7pm at O'Donnell Funeral Home in North Judson on Friday, July 26, 2019.

# Previous Events

## Gathering of Family & Friends

JUL **26.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

O'Donnell Funeral Home, Inc.  
302 Lane Street  
North Judson, IN 46366  
(574) 896-2149

# Tribute Wall

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“ Sorry I was unable to say this in person earlier tonight at Tom's memorial, but it was not possible for me to come down to NJ from Douglas MI. I just wanted to share that Tom was a regular attendee at our Class of '66 reunions and played the piano for us all at the last two or three. Back in grade school, he and I were in the same room and had the same teacher for many grades in the old elementary building next to the old high school and of course in the same class all through NJHS. In later years, we had many conversations about our lives both by phone and in person. I have always enjoyed speaking with Tom and will miss him as a friend. Condolences to his family from Denny Bales.

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**Dennis Bales** - July 26, 2019 at 10:38 PM

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*Thank you Dennis from Tom's cousin Lavonne German*

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**Lavonne** - August 30, 2019 at 06:31 PM

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**Dennis Newcom** - July 24, 2019 at 04:30 PM

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Dennis Newcom - July 24, 2019 at 03:16 PM

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*The talented Thomas L. Royce 1947-2019*

L.S. German - October 27, 2023 at 10:35 PM

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“ *I'm so sorry to learn of Tom's passing. My condolences to Tom's family, and also to the community. Through his musicianship and passion for North Judson history, specifically railroad history, Tom has left a large positive impression on the life of the community. His passing will leave an empty space that will be difficult to fill.*

Wayne Freeman - July 24, 2019 at 02:18 PM

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*Thank you Wayne--from Tom's cousin Lavonne*

Lavonne - August 30, 2019 at 06:30 PM

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*Tom was an exceptional person and very well respected.*

Lavonne German - October 27, 2023 at 06:29 PM