



# Thomas Johnson

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**T**homas Perry Johnson, age 35, passed away Tuesday, February 8, 2011 in an accident at his home. Tom was born on January 19, 1976. Originally from Chicago, Tom lived most of his life in Lorain, Ohio.

Tom previously worked at All-American Signs. He loved his family and animals. He was a big sports fan and enjoyed bowling and rooting for the Chicago Bears. He was also an exceptional country line dancer, known for back flips at the old Boot Scoot Saloon in North Ridgeville.

He is survived by his mother, Sue Johnson, 59 and sister, Gina Swindell (nee Johnson), 37.

He was preceded in death by his father, Thomas Johnson.

Friends and family are invited to an Open House on Saturday, February 12, 2011 from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. at his sister's home, 7080 Oak Tree Dr. North, Lorain, Ohio 44053.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Dovin and Reber Jones Funeral & Cremation Center.



## Tribute Wall

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AF

**Alicia Stacey - Lakewood, Oh - Friend/ Family** posted:

Going on two years later and I am still missing you as much now as I did two years ago. Whenever something good or bad happened in my life you were the one I called on. You never cared what time of day or night I called you as a matter of fact most of our conversations took place in the wee hours of the night. One thing for sure this world is a little bit dimmer without you in it, at least for me. You will always be in my heart. Until the day we meet again I will be missing you!!!!!!!!!

November 25 at 8:00 PM

MF

**Michelle - Friend** posted:

I was on netflix and seen the movie dream a little dream and I instantly thought of you and this movie how you introduced me to the song whenever there's a night by Mike Reno.so I had to watch it I hope you are dancing in heaven and giving line dance lessons and I know you are watching Down on your family and friends whom all miss you ..you are still greatly missed ...

June 8 at 8:00 PM

PF

**Paula Hembree - Friend** posted:

we had hung out once and we had talked over the phone, when we did hung out we had watch movies and always to make me smile ,he would put on a comady to get me laugh or smile by watching Jeff Dunham comady shows and loved the movie DREAM A LITTLE DREAM he was a great friend and like to hear people problems and get them to cheer up . MISS YOU TOMMY R.I.P no one will ever forget you. keep on dancing . i know you are looking down on us with a big smile .

February 23 at 8:00 PM



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CF

**Connie Stewart - Friend** posted:

Tommy and I had so many happy memories together...laughing and dancing and joking around. Two memories stick out the most. One was on a night that he needed a ride home from the Boot Scoot. I drove him home there on Abbe Road. I was going through a rough time. He invited me in for coffee and just to talk. We sat there and he cared enough to tell me to keep going and encouraged me to talk it out with regards to some things we were discussing, and then hugged me and made me laugh. He is such a great guy- a wonderful and caring person with a great sense of humor. He also taught me a few dances that night- Good Brown Gravy and the dance we did to Put Some Drive in Your Country. ha ha..he had me laughing and feeling better when I was really down. He always knew just how to lift someone's spirits up. ha ha..The other memory was when my girlfriend, Erin, and I went to the Cleveland Zoo to watch the dance team perform and Tommy hung out with us just talking and laughing. It was a good day. We all had a really good time. I've danced with Tommy up at the Boot and with a lot of others. I miss those days, but I will forever hold fond memories of Tommy in my heart. It's so sad to lose him here, though. He will forever be missed. :(Deepest condolences to your family, Tommy. I know the loss they feel inside right now. I lost my mother, a boyfriend, and many others in my lifetime and I know the pain, hurt, and emptiness that they feel. I pray that God will comfort them in this time and I know that they know that you are smiling down on them and that you are near and dear in their hearts. You had so many talents, Tommy. You touched people's lives in ways that you couldn't even comprehend. Love you and miss you, buddy.God Bless,Connie Stewart

February 20 at 8:00 PM

SU

**Susan - Mom** posted:

well tommy, all the gatherings are over. now the realization of you being gone is really startinbg to sit in. i miss you so very much. so many people came. you would be so happy to know all the friends you really had. even frank came., was good to see him.remember heather? she came too. and poor elaine. she is really having a hard time. and the memories people wrote on your facebook. people surely loved you. will see you again one day. you and dad take care of each other. love, mamma

February 19 at 8:00 PM



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DH

**David R Sugerik - Best Friend/ Brother In Heart** posted:

I can't remember when Tommy and I first met. All our memory's kinda mesh. Tommy and I were best friends and Brother's in heart and soul. I have so many memory's that i could not tell you my best of him, They were all so great. But I'm going to try. Tom and I did what most kids do. He told his MOM he was staying at my house and told mine the same. We decided to go to a friends house at 4 in the morning. When we got there Wes was sleeping on the pool table in the basement so Tommy and me started pounding on the window and screaming Wes's name. Not for one minute thinking that it's 4 am. We kept at it for about 10 minutes when Tommy's eyes got as big a saucers. He looked right at me and yelled RUN. I turn around to see Wes's DAD standing behind me holding a rifle. Tom and I ran till we reached the river, Only to find out that a neighbor had called the cops, and that they had found us... Well they didnt get us. That was the last time we did that. Miss you Tom,,, Love you bro.....

February 17 at 8:00 PM

GS

**Gina Swindell - Sister** posted:

Glad we went to Cedar point last year, that was one of the funnest days you and I spent together in a long time. I'm sure glad we did it. I hope you find Dad. Hug him for me and stay tight. Take care of each other.LU

February 16 at 8:00 PM

DH

**Doris Duceman - Philadelphia, Pa - Co Worker With His Mom** posted:

Sue, There really are no words that can help with your sorrow and loss. Please know that I am thinking of you and praying for you. I wish I was closer so I could give you a hug. Doris

February 15 at 8:00 PM

BL

**Barb & Tom Layton** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. May the words in Isaiah 41:10,13 give you hope and comfort.

February 14 at 8:00 PM

AF

**Angela - Friend** posted:

Keep dancin Tommy.

February 14 at 8:00 PM



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SU

**Susan Johnson - Mom** posted:

Love you Tommy. Give dad a big hug for me and Gina

February 13 at 8:00 PM

KL

**Kim Sugerik - Lagrange, Oh** posted:

I met Tom when we worked at Pizza Hut 17 years ago. I still have the letters he wrote me while working there. He was always making people laugh or just feel good about themselves. Tom Had "A Heart of Gold" and would give anyone the shirt off his back. I am so Glad I was a part of Toms Life for the 17 short years I knew him. He will forever be Branded in my heart and memories... Love and Miss you Tom... "Dream a Little Dream"

February 12 at 8:00 PM

LF

**Lisa Niziolek - Friend** posted:

Dear friend, you will be forever in my heart. May you rest in peace!!

February 12 at 8:00 PM

KF

**Kathy Adkinson/James Moore - Friends** posted:

WE BOTH R SO GLAD TO OF MET U..BUT OUR FRIENDSHIP WASNT LONG ENOUGH...I FEEL SAD U HAD TO LEAVE UR FAMILY AND FRIENDS SO EARLY IN LIFE.....

February 11 at 8:00 PM

JF

**John Ellis - Olmsted Falls, Oh** posted:

May peace be found, and fond memories endure for Tom and family.

February 11 at 8:00 PM

PB

**Pearl Pullman - Streetsboro, Oh - Dance Teacher At Cuy Falls Boot** posted:

My surprise can't be explained. When told, I asked "Do you mean Back-Flip Tom?" That was the title he wore with pride and it made both Boots wild & crazy places to go for fun. We enjoyed his visits to our own club, The Kountry Klub, in Elyria, too. Tom always raised excitement in a room. His charm will be missed. R.I.P.

February 11 at 8:00 PM



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**Jen Herzig - Friend** posted:

My heart goes out to all... Tommy was a great man and a wonderful friend... You will be missed so much...

February 11 at 8:00 PM

LF

**Lisa Coleman - Friend** posted:

I TearsCould Built A StairwayIf tears could build a stairway,and memories a lane,I would walk right up to Heavenand bring you back again.No farewell words were spoken,No time to say "Goodbye",You were gone before I knew it,and only God knows why.My heart still aches with sadness,and secret tears still flow,What it meant to love you-No one can ever know.But know I know you want meto mour for you no more:To remember all the happy times,life still has much in store.Since you'll never be forgotten,I pledge to you tioday-A hollowed place within my heartis where you'll always stay.With all our love and sympathy Wayne & Lisa Coleman.

February 11 at 8:00 PM

RW

**Roxanne Smith - His Friends Wife** posted:

Sorry for your loss

February 11 at 8:00 PM

SF

**Sarah Schmitz - North Ridgeville, Oh - Friend** posted:

Tommy and I met at the boot in Ridgeville. What a amazing friend! I really dont know where to start and then where to end. I cant believe this happened, but he will continue to make people smile and dance.Tommy continue doing what you were doing!

February 11 at 8:00 PM

PF

**Paula Hembree - Friend** posted:

dont know him that well i knew him only a short time and a great friend to hang out with he was a good friend and a great listener, try to lift up spirits when someone is down. he is going to be missed . he was a great guy and he was fun to be around r.i.p. tommy - we all love you- now you are with the angles watching over us

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**Carrie Ortiz - Friend** posted:

I met Tommy in the summer of 95' at the Boot II. He asked me out on a couple of dates. Loved his smile and charm. He was the perfect gentleman.....I am sure Tommy is a dancing angel in heaven.....RIP~

February 11 at 8:00 PM

AF

**Aaron Quine - Medina, Oh - Friend** posted:

I met Tommy in 94-95 ish at the Boot I in the Falls and then he got us to come out to Boot II when it opened. We did the hat dance together and traveled to different country bars and met a lot of friends over the years. As soon as he came off the dance floor, the girls would instantly swarm him. lolGonna miss ya buddy, Show em how to dance & do back flips in heaven.R.I.P.Aaron Quine

February 10 at 8:00 PM

JF

**Julie - Friend** posted:

He was a good friend

February 10 at 8:00 PM

SM

**Susan Johnson,,,,Mom,,, - Lorain, Oh - Mother** posted:

i will love you always. too many memories to list. you will be missed more then you will ever know. your with your best friend now, dad, he will take care of you. i love you, mom

February 10 at 8:00 PM

TF

**Toni - Euclid, Oh - Friend** posted:

I met Tommy through the Boot Scoot and Salon in North Ridgeville... He was an excellent line dancer... never missed a beat I always remember him with a smile on his face ... even if someone was having a bad day... Tommy would always get that person to smile...Myself and my friend Alicia would always hang with Tommy and alot of others on the dance team I miss those days and Im truely going to miss Tommy... and his smile.My thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

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JF

**Jen Zavada - Youngstown, Oh - Friend** posted:

I met Tommy @ The Boot Scootin' Saloon...we called him back flip Tommy because he did back flips to Good Brown Gravy!! He was always smiling...I will miss you Tommy...R.I.P.

February 10 at 8:00 PM

KF

**Krysta Mullins - Friend** posted:

Tommy & I met years ago on Myspace. Through the years we would always seem to find each other on whatever site we were on....Myspace, MyYearbook & Facebook. Tommy's personality was something that is a rare find in this world. I was wrestling with the idea of going back to school for a degree in Veterinary Technology when Tommy passed. After knowing him & reading that he might have lost his life to save his animals, I have decided to go for it. I know he would have wanted me to. Tommy has been an inspiration in life & in death. I will miss talking to him & seeing his comments on my profiles. To Sue I just want to say thank you for giving us all a chance to know Tommy. To Gina, even though I have never met you I can tell that you & Tommy were close & very lucky to have each other. I wish I could make it to the celebration of his life, but please know that I will be celebrating his life every time I help an animal.

February 10 at 8:00 PM

JG

**John And Linda Pardee - Amherst, Oh - Friends Of Rob And Gina** posted:

"Neither fire nor wind, birth nor death can erase our good deeds."-Buddha. We never met Thomas but because of him, others will live on. All of our love to Thomas' family.

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CF

**Cristy And Rick Zickefoose - Friend** posted:

When we were kids I can remember tom comming to my house on Salem Ave. and hanging out doing back flips or always telling a joke to get someone yo laugh we love you tommy and miss you. To the family if you need anything please ask. We are so sorry for your loss.

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GS

**Gina Swindell - Lorain, Oh - Sister** posted:

Love you Bro. We had some good times together. I will remember those, they meant a lot.

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**Kelly Anderson - Alliance, Oh - Friends** posted:

My heart goes out to Sue, Gina and other friends and family. I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers. Tom tried his hardest to get me to come see him and I will always regret that I didn't. Such a special man who will be missed.

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**Elaine Georgas - Lorain, Oh** posted:

My prayers and sympathies to Sue, Gina and Rob on the loss of your son, brother and friend. May the memories of his spirit remain with you always.

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# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Thomas by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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