



## Thomas Irvin Holland, Jr.

April 14, 1924 - August 15, 2012

Graveside service for Thomas Irvin Holland, Jr., age 88, of Decatur, who died Wednesday, August 15, 2012, at Decatur General Hospital, will be 10:00 a.m., Saturday, August 18, 2012, at Morris Chapel Cemetery with Shelton Funeral Home directing.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Monsanto Oil Company was like a FAMILY. We knew each other, we cherished each other... are there companies like this any more around?. So, we cry over each other because we are losing an essential cell of the, well, I would risk to say - an old fashion human chain... To the family - all my preyers for Thomas and for you to get an haevenly comfort to agree on His departure to the better world, we will miss Him at the next Monsanto gathering, but He will be with us because we remeber Him and his contributions to the company and the comradery. Rest in Peace Thomas, sooner or later we will follow you, Good bless all family and friends in pain...*



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**Adam Golunski** - August 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ To the family of Thomas I. Holland, Jr I send sincerest condolences for the loss of my special friend so kind and caring always. I worked with Tom at Monsanto Oil Company in Houston, Texas until he retired. When I started working for Monsanto Tom was on vacation. When he returned to work he welcomed me with open arms. That was the beginning of a lifelong friendship. (1981) We have always kept in touch. When he would come to Houston for many years, his desire was to spend Saturday with Gloria on her back patio. We would talk for hours. As Houston began to grow, I would go by the hotel and pick him up. He would tell Johnny how much he loved me and was thankful that he would let me be his date for the day. A little over two weeks ago he sent me a little lucky green turtle charm that was especially for me. His note said he would see me in October. I tried to call him but could not reach him. I can go on and on about Tom, I have met several of his family members over the years. He loved his boys and grand kids. I shall cherish my gifts he has given me over the years, but the last one I will carry with me always, with this note that came with it: A lucky little turtle especially for you, to bring good luck the whole day though. A smile it carries and this special wishes for days of sunshine and happiness!!! To God be the Glory, for all he has given me. Thomas I. Holland, Jr. it has been a joy to have you in my life.



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Rosie ""Nell"" Spencer - August 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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*“ It is with great sadness that I learned of Tom's death. I talked with him recently and was so pleased that he was feeling good and was so happy with his pacemaker. His biggest concern was trying to find his beloved cat that had disappeared during the time he had been in the hospital. I enjoyed working with Tom at Monsanto, and he was such a delight to visit with. I loved his very southern accent and expressions. Tom had an impressive war record during WWII, and he was so thrilled to finally get to go see the WWII Memorial in Washington DC last year -- a well deserved honor. I shall miss Tom very much. I send my sincere condolences to his family. Carolyn Miracle Ross  
Houston, TX*



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**Carolyn Miracle Ross** - August 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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*“ To the family of Tom Holland: I and my husband Alan send our sincerest condolences for the loss of a dear, kind and caring gentleman. I worked with Tom at Monsanto Oil Company in Houston, Texas. We maintained contact over the years after his retirement. We were very happy to hear that he was feeling so great and planning to join us at our annual reunion again next April. It is a sad time just knowing that he will not be there. Wishing you peace. With kindest regards, Gloria Cain Spring, Texas*



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**Gloria Cain** - August 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM