



Thomas Bartels

December 20, 1947 - May 19, 2025

Thomas E. Bartels passed away on May 19, 2025. Dearly beloved husband of Delores. Loving father of David (Missy), Kristin (Lowell) Staggs, and Jonathan (Sara). Loving stepfather of Matt Cunningham. Dear grandfather of Luke, Grace, Adam, Logan, Ben, and Will Bartels; and Alexa, Patrick, Jack, and Sean Cunningham. Former principal of Laremont school in Gages Lake, Illinois. Former president of the Illinois Council for Exceptional Children and president of the MRDD division of the Council for Exceptional Children. He loved his family and he loved to fish. In lieu of flowers, donations to Habitat for Humanity or your local food bank would be appreciated. Visitation and viewing will be 4 – 8 p.m. on Thursday, May 22, 2025 at Ringa Funeral Home in Lake Villa, IL.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **22**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

SA

“ I'm sorry to say that I had the pleasure of knowing Tom for only a brief time. He sometimes came to play poker with our group on Wednesday nights, and he was quite the player! I did not like having to go up against him. :) I will remember him as a very nice man. As someone who has also worked with exceptional children, I am in awe of the life's work he devoted to them. I am very sad that he has passed, but I am certain there is a special seat in heaven for him.

Susan Andres - May 23, 2025 at 03:32 PM

BB

“ My brother Tom was one of the kindest and most compassionate people I have ever know. We grew up in a very loving home and it gives me great peace of mind to know that he will be with our parents for eternity.

He was a loving brother and wonderful Uncle and Great Uncle to my daughters, Brittany, Kelsey, and Lindsey as well as to my grand children, Ada and Isaac.

He is in Gods hands now.

Bob Bartels - May 22, 2025 at 12:29 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Thomas Bartels.

May 22, 2025 at 11:58 AM

AW

“ Tom was a kind and generous man. I'll never forget the words of comfort he spoke to me at a low point in my life. The heavens will shine brighter with him in it. God rest his soul.



Arlene Wargo - May 22, 2025 at 10:15 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas Bartels.



May 21, 2025 at 10:26 PM

EH

“ Eric, Amanda, McKinsey, Ralynn & Henry purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Thomas Bartels.



Eric, Amanda, McKinsey, Ralynn & Henry - May 21, 2025 at 09:11 PM

DK

“ Tom was my first friend when he moved to Rolling Meadows. We went to school in a 3 bedroom house on Campbell Dr. This cousin Ronnie DeStories drove us to football practice as freshman. He was a good man. Gods speed my friend.

David Knudsen - May 20, 2025 at 04:43 PM

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Thanks for remembering David, he lived a very good and full life. Bob Bartels

Bob Bartels - May 22, 2025 at 12:14 AM