



# Thomas Lackhouse

January 29, 1970 - April 28, 2024

Thomas “Tommy” Roy Lackhouse

## Man of Many Roles

Thomas Roy Lackhouse, 54, died unexpectedly on Sunday, April 28th, 2024, relaxing in his hot tub after a long day.

Tommy was born on January 29th, 1970 in Oak Forest, IL son of the late Norman and Alice Lackhouse. Tommy grew up with 5 siblings. Brothers, Daniel (Brianna) Lackhouse, Norman Lackhouse, Gary Lackhouse, and Sisters, Karen (William) Ellinghaus and Sandra Lackhouse, whom he absolutely adored. Tommy lived for his family. His Nieces and Nephews were the World to him - Aubrie Lackhouse, Audrey Lackhouse, Austin Lackhouse, Jeffrey Carollo, Matthew Carollo, Jessica (Trinidad) Cordero, Trevor Lackhouse, Kasandra Lackhouse, Jason Lackhouse, Billy (Stephanie) Ellinghaus, Blake Ellinghaus, Brittany Ellinghaus, Bradley Ellinghaus, Brooke Ellinghaus and his great-nieces and nephews – Bryson Carollo, Avery Carollo, Dalton Carollo and Mia Cordero.

Tommy met the love of his life, Trudy Maatta, in 2012. We never saw Tommy without Trudy. They did everything together. He immediately adopted her family as his own. Len and Fay Alu were second parents to Tom. Mitch and

Amanda Maatta were his step-kids and he cherished his step-grandkids, Lexi Bulvia, Anderson Bulvia, Gracie Maatta, and Dawson Maatta. And we can't forget his Babies (Dogs) Gunner and Max.

Tommy was a hard worker and always available to help, whether it was working on his home, helping at the cottage, or helping others with their home projects. He had a successful career at UL for 35 plus years and earned his bachelor's degree in engineering during that time.

Tommy had a passion for water and speed. He loved to boat, wave run, and 4-wheel. Although he always preached "Safety First" he could be described as a little reckless (hence the name of his boat "Loose Nut" and as much as he enjoyed these activities, he enjoyed them more when he could share them with his family and friends. He loved taking his nieces, nephews, and step-grandkids boating, skiing, tubing, and fishing. Family was Everything!

Tommy was truly a man of many roles, a son, brother, uncle, great-uncle, life partner, and role model. He was always laughing, and smiling, loved to be goofy, was the Master on the Grill, and had a lot to say on his views about politics-MAGA ? Tommy taught us life is too short to take too seriously. His life was taken too soon, and he will truly be missed by those who had the pleasure of knowing him. Tommy, you will live in our hearts and memories forever. Rest in Peace – We Love You!

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Friday, May 3, 2024, at Ringa Funeral Home in Lake Villa, IL. A funeral service will begin at 1 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Cremation will take place privately after the service.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 3.** 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

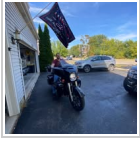
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## Funeral Service

**MAY 3.** 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ I worked with and became good friends with Tom for many years. He was a fantastic person and always told me how much he cared for Trudy and the rest of his family. At work, he was one of the best people I’ve ever worked with. I really enjoyed talking about life with him and laughing at his clever jokes. I was very sad when I heard that he had passed. His presence was truly remarkable. His warmth, humor, and genuine kindness are qualities that left a lasting impression on everyone who had the privilege of knowing him. His presence is something I will never forget. My condolences to his family.

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**Jeff Kissinger** - May 26, 2024 at 03:36 PM

EF

“ Edward F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Lackhouse.

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**Edward F.** - May 08, 2024 at 03:52 PM

CN

“ Please accept my condolences.

*Craig Norkus*

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**Craig Norkus** - May 02, 2024 at 01:45 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Thomas Lackhouse.*



May 02, 2024 at 11:25 AM



“ *The Graham Family and Karen Majka purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Thomas Lackhouse.*



**The Graham Family and Karen Majka** - May 01, 2024 at 05:55 PM



“ *North Region EMS System purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Thomas Lackhouse.*



**North Region EMS System** - May 01, 2024 at 02:07 PM



“ *The Galkantas Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Lackhouse.*

**The Galkantas Family** - May 01, 2024 at 09:59 AM

TF

“ The Galkantas Family purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Thomas Lackhouse.



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**The Galkantas Family** - May 01, 2024 at 09:59 AM

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“ The Giroux Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Thomas Lackhouse.



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**The Giroux Family** - May 01, 2024 at 09:30 AM

KK

“ Kimberly K. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Lackhouse.

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**Kimberly K.** - April 30, 2024 at 08:48 PM

FF

“ Fire Investigators Strike Force planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Lackhouse.

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**Fire Investigators Strike Force** - April 30, 2024 at 05:42 PM

FF

“ *Fire Investigators Strike Force purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Thomas Lackhouse.*



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**Fire Investigators Strike Force** - April 30, 2024 at 05:42 PM

NA

“ *Northern Illinois Fire Inspectors Assoc. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Lackhouse.*

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**Northern Illinois Fire Inspectors Assoc.** - April 30, 2024 at 05:30 PM

NA

“ *Northern Illinois Fire Inspectors Assoc. purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Thomas Lackhouse.*



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**Northern Illinois Fire Inspectors Assoc.** - April 30, 2024 at 05:30 PM

BS

“ *Blake S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Lackhouse.*

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**Blake S.** - April 30, 2024 at 03:21 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas Lackhouse.*



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April 30, 2024 at 12:44 PM



“ *Great to have known you, Tom - you were a genuinely nice person. Condolences to the family, as all will miss you.*

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**Doug Miller** - April 30, 2024 at 11:00 AM



“ *UL Solutions, Built Environment planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Lackhouse.*

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**UL Solutions, Built Environment** - April 30, 2024 at 09:18 AM



“ *UL Solutions, Built Environment purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Thomas Lackhouse.*



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**UL Solutions, Built Environment** - April 30, 2024 at 09:18 AM