



## Thomas W. Yingling

July 25, 1951 - December 19, 2021

Thomas (Tom) Yingling passed away on the morning of December 19, 2021 in his home, surrounded by family. Tom died peacefully under hospice care after three years of treatment for lymphoma, which he faced with humor, grace and persistence.

Tom is preceded in death by his parents Charles and Jean (Potesta) Yingling. Tom is survived by Judi (Mabie) Yingling, his wife of 48 years, his daughter Alisa Yingling (Dan Hammett), as well as his sons Charlie Yingling (Hector Jose) and Sam Yingling (Lowell Jaffe). Tom's grandchildren, the lights of his life, survive him as well: Josie Hammett-Yingling, James Jose-Yingling, Madeleine Jaffe, Drew Jaffe and Max Jaffe. Tom's sister, Grace (Yingling) Golden, and numerous cherished nieces and nephews also carry on his legacy.

Tom grew up in Wildwood, IL where he met his beloved Judi when they were still children. Tom and Judi were one another's first love and began dating when Tom was 16 and Judi was 15. Partners in life and in business, Tom and Judi owned multiple businesses in the northern Lake County region: The Big Dipper Miniature Golf Course in Wildwood, the Red Noodle Restaurant in Round Lake Beach, the Sweet Stoppe in Wildwood and for the past 20 years, New Century Real Estate in Round Lake Beach.

Residents of Lake Villa for more than 40 years, Tom and Judi created a home filled with love and joy for their three children and extended families. The Yingling house was known as a place where all were welcome with warmth and love.

Tom was a community leader whose generosity was boundless. He served in formal leadership roles including the Lake Villa School Board and the Round Lake Area Chamber of Commerce. But, Tom's greatest impact in his community was through his anonymous acts of extraordinary generosity. Tom could not help himself from offering up his time or resources when he learned of someone in need. Countless individuals and families have benefited from Tom's kindness without ever knowing it.

A celebration of Tom's life and memory will begin with a wake to be held at Ringa Funeral Home 122 S. Milwaukee Ave, Route 83 in Lake Villa, IL on December 27, 2021 from 3pm-7pm. An additional visitation will take place on Tuesday December 28, 2021 from 9 - 10 am at Prince of Peace Church 135 S. Milwaukee Ave with a funeral mass at 10am. The mass will be live streamed at [facebook.com/RingaFH](https://facebook.com/RingaFH) Interment at Avon Centre Cemetery will follow the mass.

For those attending the wake or funeral, please honor Tom's love of his family and friends by wearing a mask to protect one another.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 27. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Ringa Funeral Home  
122 S. Milwaukee Ave.  
Lake Villa, IL 60046  
info@ringafuneralhome.com  
<http://www.ringafuneralhome.com>

## Second Visitation

DEC 28. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Prince of Peace Catholic Church  
135 S. Milwaukee Ave  
Lake Villa, IL 60046  
(847) 356-7915

## Live Cast

DEC 28. 10:00 AM.

[facebook.com/RingaFH](https://facebook.com/RingaFH)

## Mass

DEC 28. 10:00 AM (CT)

Prince of Peace Catholic Church  
135 S. Milwaukee Ave  
Lake Villa, IL 60046  
(847) 356-7915

## Burial

DEC 28 (CT)

Avon Centre Cemetery  
Rte 83 & Shorewood Rd  
Grayslake, IL

# Tribute Wall



“ Thomas W. Yingling

October 04, 2023 at 02:13 PM



“ Thomas W. Yingling

December 31, 2022 at 11:36 AM



“ [Memorial Trees](https://www.ringafuneralhome.com/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was purchased for the family of Thomas W. Yingling.

December 27, 2021 at 05:07 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas W. Yingling.



December 25, 2021 at 04:52 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Thomas W. Yingling.



December 25, 2021 at 02:24 PM

GS

“ Tom was the best fort builder in Wildwood from the 4th grade as well as the most efficient paperboy Wildwood ever had.



Gail Sebastian - December 24, 2021 at 12:05 PM

MD

“ Mike & Gail Dufern purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Thomas W. Yingling.



Mike & Gail Dufern - December 24, 2021 at 11:19 AM



“ Rose Tribute was purchased for the family of Thomas W. Yingling.



December 23, 2021 at 06:17 PM

RH

“ Round Lake Heights purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Thomas W. Yingling.



Round Lake Heights - December 23, 2021 at 10:04 AM

MD

“ Tom was a force for good. Whether he be attending a political event or just stopping by the office to say "Hi" - he always lit up the room and was a joy to be around. He was caring, generous, incredibly kind and funny. I'll never forget going door to door in Wildwood on behalf of Sam and the outpouring of support - simply invoking his and Judi's names! May Tom's memory be a blessing. Sending our love to the entire Yingling family and friends. Michael, Erin, and Beatrix.

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**Michael Dobrow** - December 22, 2021 at 02:09 PM

SB

“ State Rep Mark Batinick purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Thomas W. Yingling.



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**State Rep Mark Batinick** - December 22, 2021 at 01:29 PM

AH

“ To Judi and all the family and friends of Tom. We are are so sad and upset to hear of his passing. We have so many warm and happy memories of Tom, from his wonderful speech at Alisa and Dan's wedding (2002) to haggling for Linda's leather jacket in Italy! His preference for spaghetti and red sauce is legendary in the Hammett family, as was his generosity, humour and love. We fondly remember is bemusement at The English Christmas Pantomime (oh yes he was, oh no he wasn't) Dan explain. Rest in peace dear Tom you'll be forever in our hearts. Love Harry and Linda Hammett

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**Adrian Hammett** - December 22, 2021 at 07:06 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas W. Yingling.*



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December 22, 2021 at 12:20 AM



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



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December 21, 2021 at 04:43 PM



“ *So very sorry to hear of Toms passing... He was a great guy. Chris Jackson*

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**Chris Jackson** - December 21, 2021 at 04:30 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Thomas W. Yingling.*



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December 21, 2021 at 03:12 PM

VG

“ Valerie Gurley purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Thomas W. Yingling.



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Valerie Gurley - December 21, 2021 at 12:22 PM

H2

“ On my 1st day of High School, the last class of the day, when the class was over, a guy sitting next to me asked me if I wanted to be his friend.... Since we seemed to get along well during class and he didn't seem to me to be a serial killer..... I said ok to his proposal. The guys name was Tom Yingling..... and we soon became Partners in Crime aka: (BEST FRIENDS).... that was September, 1965.... We have been a part of each other's life for over 56 years.... I remember Tom's 1st date with Judi and how he knew she was the one, right from the start (He only had eyes for Judi).... Our Families knew us as much more than Best Friends and more like: Brothers. We were "Best Man" in each other's Wedding, Godfathers to our children, and BEST FRIENDS throughout... Oh Tom, you are the GREATEST, BEST FRIEND that I could ever have imagined.... Tom, THANKS for being My BEST FRIEND ❤️💕 I LOVE 💕 YOU and Miss you (SO MUCH), My FRIEND..

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Herb 2 - December 21, 2021 at 11:47 AM

KH

“ Kathleen Henning purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Thomas W. Yingling.



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Kathleen Henning - December 21, 2021 at 10:52 AM

C/

“ Curtis/Beth, Marcia/Kipp, Paul /Janet purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Thomas W. Yingling.



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**Curtis/Beth, Marcia/Kipp, Paul /Janet** - December 21, 2021 at 10:00 AM



“ Charlie and family,  
I am so sorry for your loss. May you find peace, love, and comfort within your family during this difficult time.



*My sincere condolences,  
Heather Jones  
UM School of Nursing*

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**Heather Jones** - December 21, 2021 at 09:53 AM

DT

“ For many years, our family was blessed, having the opportunity living next door to the Yinglings. I cannot say enough about how wonderful of a family they are. Tom set examples. He was always so kind and thoughtful. My children who were under 8 years old at the time, still remember the kindness of both Mr and Mrs Yingling. Thank you Tom for the life lessons, kindness and love for your fellow man.

*Don, Jane, Daniel and Nicholas Traska*

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**Don Traska** - December 21, 2021 at 09:32 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas W. Yingling.*



December 21, 2021 at 09:19 AM



“ *Dean Patricia Hurn & UM Sch of Nursing purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Thomas W. Yingling.*



**Dean Patricia Hurn & UM Sch of Nursing** - December 21, 2021 at 09:17 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Thomas W. Yingling.*



December 20, 2021 at 08:57 PM



“ *There aren't words-you are so special to us, Uncle Tom. Thank you for all the wonderful memories and demonstrating what it looks like to always lead with kindness. We love you, Aunt Judi, Alisa, Charlie and Sam always.*

**LaRae Bane** - December 20, 2021 at 07:51 PM

H2

😊 Uncle Tom was SO PROUD and HONORED that you ❤️ had him "OFFICIATE" your and Jeff's Wedding.

Herb 2 - December 24, 2021 at 02:31 PM



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



December 20, 2021 at 07:26 PM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Thomas W. Yingling.



December 20, 2021 at 06:43 PM

LF

“ Larry Potesta and Family. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Thomas W. Yingling.



Larry Potesta and Family. - December 20, 2021 at 05:50 PM

JF

“ Prayers and thoughts with your family Alan & Joyce Frayer

joyce frayer - December 20, 2021 at 05:43 PM

MT

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with my friends, the entire Yingling family. I praise God Tom and his crew were a part if my life. Always kind (and funny), knowledge in his R.E. craft and a great husband, father, grandpa and friend.*

*God's peace to his family.*

*Rest now my friend. See you in the morning of our brand new life*



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**Margie Taylor** - December 20, 2021 at 05:34 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Thomas W. Yingling.*



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December 20, 2021 at 05:11 PM

H3

“ *Uncle Tom was my Godfather and best friend to my dad since they were in school. Him and my aunt Judi are 2 of the nicest people I've ever had the privilege to call family. I didn't get to see them as much as I would have liked.*

*But I have so many memories with them and Alisa, Charlie and Sam. He will be missed by more than I know. But he's in pain no longer. God took back one of his greatest creations. Much love sent to the Yinglings. I'm here if you want to talk. Love Herby, aka H3*



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**Herb 3** - December 20, 2021 at 04:56 PM

GG

*Such a beautiful sentiment....❤️*

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**grace golden** - December 20, 2021 at 06:19 PM

H2

*H3, Tom would always ask: (How's Herby doing?), whenever I talked with him.... even though all of his own pain and suffering 💔😞  
We 💕 LOVE 💕 U and miss you SO much Tom...*

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**Herb 2** - December 22, 2021 at 12:14 PM