



Thomas P. Stowell

April 18, 1951 - June 19, 2021

Thomas Patrick Stowell, 70, of Decatur, passed away June 19, 2021 at home.

Thomas was born April 18, 1951, in Quincy, Illinois, the son of Arthur Francis and Mildred Mabel (Werner) Stowell. He earned a BS in Psychology from Quincy University and an MS in Environmental Science from the University of Illinois, Springfield. He worked as a Quality Control Analyst for Firestone for thirty years.

Thomas was a member of Ss. James and Patrick Parish. He loved music and animals, especially his dog André and two cats, Mo and Seno. He was interested in everyone he met and enjoyed visiting with family, friends, and his guests at the Olive Garden.

Thomas is survived by his daughters Victoria (Nicholas) McNeely of Decatur and Katherine (Sean Kelly) Stowell of Madison, WI; his granddaughter Lucille McNeely; his daughters' sister Sophie Schwalbach; his former spouse Kim Schwalbach; and a host of extended family members. Thomas was preceded in death by parents and brother Arthur Francis Stowell.

Cremation services will be provided by Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Services. A memorial service for Thomas will be held at 2pm on Sunday, June 27 at Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home. Visitation will be at 1:30pm prior to the service. The service will be livestreamed at www.funeralvue.com/login/event#55988. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Thomas Stowell Memorial Fund at the Macon County Animal Shelter Foundation, PO Box 633, Decatur, IL 62525-0633. Condolences may be left for the family at www.gracelandfairlawn.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 27. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Graceland Fairlawn Funeral Home
2091 N. Oakland Avenue
Decatur, IL 62526
<https://www.gracelandfairlawn.com/>

Memorial Service

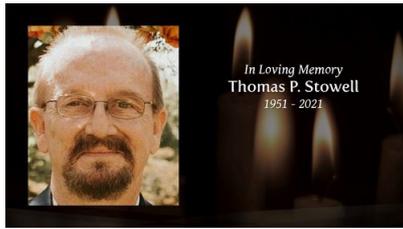
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Tribute Wall



“ *Graceland Fairlawn created a Tribute Video in memory of Thomas P. Stowell*



Graceland Fairlawn - June 25, 2021 at 05:42 PM



“ *Thomas P. Stowell*

July 12 at 09:11 PM



“ *He was a very kind man that I knew from the Olive Garden and would love to have known otherwise. Very very sweet. RIP Tom.*

Teri HanksLibell Kent Libell - July 19, 2021 at 09:45 PM



“ *Teri HanksLibell Kent Libell lit a candle in memory of Thomas P. Stowell*



Teri HanksLibell Kent Libell - July 19, 2021 at 09:43 PM



“ *I only knew Tom from being a customer at OG
I wish I would have taken more time to get to know him. He came across as being a very friendly person and from what I have gathered he was much more. R. I. P.*

Bob - July 03, 2021 at 10:18 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas P. Stowell.*



June 26, 2021 at 11:49 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas P. Stowell.*



June 26, 2021 at 04:11 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas P. Stowell.*



June 24, 2021 at 05:40 PM

CM

“ *I was so saddened by Tom's sudden departure from us, as are so many. He was our daughter-in-law's (Tori's) dad. That's the only way I thought of him until March of 2020 when our family began meeting for dinner @ noon every Sunday, when everything shut down. Tom was also part of our Sunday dinner group, so I've come to think of him as part of our family. So, we've seen him every Sunday for well over a year, with few exceptions. While I'd be cooking or cleaning up the dishes, many times he would stand in the kitchen & we'd have a long conversation. During the meal, he always came back for seconds! We came to know him as a very kind, intelligent, thoughtful man, with a good sense of humor, who loved his daughters and granddaughter, especially. And, he was always very appreciative. We will miss his presence with us. I'm so thankful that we got to know him during this period of time and will miss him greatly.*

I especially wish Tori and Kat strength during this time of grief and may the Lord comfort you and guide you as you navigate through all the details that will need to be handled. Love to the whole family.

Cheryl McNeely - June 24, 2021 at 04:13 PM

LB

“ Sorry to hear of thomas passing i knew him when firestone closed and he worked for wia/ides to help his fellow co workers from firestone get other employment very nice man sorry for your loss and condolences to all effected

Linda Banks - June 24, 2021 at 08:47 AM

JL

“ Our condolences to the family. He was always a kind and gentleman. Always enjoyed seeing and visiting with him. He will be truly missed by all that new and loved him. May He rest in peace

Jack & Barb Lamont - June 23, 2021 at 10:12 AM

NM

“ Tom was my father-in-law, but he was much more than that to me. He was a friend, fellow musician, and lover of all things artistic. He had a high level of appreciation for all kinds of music. He was highly intelligent, but always humble. He was immediately accepting and supportive of my relationship with his daughter Tori (and for that I have always been most grateful). I couldn't have had a better second Dad. He was a mentor and giver of sage-wisdom.. to anyone who needed it. He was kind, stoic, thoughtful, respectful, caring, consistent, quirky, fun, and humorous. I always enjoyed prodding him for stories from his past - about the music scene during his hey day and he always obliged. The best conversationalist around. I'm so thankful for my time spent with him, but deeply wish I could have more... Tom will be sorely missed by so many. He has a beautiful soul and I will forever cherish every last memory that I have with him.

Nick McNeely - June 22, 2021 at 05:30 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas P. Stowell.



June 22, 2021 at 11:33 AM

CI

“ Sorry to hear this, my condolences and prayers to the family during this difficult time. Tom had recently come to work for AD Binder Plumbing to be my back up for payroll and vacations. In the short time that I knew him I could tell he was a good man. He talked about his daughters with great pride and was very proud of the woman you have become. I enjoyed talking with him and he will be greatly missed. Again, prayers to all.



Cindy - June 22, 2021 at 10:25 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Thomas P. Stowell.



June 22, 2021 at 10:20 AM

EJ

“ Sending nothing but love and peace to Tori and Kat (and the family). You were lucky girls indeed to be so loved. XOXO—Auntie, Uncle Rich, Jace, Sade and Mae

Erika Juliano - June 22, 2021 at 12:00 AM

CO

“ I'm so sorry to hear this. Prayers to the family. Tom recent came to AD Binder to be a back up for our payroll. In the short time I knew he was a good guy. He will truly be missed. My condolences to you all during g this difficult time.



Cindy Osborn - June 21, 2021 at 09:18 PM

PP

I learned of Tom's death from the March 2022 issue of the alumni bulletin from Quincy University. Tom was a student of mine in the psychology department. I thought the world of him. He was inquisitive, funny and soft -spoken all at the same time. When I know Tom in the 1970s, he had long stringy hair, which like many of us, has passed on. My condolences to his family. He was a memorable and much loved student of mine. Pete Prunkl

Pete Prunkl - March 30 at 05:54 PM