



Thomas A. St. Louis

November 10, 1962 - December 11, 2024

It is with profound sorrow that the family announces the passing of Thomas A. St. Louis, 62, of Bradley, Illinois. Tom was born in Kankakee on November 10th, 1962 at St. Mary's Hospital to parents Anthony St. Louis and JoAnn (Raymond) St. Louis. He passed away in his home on December 11th, 2024 surrounded by his family and loved ones following a prolonged fight with pancreatic cancer. He was under the tender and loving care of Dr. Mark Kozloff of the University of Chicago and Uplifted Care of Bourbonnais, IL.

He is preceded in death by his parents Anthony A. St. Louis and JoAnn F. (Raymond) St. Louis. Tom is survived by his children Christine Nicole St. Louis and Christopher Anthony St. Louis. Siblings; Pamela Iverson, Roger St. Louis and Robert (Mitzi) St. Louis. Nieces; Marisa Perzee, Stacie Hoover, Amy Hoover, and Deanna Hoover. Numerous great nieces, nephews, cousins and mother of his children, Stacey St. Louis.

Tom attended St. Patrick's Grade School in Kankakee and graduated from Westview High School in 1980. While still in high school, he began working at The Daily Journal in the mailroom. After his graduation, Tom would be promoted to the role of pressman as a part of the USA Today crew. He continued his dedication to printing both USA Today and the local news and

would go on to receive several awards and accolades alongside his coworkers whom he considered to be a second family. After 44 years, Tom stopped the printing press for the final time and began his retirement.

In his younger years, Tom enjoyed boating and was a fisherman throughout his life, spending time on the water whenever he could. He traveled to Canada on several occasions to his favorite fishing spot with his friends. As someone who preferred being outside, you could always find him taking care of his lawn, sitting on his patio, or enjoying a bonfire in the summer evenings.

Another staple of Tom was his passion for cooking. A self-proclaimed, “out of the box cook,” Tom enjoyed making his signature dishes to be enjoyed with family at the dinner table. He ensured that anyone that came to his house never left hungry. Tom especially enjoyed grilling in the summer and finding new ways to get creative in the kitchen.

Among the numerous passions Tom had, none was more prevalent than his love for motorcycles and motorcycle racing. His passion was fostered by lessons from his father and a natural mechanical aptitude as a young boy. His love for all things two-wheeled was a shared love with two brothers. Together, the three of them would go on long rides across several states, the longest of which was roughly 500 miles one way. When he wasn't riding his motorcycles, he was talking about them, regularly following and watching MotoGP and collecting memorabilia from the world's most elite riders for more than two decades.

Tom's humor, home-cooked meals, and affinity for the outdoors will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. He'll be remembered with reverence

for his dedication to his family and his love for his children.

He was an avid supporter of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The family asks that donations be made in his honor.

Tribute Wall

MC

“ Went to St. Patrick's grade school in Kankakee with Tommy from 1968 - 1976, he was a great friend. He will be missed. 😭😭. RIP Tommy, you were too young.

Matthew Chavez - March 18 at 07:14 AM

JS

“ Just learned of Tom's passing. He was one of the kindest, funniest, peaceful guys I'd ever known. He will be missed.

Jeff C. Satterwhite

Jeff C Satterwhite - December 27, 2024 at 09:29 PM

JF

“ Your family has our deepest sympathy at this most difficult time

Joe and Carol Fritz - December 19, 2024 at 06:48 PM

CH

“ Tom and I worked at The Daily Journal for many years. He was one of the nicest, kindest and most dedicated persons I have ever known. He always had a smile on his face, and he demonstrated a positive influence on those around him. He will be greatly missed. Sending my deepest sympathy to his family at this terribly difficult time.

Christine Huffman

Christine Huffman - December 18, 2024 at 05:10 PM

PW

“ I met Tommy on the career center bus in 1977. We became instant friends. I loved his sense of humor and kindness. The world was a better place with him in it. We would ride around for hours talking and laughing at the square! You will be missed by many. Rest in peace my friend.

patty Winterroth - December 17, 2024 at 09:26 AM

LK

“ Tom was best man in our wedding, 42 years ago. Such a great guy and friend to my husband, Dale in their early years! Our sincere condolences, thoughts and prayers to Tom's family💕💕💕💕

Laura Kerouac - December 17, 2024 at 12:18 AM

CG

“ Tom was a great friend back in high school days and then we had the pleasure of being with him and his family throughout the Bradley School system as our kids were in the same grades and did sports and music. And then i had the pleasure with working at a local hospital with him during his final work days. He was a great man. Sending our sincere condolences to his children Christine and Christopher and his family. 🙏🙏🙏

C Giacchino - December 16, 2024 at 06:12 PM

KA

“ One of our Poplar street kids. RIP Tommy!!
Karen Adame

karen adame - December 16, 2024 at 05:16 PM

VS

“ *I didn't know very well because I was his new neighbor. I wish to express my condolences to his loved ones. My dog Molly became friends with Tom And Chris and would visit with them daily. He was a kind man. RIP Tom*

veronica sims - December 16, 2024 at 04:41 PM