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Thomas A. Keck, Jr., 87, passed away on Friday, December 4, 2020 at Clarissa Cook Hospice House, surrounded by his children. Visitation will be at 1:00 pm. on Friday, December 11, 2020 at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Decatur. A mass of Christian burial will follow at 2:00 pm. Burial will be at Boiling Springs Cemetery. Tom was born on August 29, 1933 to Thomas and Beata (Lorenz) Keck, Sr. He served in the United States Army and was stationed in Alaska. He worked as an engineer at Caterpillar for 38 years. On June 30, 1956, he married Louanne Rakers. Together they celebrated over 63 years of marriage. They enjoyed their retirement years by traveling to exotic locations like Hong Kong, China, Australia, Thailand, the United Kingdom, Germany, the Netherlands, New Orleans, and Las Vegas with family and friends. They also enjoyed traveling the country with their children and grandchildren and going on family vacations to Disney World, Branson, Gatlinburg and Williamsburg. Tom was an accomplished woodworker, making toys and trivets on his scroll saw to give to family and friends. He was a gifted handyman who used his talents to help friends and family with renovations and repairs. He was an avid golfer and last summer he took up kayaking with his daughters. Tom is survived by his children, Tom (Lynn), Karen (Sam), Kevin (Bernadine), and Kathy, and by his grandchildren, Ryan (Shelsy), Aaron (Kellie), Kristen (Mike), Meghan (Albert), Shanna (Jess), Matt (Brooke), and Brian, and great-grandchildren Amber, Evan, Everett and Graham. He is also survived by his sisters Virginia, Sylvia, Marilyn (Tom), Cathy and Jean, and by his brothers Jim (Dorothy), Don (Peggy), Bill (Sue) and John (Deana), and by numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Louanne, his parents, sisters Betty and Carolyn and brothers Bob and Joe, and by several in-laws, nieces and nephews. Memorial contributions can be made to Clarissa Cook Hospice House in Bettendorf Iowa, St. John Vianney Catholic Church in



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Bettendorf Iowa, or Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, or to a charity of your choice.

The Moran and Goebel Funeral Home has been entrusted with the care of Thomas. Condolences may be left to his family at www.moranandgoebel.com.



Events


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Memorial Mass of Christian Burial

 **Friday**, December 11, 2020

 2:00 PM CT

 **Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church**
3850 Lourdes Drive, Decatur IL 62526





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DO

Dick Overheul posted:

i remember tom from high school- a friendly and smart guy--my condolences to all the KECK family

January 13 at 9:17 AM

JM

Joanie Shoemaker Merrill posted:

I really got to know Tom and Louanne over the last twenty-five or thirty years. Louanne reached out with her genealogy information and brought us all together. We were so lucky to have had this extended family. Both of them will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Joanie Shoemaker Merrill

December 9 at 5:27 AM

LR

Lori (Loraine) Richardson posted:

I have so many wonderful memories of Tom and Louanne growing up as a child, but in my later years, reconnecting with them and being able to travel to Bettendorf and spend precious time with them will always be special to me!!!!Loved them both with all my heart❤️❤️

December 8 at 3:57 PM

SR

Steve Rakers posted:

I am so sad to lose another family member and so sorry for the sadness on the immediate family for their loss as well. I have so many fond memories over many years- from childhood through adulthood and they are all going through my head like they were not that long ago. Thank you, Uncle Tom, for so many great times when we got together as family, and for so many wonderful memories- I will miss you. I wish my cousins some peace and comfort in the days ahead...your dad was a great man. Love you all and stay well.

December 8 at 1:32 PM



Anonymous sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Keck family.

December 8 at 9:10 AM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Thomas by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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