



## Thomas L. Ampeliotis

February 6, 1974 - June 22, 2021

Thomas Louis Ampeliotis, loving father of three children, exchanged time for eternity on June 22nd, 2021. Tom is survived by his loving mother and father, Thomas and Ruth (Bryan) Ampeliotis, his beautiful children, Chloe Nelson, Samuel and Thomas Ampeliotis, his best friend and mother of his boys- Katherine Ampeliotis, his sister- Alisa Riffey and her husband David, his niece -Sabrielle Riffey and his great nephew- Wren McKinney.

Tom was born on February 6, 1974 in Hobart, IN to Thomas and Ruth (Bryan) Ampeliotis. Tom loved sports and played football at Merrillville High School before receiving his bachelors degree from Indiana University and his Doctorate from Wesleyan University. Tom was a veteran law enforcement officer, serving in 3 different departments, before moving into the world of corporate security. After leaving corporate security, Tom built a successful private security company, which he ran until its sale and his retirement in 2020.

Tom had a lust for life and lived it to its fullest. Tom loved traveling and made it a point to visit every state in the union before embarking on extensive travels to Europe, Asia, and South America. Tom loved a good meal with great wine and close friends. He also found his greatest pleasure spending all of his time with his greatest treasures, his children. A visitation will be held from 10 am prior to the funeral at 12 pm Tuesday, June 29th at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, Indiana 46307. Entombment following at Graceland Cemetery, 1505 Morthland Dr, Valparaiso, IN 46383. In lieu of

flowers, donations may be made to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at <https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/>.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **29**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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## funeral

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## Entombment

JUN **29** (CT)

Graceland Cemetery  
Valparaiso, IN

# Tribute Wall

JB

“ I met Tommy 40 years ago, and we have been close friends since that day we met at John Wood Elementary School. Tom was the best friend a man could ask for, fiercely loyal, protective, supportive, caring, yet dealt me hard truths when I needed them. I could count on Tom for anything, anytime, he was by my side, throughout everything in my life, no questions asked, he was there for me. I will be eternally grateful for his loyal / unconditional friendship & love. He has a willful passion for life & anything he wanted to achieve, Tom's tenacity is second to none, I really admired him for this. As my oldest & longest friend, he had a legacy knowledge of my history, & our history together, something I really treasure. I will miss him more than words can describe. God graced me by having Tommy as my friend for so many years, I will forever be eternally grateful to have Tom in my life as my friend for so long. May god watch over Tommy's family, and friends, as he will be missed so much. God bless you buddy, love you. -jb



Justin Brown - June 28, 2021 at 09:15 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas L. Ampeliotis.



June 28, 2021 at 01:49 PM

Derald  
Borton

“ We are so sorry for your loss. May he rest in peace.



Derald Borton - June 28, 2021 at 12:06 AM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Thomas L. Ampeliotis.



June 27, 2021 at 08:48 PM



“ I met Justin Brown in the mid 90's at Purdue, we were fraternity brothers at Theta Chi. In the fraternity you would always hear rumblings or second-hand stories of "Brown's Buddy Tom". Can't remember any of the stories off the top of my head but I do remember Tom had this folklore status around him from Justin and some of other members in the house. I believe the first time I met Tom was when he came to visit JB at the fraternity house one weekend and I finally got to put a face to the man! Although our encounter at the time was brief, we shared some laughs (and drinks); he couldn't have been a nicer guy! Life is a compounding of memories and Tom thank you for continuing to be a positive one from nearly 25 years ago... You will be missed!

*Tom will always be my unofficial/official fraternity brother*

*My sincere condolences to Tom's family and friends*

Matt Silver - June 27, 2021 at 06:24 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas L. Ampeliotis.*



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June 27, 2021 at 04:24 PM



“ *It breaks my heart to hear this terrible news... My childhood friend. Cannot remember my teen years without him. My deepest sympathies to his family and children. Never good bye, my friend... Just see you later on.*

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**Celeste** - June 27, 2021 at 12:39 PM



“ *We will miss seeing Tom at Abbiocco Italian Restaurant in Chesterton as he was a frequent patron and that is how I met him. Tom taught me how the keto diet works as he followed that regimen when he ordered his meal. I will remember his generosity, friendliness, and smile. I give condolences to his family. Now, he is his loved ones' angel.*

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**Carrie J.** - June 27, 2021 at 02:13 AM

CE

“ I had the pleasure of knowing Tom from the time he was in 7th grade . A funny moment for me was when when I gave everyone a buzz cut , crew cut , flat top or mohawk haircut . Tom said he wants a buzz cut . Short as can be . High and tight. Well I took it to the wood for him. He looked in the mirror ..... Exact words were oh shit , my moms gonna kill me . Then proceeded to give me that smile. Half happy , half scared . The only one that didnt get it cut was Justin Brown. Lol God bless Tom , his family and friends .

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**Craig Eberle** - June 26, 2021 at 03:27 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas L. Ampeliotis.



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June 26, 2021 at 12:43 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas L. Ampeliotis.



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June 26, 2021 at 08:09 AM



“ Thank you for everything you did for me. I loved the conversations on our children and sports. You made my life better. RIP Tom

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**Steven Dollahite** - June 26, 2021 at 01:50 AM

TM

“ Rest in Peace Brother. Thank you for all you did for me and my family. You will never be forgotten!

*Tom Mountford. SVPD and Allied Tube.*

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**Tom Mountford** - June 25, 2021 at 10:55 PM

GY

“ The cruise we shared with Tom, Kate and the boys was very special. One night all of the kids took my husband, PaPa, to dinner as he didn't want to go with all of us. The kids were all so good to PaPa. Those memories will always be cherished.

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**Gail Yantis** - June 25, 2021 at 09:31 PM

JN

“ It was a great pleasure to have known Tom. He will be dearly missed.

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**Julie Nasserjah** - June 25, 2021 at 07:32 PM

KA

“ Katherine A. purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Thomas L. Ampeliotis.



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**Katherine A.** - June 25, 2021 at 07:23 PM

SR

“ To my Uncle Tommy I love you.  
I will never forget you and all of the wonderful  
childhood memories and experiences you  
gave me. I am forever grateful for you from  
the bottom of my heart. I will miss you  
tremendously. Until we meet again. I love you.  
Rest In Peace.



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**Sabrielle Riffey** - June 25, 2021 at 04:48 PM

MI

“ Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have  
mercy on us. Being Greek Orthodox myself, I  
was blessed to get to know Tom a little bit at  
Lauren and Justin Brown’s wedding. We also  
walked down the isle to share their special  
day. May Tom’s memory be eternal. Prayers to his family.....Missy  
Andreas Chiligris



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**Missy** - June 25, 2021 at 04:31 PM

JB

“ Justin & Lauren Brown purchased the A New Sun  
rise Spray for the family of Thomas L. Ampeliotis.



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**Justin & Lauren Brown** - June 25, 2021 at 04:11 PM

WS

“ *With sympathy and love, Lloyd & Sandy Stemper purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Thomas L. Ampeliotis.*



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**With sympathy and love, Lloyd & Sandy Stemper** - June 25,  
2021 at 04:02 PM