



## Thomas K. Burns

June 2, 1951 - September 6, 2019

Thomas K. Burns, age 68, of Valparaiso, formerly Merrillville, IN, passed away on September 6, 2019. He was a graduate of Andean High School, class of 1970, where he starred in basketball and track. Tom received his Degree from Vincennes University. After graduation he joined the family business, "The Burns Agency" in Lake Station. Tom was an avid photographer and fisherman, and loved his Irish heritage. He was a true Cubs and Notre Dame fan. Tom was preceded in death by his parents- Thomas and Vernice Burns; brother- Timothy, and sister- Cheryl Golkowski. He is survived by his wife of 37 years- Carol (nee Bielak) Burns; children- Kristina Burns, Kim (Nick) Mallory, Kelli (Kyle Wiggins) Burns; granddaughter Brynlee; sister- Bonnie Walker; brothers- Terry (Claire Duquette) Burns, Pat (Robyn) Burns, many loving nieces and nephews. A Celebration of Tom's Life will be held at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point on Friday, September 13, 2019 from 2 - 6 p.m. with a Memorial service at 4 p.m. Cubs and Notre Dame attire is welcomed. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com).

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

SEP 13. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - Crown Point  
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## Memorial Service

SEP 13. 4:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas K. Burns.*



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September 12, 2019 at 10:47 PM



“ *Thomas was a patient of ours, he was always trying to make us laugh even when he was grumpy. He will be missed.*

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**Jillian** - September 12, 2019 at 02:34 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Thomas K. Burns.*



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September 11, 2019 at 10:54 AM



“ *Tommy we will miss all the silly emails text messages and snap chats from you was fun to share those with you. Our love to Carol and family John JB and Ruth Beckham*

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**John Beckham** - September 10, 2019 at 07:18 PM

JB

“ *John Beckham lit a candle in memory of Thomas K. Burns*



John Beckham - September 10, 2019 at 07:15 PM

RB

“ *Ruth Beckham sent a virtual gift in memory of Thomas K. Burns*



Ruth Beckham - September 10, 2019 at 07:14 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas K. Burns.*



September 10, 2019 at 07:09 PM

CL

“ *Safe journeys Tommy. Sending lots of love to all the Burns family. We grew up in the best neighborhood. All of us Georgia Heights “kids” know that. ❤️*

Cindy Long - September 10, 2019 at 10:30 AM

KM

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Kim Mallory - September 10, 2019 at 09:21 AM

KM

*Dad's favorite picture. The flowage.*

Kim Mallory - September 10, 2019 at 09:21 AM

TH

“ May Tom Rest in Peace and to his Family prayers.

Thomas Hoy - September 10, 2019 at 08:17 AM

JB

“ Tommy was like a big brother to me. All right, I was already blessed w/ 3 great big brothers, but he was like that favorite uncle that passed along "special knowledge." One example: the "Western Roll" high-jump (since 80s it's been all Fosbury Flop). I was amazed at his explosive right-leg kick! Even being 4 inches taller, I only equaled his "usual" three or four times. But the BEST was life-skills...important cultural education, such as essential Motown artists. His laugh reflected his life-attitude: joy & wonder. I'll never forget.

jeffrey ballinger - September 09, 2019 at 05:19 PM

RL

“ Farewell "Buck".

Rodney LeDrew - September 09, 2019 at 02:18 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Thomas K. Burns.*



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September 08, 2019 at 06:58 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Richard Green** - September 08, 2019 at 06:22 PM



*So many good memories*

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**Richard Green** - September 08, 2019 at 06:27 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Thomas K. Burns.*



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September 08, 2019 at 01:51 PM

BC

“ So sorry for the Burns family. Everyone will miss Tom. He had a great sense of humor.  
Unfortunately I will not be able to attend services or pay my respect to the Burn family. I will be out of town (Indianapolis) for a family gathering that has been planned for some time. Our family will remember him in prayers. Barbara Chester

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**Barbara Chester** - September 08, 2019 at 01:33 AM

JB

“ So saddened to read this today....Our love and sincere sympathies to your dear family. Dick passed away on the 12th of June, 2019 of Congestive Heart Failure...Remember you all in our prayers.....Joyce Brown & family

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**Joyce Whitaker Brown** - September 07, 2019 at 05:38 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas K. Burns.



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September 07, 2019 at 05:20 PM