



Thomas "Tom" P. Keilman

August 21, 1958 - June 28, 2025

THOMAS "Tom" P. KEILMAN, age 66, of Crown Point, Indiana, passed away peacefully on June 28, 2025, at Methodist Hospital surrounded by his loving family. Tom was born in East Chicago, IN and spent his early life in Hessville, IN. After receiving degrees from both the University of South Dakota and Indiana University, Tom planted roots in Northwest Indiana. He became the first Town Manager of Merrillville and continued on to spend 20 years as Director of Government Public Affairs at BP. He is survived by his devoted wife of 35 years, Kimberly; loving daughters: Anna (Andrew) and Helen; loyal dog: Baxter; two brothers, Jack and Robert (Kimberly) and one sister, Kathleen (Brian) as well as his nieces and nephews who he cherished deeply. He is preceded in death by both parents, John and Helen Keilman; brother, David Keilman; sister-in-law, Linda Keilman and dog, Spencer. Tom was a jack of all trades, worked tirelessly to serve his community, found every chance he could to make it to Wrigley Field to cheer on his Chicago Cubs and took pride in being a loyal friend and loving family man. Friends and family may visit from 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 10, 2025, at Burns Funeral Home & Crematory, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN. Funeral services will take place on Friday, July 11, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. directly at St. Mary's Church, 321 E. Joliet Street, Crown Point, IN. Rev. Peter Muha officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity of choice. www.burnsfuneral.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **10.** 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (cst)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - Crown Point
10101 Broadway
Crown Point, IN 46307
(219) 769-0044
info@burnsfuneral.com
<https://www.burnsfuneral.com/>

Mass of Christian Burial

JUL **11.** 10:00 AM (cst)

St. Mary Catholic Church
321 E. Joliet St.
Crown Point, IN

Tribute Wall

TM

“ I grew up with Tom, he left a mark on my life. So many memories. He has influenced me to this day, after 50 years. My success was his success, and vice versa. We learned together, about life, back in the day. When we were kids he threw a baseball lefty but a football righty. When asked why he told me he only had a lefty mitt. The boy was a doer. Do what you can with what you have, excel. My condolences to the family. Your friend Tom McTaggart

Thomas McTaggart - July 20, 2025 at 07:18 PM

CG

“ Dear Kim, Anna and Helen -
I am so saddened by Tom's untimely passing. I am grateful for my time working with him and all the wonderful memories. I will continue to hold them dear.
May you find strength in your memories and those who loved Tom.
Heidi Grether

C Heidi Grether - July 11, 2025 at 10:31 AM

BD

“ Kim, Anna and Helen,

I'm sorry to hear about Tom's passing. My condolences to each of you and your families.

I was in the public affairs job at Whiting before Tom. One of my objectives was to "hire my replacement." I participated in interviewing/hiring him.

Tom's professionalism and demeanor were simultaneously inviting and disarming. Combined with his deep commitment to the Region, these traits made him a perfect fit for the job.

I was stunned yesterday to hear about Tom's passing. I'm sorry for your loss. I trust that each of you have a trove of memories to sustain you in the days ahead. May you find comfort in those memories.

Brian Dinges

Brian Dinges - July 11, 2025 at 08:56 AM

KN

“ Kim, Anna and Helen,

So sorry to hear about Tom's passing. I shared many a memory with Tom - Lake County United Way Board, Northwest Indiana Forum and the many years he served on the Managing Board. But the most creative and intense memory is the permitting process related to the Modernization Project. Under his leadership, bp worked with so many stakeholder groups. His generous smile, laughter, mentoring - all were amazing and will be missed.

Kay Nelson

Kay L Nelson - July 10, 2025 at 04:43 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" P. Keilman.



July 10, 2025 at 12:33 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" P. Keilman.



July 09, 2025 at 10:51 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Thomas "Tom" P. Keilman.

July 09, 2025 at 10:51 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" P. Keilman.



July 09, 2025 at 10:37 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Thomas "Tom" P. Keilman.

July 09, 2025 at 10:37 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" P. Keilman.



July 09, 2025 at 09:09 PM



“ The Town of Merrillville purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Thomas "Tom" P. Keilman.



The Town of Merrillville - July 09, 2025 at 11:30 AM



“ The Town of Merrillville planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas "Tom" P. Keilman.

The Town of Merrillville - July 09, 2025 at 11:30 AM



“ Glenn Brennan and Kathleen Wells planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas "Tom" P. Keilman.

Glenn Brennan and Kathleen Wells - July 09, 2025 at 07:34 AM

GW

“ Glenn Brennan and Kathleen Wells purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Thomas "Tom" P. Keilman.



Glenn Brennan and Kathleen Wells - July 09, 2025 at 07:34 AM

KS

“ Kourtney & Steve purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Thomas "Tom" P. Keilman.



Kourtney & Steve - July 09, 2025 at 03:38 AM

MR

“ Mike and Nancy Rodeno purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Thomas "Tom" P. Keilman.



Mike and Nancy Rodeno - July 08, 2025 at 09:44 PM

LY

“ Lauren York purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Thomas "Tom" P. Keilman.



Lauren York - July 08, 2025 at 02:10 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Thomas "Tom" P. Keilman.

July 07, 2025 at 05:20 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" P. Keilman.



July 07, 2025 at 05:20 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Thomas "Tom" P. Keilman.

July 07, 2025 at 09:57 AM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" P. Keilman.



July 07, 2025 at 09:57 AM



“ Curtis & Colby - 87 purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Thomas "Tom" P. Keilman.



Curtis & Colby - 87 - July 07, 2025 at 12:36 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" P. Keilman.*



July 06, 2025 at 09:56 PM



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" P. Keilman.*



July 06, 2025 at 08:36 AM



“ *Sending a note of sincere condolences to you all. Such sad news to hear of Tom and sharing prayers for your comfort. He sure lived life to the fullest and was always ready to share a smile and a laugh! Thankful to have known Tom, as Kathy's brother, from many years past (in Houston) and thankful to have celebrated many occasions with he and his friends. Most recently the incredible day at the Great Solar Eclipse and Alex's wedding. He will be missed by everyone that had the opportunity to meet him. Hugs and love to you all! (Lauren)*



Lauren - July 04, 2025 at 03:30 PM

TF

“ The Jones, Ott, Braun, Benetich Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas "Tom" P. Keilman.

The Jones, Ott, Braun, Benetich Families - July 03, 2025 at 01:16 PM

TF

“ The Jones, Ott, Braun, Benetich Families purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Thomas "Tom" P. Keilman.



The Jones, Ott, Braun, Benetich Families - July 03, 2025 at 01:16 PM

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“ Love Renee Connelly (RailCats) purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Thomas "Tom" P. Keilman.



Love Renee Connelly (RailCats) - July 03, 2025 at 12:54 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Thomas "Tom" P. Keilman.

July 03, 2025 at 12:23 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" P. Keilman.*



July 03, 2025 at 12:23 PM



“ *Heartbreaking to hear of this. Tom and I spent many times together over many years. Especially on permitting for the Modernization project at Whiting. Tom was instrumental. A real professional who could always be counted on. L*

Dan Sajkowski - July 03, 2025 at 07:56 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss Kim and family. I was blessed to have him as my lifelong friend starting at OLPH and HS and neighbors in Merrillville. He was always so kind to me and we had a lot of laughs. He will surely be missed.*

Dawn Molodet-Flores

Dawn Flores - July 02, 2025 at 06:32 PM



“ *RIP my lifetime friend . So many fun times . You achieved so much in your life and impacted so many lives along to way . You will be greatly missed by all who knew you . Sincerest condolences to Kim and the Keilman family .*

Glenn Brennan - July 02, 2025 at 03:30 PM

SA

“ *The Salka family sends our deepest condolences. Ed is deeply saddened by the news of a once great friend that he shared many memories with. We will keep Tom and his family in our prayers.* ”



Salka - July 02, 2025 at 01:06 PM

GE

“ *Too the Keilman family guys like him always seem to leave us too early but many a fun and great memories will always be there! For anyone who really knew him! knew he was a very good and very special person! This Bud is to you Tommy! RIP my friend! Big “G”* ”

George - July 02, 2025 at 09:02 AM

LC

“ *Kim, Tom (AO) was family to Bob and I and the whole Houston, Texas group. Lots of wonderful and crazy memories. He is our oldest daughters' godfather. I'm sure he and Bob are already sharing memories and catching up. Much love to all of you. 💔💔* ”

Lisa Colello - July 01, 2025 at 05:47 PM

JK

To the entire Kielman family, I send my deepest sympathy. Tom (AO) was a long time friend and will be missed.

Jeff Kolwicz

Jeffrey Kolwicz - July 02, 2025 at 07:47 AM

PK

“ *Sending sympathy and prayers to Tom’s family and friends. Always had a great conversation and a good time when we would cross paths.
Rest in Peace, Tom.*



Paula Yonke Kraus - July 01, 2025 at 02:07 PM