



## Vincent Thomas Boyle Jr.

October 28, 1940 - June 5, 2023

Vincent T. Boyle, Jr. (Tom), 82, of Merrillville, IN died after an extended illness on June 5, 2023. He was born October 28, 1940, in Hammond, Indiana, the son of Vincent Thomas Boyle, Sr. and Dolores Monica (Bonneau) Boyle.

Tom graduated from Hammond High School, Class of 1958. Following graduation, he served with the US Army at Fort Bragg, NC. During his Army career, he was a paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne Division and a Squad Designated Marksman. Tom was a forty-year driver for Artim and Praxair Trucking and received the prestigious 4 Million Mile Safe Award.

Tom loved life, he was an avid flyer, owned his own plane and spent many years “bumping” the clouds all over the entire mid-west. He made many trips as an “Angle Flight” pilot for people in medical need. Tom was also an ardent scuba diver, trap shooter and cherished his beloved dog, Webster, of 18 years. He treasured seeing all his buddies from Praxair for their monthly breakfast.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother- Kevin Raphael Boyle. Tom is survived by his wife- Shelley (nee Brown) Boyle; sisters- Kathleen Schultz (Walter), Mary Ann Boyle (Robert Laing) and Patricia Boyle; sister-in-law- Carol Boyle; son- Vincent Thomas Boyle, III, (Regina); his beloved daughter- Cindy Cimesa (George); three grandchildren and several

nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life will be scheduled at a later date. Those who wish to remember Tom in a special way may make donations in his memory to the Indiana Veterans Hospital. Burns Funeral Home, Crown Point entrusted with arrangements. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com)

# Tribute Wall

JB

“ April 10 2024 Wednesday am  
Please accept our sincere condolences for Tom we've got many  
fond memories of her & his family Jane Joelle Jewel 🙏🙏🙏

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**Jane Barron** - April 10, 2024 at 11:51 AM

RP

“ Sending our condolences to Shelly and family. We sure enjoy Tom  
for his sense of humor and craziness. Many times when he was out  
and about he stopped to say Hi. We are greatly sorry to read of  
Tom's passing. It truly pains our heart to read of his suffering  
towards the end. May you fly high with your proud airplane flying by  
your side Tom. Many years of working together driving the 18  
wheeler will bring fond memories always. Rich and Claudia Powell

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**Rich and Claudia Powell** - July 12, 2023 at 04:20 PM

KS

“ Tom was my oldest brother and I was one of his biggest fans. I will miss our casual morning out breakfast meetings. He did come to the house for breakfast for a few years then when he couldn't drive I'd pick him up.

He loved the spring so he could plant his veggies and give a weekly account of their growth.

He was proud of his ownership of a plane and of course his pilots license.

His poor body suffered so much in the past 11 months, but he rallied and did the best he could.

He closed his beautiful blue eyes Monday for the last time.

Some people come into our lives and quickly go, still others come for awhile and leave footprints in our hearts and we are never ever the same.



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**kathy schultz** - June 11, 2023 at 08:46 AM

RP

*Sorry for your great loss.*

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**Rich and Claudia Powell** - July 12, 2023 at 04:22 PM

LP

“ Leslie Poplon lit a candle in memory of Vincent Thomas Boyle Jr.



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**Leslie Poplon** - June 08, 2023 at 09:12 PM

DS

“ *David Swaim lit a candle in memory of Vincent Thomas Boyle Jr.*



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**David Swaim** - June 08, 2023 at 11:35 AM

MB

“ *Mary Ann Boyle lit a candle in memory of Vincent Thomas Boyle Jr.*



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**Mary Ann Boyle** - June 08, 2023 at 10:43 AM