



Thomas "Tom" Sink

October 8, 1940 - January 13, 2021

CEDAR FALLS – Thomas E. Sink, 80, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 13th at his home with his family close to his side.

He was born October 8th, 1940 in Waterloo, son of Clyde and Marcella (Miller) Sink. Tom graduated high school from St. Mary's High School in 1958. After graduation, he became part of the Apprenticeship Program at John Deere for foundry technology, where he worked in Waterloo, and later the Quad Cities, until his retirement in 2000 as a General Superintendent. June 22nd, 1963, he married Karen Carey at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Lake City, MN. In 1963, he was drafted by the US Army, serving in active duty, honorably discharged in 1970. Tom became an ordained deacon in the Catholic Church in 1979, serving St. Patrick's in Cedar Falls and St. Johns Vianney in Bettendorf, retiring from diaconate in 2010, but continuing a life devoted to service to others.

Survived by: his wife: Karen of Cedar Falls; three children: Kevin (Angie) Sink of Muscatine, Andrea (Dave) Rys of North Richland Hill TX, and Kathryn (Jeff) Hackman of Charles City; five sisters: Susan (Dave) Douglas of Waterloo, Kathy (Ray) Moore of Waterloo, Barb (Jim) Burns of Waterloo, Betsy (Dan) McDougall of Dunkerton, and Jody (Jim) Session of Yuma, AZ; two brothers: Joe (Mary) Sink of Raymond and David Sink of Waterloo; 13 grandchildren; and countless nieces and nephews: including godchildren Lincoln Sink and

Teresa Barnett.

Preceded in death by: his parents; his parents-in-law; granddaughter: Camryn Harness; two brothers: Jim and Dan Sink; a sister: Carol Goodrich; two in infancy: Rosemary and Jerry Sink; and sister-in-law: Linda Sink.

Tom was diagnosed with Alzheimer's in 2018, a disease that has been devastating to the Sink Family. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Battle for Betsy, a charity created in honor of one of his sisters and in support of Alzheimer's research at <https://www.facebook.com/donate/2905358299704930/> or directly to the Alzheimer's Association.

Due to COVID- 19, a private family Mass of Christian burial will occur Monday, January 18th at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Cedar Falls with inurnment at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Waterloo. Visitation will be from 2-5 p.m. on Sunday at Richardson Funeral Service. All COVID-19 guidelines will be followed, including masks and social distancing. Online condolences may be left at www.richardsonfuneralservice.com

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olivet Cemetery

4th and San Marnan
Waterloo, IA 50701

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 17. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Richardson Funeral Service
615 Main Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 266-3525
richardsonfuneralservice@gmail.com
<http://richardson.funeralplan2.com>

Tribute Wall

FK

“ Tom was a wonderful man and a great deacon. I enjoyed being with Tom and Karen during my time at Saint John Vianney in Bettendorf. Many happy memories. May he rest in God's eternal joy and peace. I will remember him at Mass.
Father Ken Kuntz

Father Ken Kuntz - January 17, 2021 at 07:30 PM

TH

“ Thank you Tom Slnk for your service to our country in the US Army your guidance to numerous people in your service to our church as our Deacon. we will pray for yooou and your family Tom.

Tom & Cathy Hagarty

Tom Hagarty - January 17, 2021 at 03:14 PM

MB

“ Dear Karen and family,
You are wrapped in love and prayers as you move through this grieving time. Your Tom will always be a treasure - death does not separate us from love and the cherished memories we shared. Know that I'm thinking of you and am with you livestreamed during the Mass of Celebration of Tom's gifted life.
Love and prayers,
Mary Boespflug (Drachenberg)

Mary Boespflug - January 17, 2021 at 02:35 PM

KS

“ Karen And Bob Stackow lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tom" Sink



Karen and Bob Stackow - January 17, 2021 at 10:49 AM

FV

“ Dear Karen and Family ~ So sorry to hear about Deacon Tom. He certainly touched many lives through his ministry at St John Vianney, Bettendorf. We will be remembering him at all the Masses this weekend. Karen, may the Lord embrace you with his everlasting love. May angels lead Deacon Tom into Paradise.

Rev. James Vrba

Fr. James Vrba - January 16, 2021 at 04:54 PM

MH

“ I remember Tom. He was a good deacon. My condolence to Karen and family. Peace, Mary Hittner.

Mary L Hittner - January 16, 2021 at 02:24 PM

LH

“ Cheryl and I send our sincere condolences to Karen and the rest of the family. Tom was a great man and a good friend. He will be missed. I remember taking part in a trip for the alter boys with Fr. Paul Lipstock and Tom. I don't know if Tom was even a deacon yet then but as he worked on a homily for the Sunday mass I thought this man is truly a very devout Catholic! Rest in peace Tom, you are now with your savior.

Larry & Cheryl Hetherton

Larry K Hetherton - January 16, 2021 at 01:24 PM

CS

“ Barb, I am so sorry to hear about your brother. It is never easy to loss a family member. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Connie Steffen

connie steffen - January 16, 2021 at 12:41 PM

DW

“ Tom and I were so very sorry to learn of Tom's death. He was such an active, dedicated person and a real inspiration to his fellow deacons. It was also an inspiration to observe how he and Karen worked as a team. Both displayed total dedication to service for their parish.

We send our deepest sympathies.

Deacon Tom and Maura Walsh

Deacon T om and Maura Walsh - January 15, 2021 at 06:16 PM

TH

“ Thank you Deacon Tom for your service to our country in the US Army, your service to our Church as a Deacon and most of all for your friendship over the years. We will pray for you and your family. You have earned your entrance into heaven Tom.

Tom & Cathy Hagarty

Tom Hagarty - January 15, 2021 at 11:43 AM

LH

“ I'm sending my deepest sympathies to all of Tom's family. I know how much he'll be missed. I'm so glad to know that he is now with Camryn.

laurie harness - January 15, 2021 at 11:19 AM

AR

Thank you Laurie

Andrea K Rys - January 20, 2021 at 05:00 PM

JW

“ The Weekley and the Sink families have been intertwined by laughter for more than 45 years. We shared many meals, many celebrations, many ceremonies, but it's Tom's laughter that I will remember most. To Karen, Kevin, Andrea and Katy and their families, please accept my deepest condolences.

Jeffrey Weekley - January 15, 2021 at 10:37 AM

KD

“ Karen, Betsy, Barb (Jim), Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of loss. Karen, you may not remember us, but we used to attend prayer group with you and Tom at the CF KC's back in the 80's! We are sure he has left your whole family with lots of awesome memories with which to cherish his life and legacy. God bless! Kevin & Mary Ann Duggan

Kevin J. & Mary Ann Duggan - January 15, 2021 at 09:58 AM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" Sink.



January 15, 2021 at 08:16 AM

MD

“ Our condolences to Karen and the Sink family. We remember the crazy card games from long ago. Mike And LuAnn Diers

mike diers - January 14, 2021 at 11:30 PM

SA

“ Our deepest sympathy to Tom's family and friends.



St. Mary's High School Alumni - January 14, 2021 at 09:54 PM

YF

“ Your IHG Family purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Thomas "Tom" Sink.



Your IHG Family - January 14, 2021 at 07:32 PM

YE

“ Your Friends at Cummings Electrical purchased the Love Everlasting Bouquet for the family of Thomas "Tom" Sink.



Your Friends at Cummings Electrical - January 14, 2021 at 04:00 PM