



Thomas J. Frogge

August 2, 1952 - March 3, 2025

Thomas J. Frogge, age 72 of Kankakee, passed away on Monday, March 3, 2025 at

Lightways Hospice in Joliet. He was born August 2, 1952 in Kankakee to Calvin

and Marietta (McCue) Frogge.

Survived by brother Jim (Maggie) of Kankakee; nieces Jessica (Saif Rathore) of

Chicago and Sarah of Milwaukee; nephew Nathan (Joanne) of Kirkwood Mo; great-nieces, great-nephew, and a special friend Bertha Howisen of Kankakee.

Tom was a 1970 graduate of Bishop McNamara High School where he played football and participated in track and field. He attended Xavier University in Cincinnati where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and Master of

Arts degree in English Literature and Master of Arts degree in English Education.

He enjoyed sharing his love of literature and classic authors during his years of

teaching at McNicholas Catholic High School and Summit Country Day School in

the Cincinnati area and through his volunteer roles with museums. Tom would serve as a reader of Edgar Allen Poe poetry for special Cincinnati museum

events.

He also served as a tutor with the Big Brothers Big Sisters program in Cincinnati.

Tom's passion for literature stirred his adventurous spirit. He was deeply influenced by the author Thoreau and believed that simplifying his life and escaping societal institutions were key. Tom's adventures took him to Alaska and

Colorado to raise and mush sled dogs, to Louisiana to work on oil rigs, to Hawaii

and Seattle and then home to his roots on the family farm in Papineau.

Many will fondly remember Tom's ability to recall details of movies and literature

enabling him to prevail at trivia matches and outwit his friends.

Private services will be held at Clancy-Gernon-Houk Funeral Home, St. Anne.

Burial will be in the Papineau Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Bishop McNamara Catholic School Foundation, 550

W. Brookmont Blvd, Kankakee IL 60901.

Cemetery Details

Papineau Cemetery

Papineau, IL

Tribute Wall

MC

“ Blessings to you Tom on your heavenly adventure! Although our paths never crossed while you were in alaska with Tom Dailey, I'm sure you're sharing mushing stories with the angels now!

Condolences Jim and Maggie and the Frogge family.



Mike Norum & Nansi Chandlernorum - March 11, 2025 at 06:05 PM

JK

“ Jim, my name is Jerry Wetmore Kirby. My grandparents lived across the road from your grandparents farm. Their last name was Wetmore. As a child, I went to their home to visit your grandparents. Tom and I dated a short time in HS and both graduated from Bishop McNamara together. He was a great guy to hang with. I am so sorry for your loss.

Jerry Wetmore Kirby - March 10, 2025 at 08:58 PM

BD

“ A cloud passed over our sun last week, a light has gone out and the background of our lives begins to fade away. Good Bye old friend, I knew you well

Bill Dailey - March 10, 2025 at 03:36 PM

BS

“ Rest in Paradise my friend. Remember the good times. You will not be forgotten



Bev Sorensen - March 09, 2025 at 03:02 PM

JL

“ I am so sorry to hear about Tom’s passing. It sounds like he did some wonderful things during his life and made some great friendships. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Janet & Howard Loy



Janet Loy - March 08, 2025 at 10:29 PM

FL

“ One thing that will always stick in my memory is that he always smiled no matter what... with that beautiful smile! Always! 🤔 I trust he’s now on a beautiful next journey 🙏✨ He was a very good hearted man and a man of great integrity! Loyal, reliable, and very trustworthy! Tom, thank you from all my heart and soul, for all that you taught me about all of the above! 🙏 You are greatly missed!

Looking forward for when our paths meet again!
With With much love and Aloha from your friend forever, ❤️
Fidaa Leilani

Fidaa Leilani - March 08, 2025 at 03:53 PM

D#

“ RIP My Card Playing Buddy Here At River Station Senior Residence. Gone Too Soon, Never To Be Forgotten. Deb

Deborah Gwin Hill #211 - March 08, 2025 at 03:00 PM

JF

“ 1 file added to the album Christmas



Jim Frogge - March 07, 2025 at 08:40 PM

JF

“ 3 files added to the album Family



Jim Frogge - March 07, 2025 at 08:36 PM

JF

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Jim Frogge - March 07, 2025 at 07:56 PM

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Fidaa Leilani 💎💎 - March 08, 2025 at 03:47 PM

RP

“*Growing up, Tom and Jim were like brothers to me. I don't remember a time when I didn't know them. I am so sorry to learn of Tom's passing. My condolences to Jim and the family.*”

Rebecca Pourroy - March 07, 2025 at 07:18 PM

LK

“ I was very sorry to hear this news. Tom and I went to high school together and remained friends through college. In my mind he was a unique individual. He had that special ability to interact with everyone, from the science nerds to the athletic jocks. As a result, he was able to bring people together who would not otherwise interact. From some of the comments here, I get the impression that he retained that ability throughout his life. I always learned something new from Tom when we interacted, or he brought something up that got me asking new questions.

I last talked to Tom when I was in Kankakee for our 50th high school reunion. I called him in the hope of getting together for a cup of coffee, but it didn't happen. That was very much my loss; I enjoyed our brief phone conversation but knew meeting in person would have been even more enjoyable.

My sympathy to the family, but I hope that you find comfort in knowing that he had a positive impact on many.

-Larry Klobutcher

Larry Klobutcher - March 07, 2025 at 04:19 PM

TL

“ Remember all the good time growing up with Tom and Jim.

Tim Leutloff - March 07, 2025 at 11:35 AM

RC

“ So many wonderful memories! Visits to Xavier, summer bars in K3 in college (if the jukebox was playing AMIE you knew Tom was there), WS games in Cincy - Reds vs Bosox, summer trips to Cape Cod and Ogunquit ME, listening to music at the farm until it was time for breakfast, and certainly when he and my brother visited me in Guadalajara (who knew that CUANDO QUESO did not mean "how much does this cost"?), and not too long ago matching wits over the phone on music and movie trivia. Ever quick with a laugh and quicker with a smile.
Adios, my friend

Rick Clark

Rick Clark - March 07, 2025 at 07:16 AM

SH

“ I have many fond memories of Tom during high school and college. My condolences to Jim, Maggie and the rest of the family.

Sue Clark Hurley - March 06, 2025 at 08:35 PM

TD

“ That obituary was right on, when summer in Alaska Tom and I were partners in a four person trivial pursuit game and nobody could touch us or even come close. I was happy we were able to play a three person trivial pursuit game with Calvin the year before he died. He got a real kick out of it. We shared a business together, taking tourist out on half-day dog mashing trips. It was quite an athletic endeavor and time was really good at it and loved it, but he was especially good at relating to the tourists in his sled. He would tell them stories he really liked to tell them about mountain lions so they would think of it as more of an adventure, of course that was true. There were a lot of mountain lions. It was a heck of an adventure! Tom was able to relate really well to the local people in Hawaii not everyone can do that. Tom and I used to play the same position on offense and defense in football so whenever one of us would screw up and be sent to the bench the other would go back in. Tom was always the better athlete, but he was always very humble about it and very encouraging to me. When Tom asked me if I could take his pet dingo, Bindi, since he was not allowed to have him in his new apartment, I thought it would be a hardship, but I would be glad to do it for Tom, but it turned out to be one of the best things I ever did what a perfect creature he could be loose all the time and obey commands Except for a couple times decided to kill sheep oops that's what dingoes do. Tom was the best friend I ever had and it was a friendship that was lifelong. I am so grateful.

Tom Dailey - March 06, 2025 at 03:38 PM