



Thomas A. Mohler

October 17, 1955 - January 31, 2026

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Thomas A. Mohler was born October 17, 1955, to Virginia and Harold (“Skip”) Mohler, Jr. in Kankakee. He married Carol McKenna on February 3, 1978.

Tom is survived by his devoted wife of 48 years, Carol, and two children—his pride and joy—Andrew (Rebecca) Mohler and Katie Shomer (Chad Planeta).

He was a proud Papa to five grandchildren that he loved beyond measure, Nicholas and McKenna Shomer; and Laney, Leah and Logan Mohler. Also surviving are siblings with whom he shared a deep bond, Kate (John)

Tomasiewicz of Milford, CT; Carolyn (Bill) Kraft of Kankakee; Lee (Norma) Mohler of Shelton, CT; Michael (Kathryn) Mohler of Western Springs, IL; and Mary Jo (Denny) Christiansen of Kankakee. He is also survived by his

wonderful sister-in-law, Dorene Mohler of Bradley, IL; numerous nieces and nephews who brought so much fun to his life; and many friends and neighbors who were always welcome.

He is preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Bill Mohler.

Tom retired from Crown Cork and Seal in 2015 after 38 years and was a member of the International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail & Transportation Workers Local 450 for 40 years. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus for 48 years.

As children, Tom was looked to as a mentor by his siblings. He took great pride in a job well done and inspired those around him to do their best. He was a talented handyman who researched projects thoroughly and executed

them methodically. This dedication enabled him to proudly work alongside Andy to design and build their home from the ground up. He enjoyed the simple pleasures of life—cheering on the kids and grandkids at their sporting events, landscaping projects, fishing (especially ice fishing), golfing, relaxing by the pool, puzzles, classic rock, flying kites, trains & railroads, going out for a good meal (Tucci's was his favorite) and dazzling the crowd with massive Fourth of July fireworks displays. His very favorite thing was gathering friends and family around a bonfire where he could be counted on for entertaining stories and interesting observations punctuated by his distinctive laugh. It is only fitting that he celebrated his last birthday exactly this way, and not surprising that he declared the night "perfect." How blessed we are that these and so many other cherished memories will always keep him close.

Visitation will be held on Friday, February 6, 2026, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, 1480 West Court Street, Kankakee, IL. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers and to honor Tom's love of nature, the family wishes to choose and dedicate trees to be planted at Riverside Cancer Center or Limestone Park.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

FEB 6. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home
1480 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Tribute Wall

RE

“ Rosa E. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas A. Mohler.

Rosa E. - February 06 at 04:35 PM

KF

“ Carol, and family. Our hearts are sad, Tom is one of the really good guys. His name was called to heaven way too soon. We sending prayers, hugs, and having a beer. Love, kathi and John

kathi and john franklin - February 06 at 11:58 AM

KA

“ Kathi A. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas A. Mohler.

Kathi A. - February 06 at 11:47 AM

AS

“ I thought I heard Tom's name on the radio today but thought no I heard it wrong. Heck it was not that long ago that Bill passed. Then I looked for this! The dread came over me another friend has lost her husband. I know you all have a big family and it's just so heartbreaking another one was called home to God to young. I'm thinking of all of you. Carol I love you and you are in my prayers!

Alexia Sanders - February 05 at 10:41 PM

AS

“ *Alexia Sanders lit a candle in memory of Thomas A. Mohler*



Alexia Sanders - February 05 at 10:03 PM

JG

“ *Carol & Family: so sorry to hear of Tom's passing. Keeping you all in our hearts. Love from your cousin.
Ken & JoAn Giroux*

Joan Giroux - February 05 at 07:50 PM

RB

“ *Ruth and Steve Bohlmann purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." for the family of Thomas A. Mohler.*



Ruth and Steve Bohlmann - February 05 at 02:47 PM

RB

“ *Ruth and Steve Bohlmann planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas A. Mohler.*

Ruth and Steve Bohlmann - February 05 at 02:47 PM

BM

“ *Benay M. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas A. Mohler.*

Benay M. - February 04 at 01:57 PM

DM

“ *Sympathy to family.*



Dave and Deb McCarty - February 04 at 01:21 PM

CH

“ *Sending sincere sympathy to all of his siblings and loved ones.*



Carol Honn - February 04 at 12:47 PM

CS

“ *Carla Scheppler lit a candle in memory of Thomas A. Mohler*



Carla Scheppler - February 03 at 09:59 PM

JW

“ *Jeffery W. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas A. Mohler.*

Jeffery W. - February 03 at 07:26 PM

CC

“ Cheryl C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas A. Mohler.

Cheryl C. - February 03 at 05:45 PM

MG

“ My deepest condolences to Carol, Andy, and Kate, as well as the entire Mohler family. I have known Tom and his family for the better part of 50 years. He and his brothers Bill and Lee were all dear friends to my brother, Joe, for even longer. Tom had true gifts of wit, wisdom, conversation, and especially laughter. You always felt heard around Tom, and he found a way to connect with everyone, even if he was meeting them for the first time. In my mind's eye, I can still see his laughing face. He will be truly missed. We lost a really good one.



Matt Gubbins - February 03 at 03:50 PM

LB

“ Carol I'm so sorry to hear about your loss sending my condolences to you and your family ❤️

Lana Benoit - February 03 at 01:13 PM

TD

“ Tammy DiOrio lit a candle in memory of Thomas A. Mohler



Tammy DiOrio - February 03 at 01:10 PM

TD

Carol, Andy & Kate - I'm soo sorry for your loss. Tom was always so nice to me even as a pesky kid. He'll never be forgotten. Hoping all your memories give you comfort at this difficult time.

Tammy DiOrio - February 03 at 01:12 PM

RB

“ *I am so sorry Carol and family. You will all be in my thoughts and prayers and love you. Ruth McGrath Bohlmann*

Ruth Bohlmann - February 03 at 11:29 AM

JB

“ *Joe And Barb lit a candle in memory of Thomas A. Mohler*



Joe and Barb - February 03 at 10:32 AM