



## Thomas Emmet Platt

January 1, 1952 - December 31, 2025

Thomas Emmet Platt, age 73, of Manteno, Illinois, passed away on December 31, 2025. Born January 1, 1952, in Chicago, Illinois, Tom lived a quiet and fulfilling life in retirement, surrounded by the family he cherished.

Tom was the son of the late Kenneth Platt and Margo (Kish) Platt. He was the proud and devoted father of Thomas Kenneth Platt (Laura) and the beloved grandfather of Madisen Ann Platt, Cole Wild Platt, and Claire Marie Platt. He is also survived by his brothers Wayne Loewy (Patricia) and Martin G. Platt, and was preceded in death by his sister Pamela Platt (Dado). Tom enjoyed the years of his younger life with his siblings and his cousins, the Cooks and the Flynns as well as all the kids in his neighborhood.

Raised in South Holland, Illinois, Tom graduated from Thornridge High School. In 1977, he married Marianne Anderson, and together they shared 26 years of family life. Their greatest joy was raising their son, Tom, and creating a home filled with love, laughter, and countless memories—sports, boating, camping, travel and time spent with extended family, friends and neighbors.

Tom loved his job of 25 years as chief engineer at The Chicago Historical Society in Lincoln Park. He was a gifted mechanic and a talented artist, known for his skillful hands and creative mind. He found joy in house projects, mechanical work, and caring for his yard. A lifelong motorcycle enthusiast, he

also loved boating and fishing, especially when shared with family and friends.

In his later years, Tom's life was brightened by his close and loving relationship with Kelly Stluka, whose companionship brought him deep happiness until her passing in 2024.

Tom will be remembered for his quiet strength, his craftsmanship, his loyalty to those he loved, and the gentle, steady presence he brought to every chapter of his life. His two dogs, Roxy and Riley were his close companions that brought him much comfort and company.

Tom was known as Papa Vroom Vroom to his loving grandchildren. He enjoyed spending Christmas Day with his family.

Tom's favorite poem

So take a ride with me my love  
As high as we can fly  
Through soft white clouds of serenity  
We'll sail the crystal skies  
While those back home continue to search  
For worries they can find  
We'll only think of each other's love  
And find peace of mind

Cremation rites have been accorded. A celebration of life will be held from 1-4 p.m. on Saturday, January 10, 2026 at the Manteno Sportsman's Club.

Memorials may be made to the family wishes.

Arrangements by Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Manteno.

Please sign his guestbook at [www.clancygernon.com](http://www.clancygernon.com).



# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JAN 10. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Manteno Sportsmen's Club  
851 N. Main St.  
Manteno, IL 60950

# Tribute Wall

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“ I knew Tom as a customer when I worked the overnight shift as a Sambo's waitress. Tom was there early every morning for breakfast to start his day before his painting jobs. I was pleasantly surprised when my highschool friend, Marianne, told me she had met a nice guy and it turned out to be Tom!

*Barbeques, fireworks and fun times with the Platt family! Rest in peace, Tom, ride on!*

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**Therese Croteau** - January 02 at 08:32 PM

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*I, too, met Tom at Sambo's as a waitress on the Friday and Saturday night shift. He and his buddy, Mark, would come in for late night coffee. I, too, enjoyed getting to know him better as Marianne's husband and Tommy's dad. Sending healing thoughts to his extended family.  
Jeanne Dimick*

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**Jeanne Dimick** - January 03 at 01:40 PM