



Thomas Gordon Richmond

November 15, 1947 - May 27, 2025

Thomas Gordon “Tom” “Bottoms” Richmond, age 77, of Bourbonnais passed away Tuesday, May 27, 2025 at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago. Tom was born November 15, 1947 in Chicago, the son of Thomas D. & Evelyn (Ward) Richmond. Tom married Linda Shillings on April 19, 1969 at St. Denis Church in Chicago.

Tom was in medical sales and was the owner of T.J. Donlin’s in Bourbonnais. He loved his Chicago sports, especially the Chicago White Sox and Chicago Bears. Tom loved the Texas Tech Red Raiders, his college alma mater. He loved T.J. Donlin’s and his patrons, too many to name, but you know who you are!

Tom was of the Catholic faith.

Surviving are his wife of 56 years, Linda Richmond of Bourbonnais; one son, Tom Richmond of Bourbonnais; two daughters, Lynn (David) Tierney of Fayetteville, AR and Allison (Jordan) McLean of Bourbonnais; two sisters, Lynn (Bob) Jablonski of Orland Park and Patty (Bill) Frauenheim of Channahon; three grandchildren, Kate Tierney, John Tierney, and Landon Tierney. Tom is preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Danny Richmond.

Visitation will be held from 4-7 p.m. on Monday, June 2, 2025 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, also at the funeral home. Deacon Patrick Skelly will officiate the service. Entombment will follow at All Saints Cemetery in

Bourbonnais.

Cemetery Details

All Saints Cemetery

1839 W. Route 102
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 933-2342

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 2. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Funeral Service

JUN 3. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MR

“ *My sincerest condolences to the Richmond family on the loss of their patriarch. My father enjoyed his many trips to the ‘hardware store’. It was only after he passed that we learned he had an alias at TJ’s. Effervescent Muldoon says cheers from above to Bottoms!* ”

Mike Ryan - June 03, 2025 at 01:22 AM

“ In Loving Memory of Tom "Bottoms"

Though I may not be able to be there in person for the full service, I want to share a few words about someone who's been part of my life for as long as I can remember - and even before that.

Bottoms wasn't just a neighbor. He was part of the fabric of my family's life. He and Linda - Loogan - lived next door to my parents before I was even born, and our families have been close ever since. Growing up, their house almost felt like an extension of ours. And when they moved, the connection never wavered. They were the kind of people you just kept in your life because they made it better, warmer, funnier.

Bottoms gave out nicknames like gifts. My dad was Cloogs, my mom was affectionately called "I Said No", and I was The Vieves. That kind of playful spirit defined him - he made people feel special and seen, and usually had them laughing at the same time.

There were hilarious stories that I heard about growing up that have always stuck with me. The time he and my dad staged their own "Summer Olympics". After Bruce Jenner won the decathlon, Bottoms had the brilliant idea of he and Cloogs having a decathlon of their own - the goal of collecting ten "For Sale" signs around the neighborhood at night. They came back with 14 signs then naturally planted all 14 signs in the front yard of another neighbor.

Then there was the ski trip to the Playboy Resort in Wisconsin. While a bunch of people on the bunny hill were waiting, Bottoms proceeded to introduce my dad as their ski instructor "Solo Clodzuki," while he was "Roscoe C. Bunns." Everyone believed them. Of course they did - Bottoms had that kind of charm. He was always in character, always up for a laugh, and somehow always pulling everyone else into the fun.

He was funny, warm, and easy to be around. There was never any

pretension with him, just kindness and good humor and a deep loyalty to the people he loved. You always felt comfortable in his presence - like you were part of something a little lighter and a little better just for being around him.

I'll always be grateful for the closeness our families shared. For the laughter, the stories, the comfort of lifelong friendships. Bottoms was one of those rare people who make life not just more bearable, but more joyful.

He will be deeply missed - and always remembered with a smile.

*With love,
The Vieves*

Genevieve Stalla - June 02, 2025 at 11:52 PM

DF

“ *My Condolences to the family. Many memories. RIP Tom. Godspeed!!*



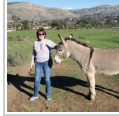
Dean Feller - June 01, 2025 at 08:12 AM



“ *Eileen Smith lit a candle in memory of Thomas Gordon Richmond*



Eileen Smith - May 31, 2025 at 03:42 PM



Tom was a wonderful uncle to my son, Dan Richmond and a caring and fun brother-in-law to me. Our love and prayers go out to his family and friends. May he rest in heavenly peace in the arms of the angels.

Eileen Smith - May 31, 2025 at 03:50 PM

ZG

“ Thanks for all the rounds over the last 25 years! Thanks for all the good conversations and thanks for the laughs "Bottoms"! Cheers to ya and godspeed sir!

Zachary Greenwood - May 30, 2025 at 08:05 PM



“ Deepest heartfelt sympathy to the Richmond family!!! True sports fan & loyal friend! Find comfort in the promises of eternal LIFE!! Preach

John Heil - May 30, 2025 at 05:55 PM

CS

“ So sorry to hear of Tom passing. I have known Tom for a long time and was always a pleasure to go to T J Donlins and visit with him. Tom was like an encyclopedia of information pertaining to sports, especially Texas Tech and the Chicago White Sox. If you had a question Tom would give you the answer in detail. We would sometimes sit for hours talking sports and at the end of the conversation I always left knowing a little more than when we started. Our sympathy and prayers are with Linda, Vete, Lynn, Allison and the entire Richmond family. Bottoms may the good Lord guide you up the stairway to heaven with Surfin Bird blasting in the background, and may family and friends that have gone before you greet you with a Chicago handshake and a reserved scout seat in the front row. RIP my friend, we will miss you ! Chuck and Arta Snyder

Charles Snyder - May 30, 2025 at 02:50 PM

CE

“ *Connie Eaker lit a candle in memory of
Thomas Gordon Richmond*



Connie Eaker - May 30, 2025 at 12:18 PM