



Thomas Schapman

April 7, 1944 - April 17, 2024

Thomas William Schapman, age 80, passed away peacefully and prayerfully on April 17, 2024, surrounded by his loving family at St. Anthony's Hospital in Carroll, IA. A devoted husband, father, grandfather, and friend, Tom was known for his unwavering faith and his compassionate nature.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 23, 2024, at Holy Spirit Catholic Church – St. John Paul II Parish in Carroll.

The Celebrant will be Fr. Timothy Schott. Con-Celebrants will be Fr. Merlin Schrad and Fr. Craig Collison. Music will be provided by Kathy Halbur, with the assistance of Marc Schapman, Lucy Schapman, and Judith Williams.

Mass Servers will be Luke Williams and Thomas Williams. Lectors for the funeral Mass will be Tom Schapman, Jr. and John Schapman. Petitions will be read by Megan Callahan, Clare Schapman, and Sally Schapman. Gift Bearers will be Anna Callahan, Ava Schapman, Katie Farrington, Frances Schapman, Grace Williams, Alex Weber, Mary Schapman, Everett Schapman, and John Williams. Eucharistic Minister will be Sharon Balk. Honorary Casket Bearer will be Louie Grote. Casket Bearers will be Owen Weber, Lucas Weber, Nick Callahan, Will Callahan, Joey Farrington, and Ryan Farrington. Burial will be in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Carroll.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. on Monday at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll with a rosary at 7 p.m. The casket will be moved to Holy Spirit Catholic Church on Tuesday morning where additional visitation will occur from 9:30-10:15 a.m.

In his memory, the family kindly requests donations to the following organizations: St. John Paul II Parish, Kuemper Catholic Schools, Domus Trinitatis, St. Anthony Hospital Foundation, and New Hope Village.

Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll, and online condolences may be left for Tom's family at www.sharpfuneral.com.

Tom was born on April 7, 1944, to Albert and Florence (Gross) Schapman in Mount Carmel, IA. He was baptized and received his First Holy Communion at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church. Tom attended elementary school at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic School and graduated from Kuemper Catholic High School.

While at Kuemper, Tom met the love of his life, Judy. Tom and Judy were high school sweethearts and prom king and queen. In 1968, they were united in Holy Matrimony at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Carroll and enjoyed 55 years of beautiful marriage. Tom attended the University of Minnesota and graduated with a degree in Mortuary Sciences. He returned to Carroll and resumed working at Sharp Funeral Home, where he was employed during high school. Tom became co-owner of Sharp Funeral Home. He worked closely with his beloved friends Don Masching, Lillian Ferneding, Bernie Henrich, Clayton Broich, and many others. There he exemplified his deep understanding of the importance of faith during times of grief. Tom's faith-driven perspective allowed him to offer comfort and hope in times of sorrow, reminding others of God's eternal love. Tom felt honored and blessed to be able to assist families in their most difficult hour, and in particular to serve the extraordinary people of the Carroll community.

Tom's strong Catholic faith was the cornerstone of his life. He found solace, strength, and guidance in his beliefs, which he shared generously with his family and his community. He was actively involved with Holy Spirit Catholic Church, serving as a lector and eucharistic minister; Holy Spirit and Kuemper Catholic Schools; and the Knights of Columbus. He served as the Grand Knight for two years, assisted at fish fries, and spent Saturday evenings

calling Bingo games while his children fell asleep at his feet. He also served as a Little League coach for his children's baseball and softball teams.

Tom had a deep love for his friends and neighbors. He treasured the friendships that he formed, and among his dearest friends in the last few years of his life was Louie Grote, with whom he shared a morning ritual of coffee and conversation. Their daily coffee breaks, infused with discussions of sports and politics, were more than just a routine – they were a time of camaraderie, laughter, and unwavering friendship. Tom, Judy, and their family are so grateful for the generous love, support, and practical help they received from the wonderful people surrounding them on Peeble Lane.

Above all, Tom loved being a husband, father, and grandfather. He lived his vocation to Holy Matrimony with utmost love, devotion, and service. He was truly a man of Christ who laid down his life for his bride, Judy, whom he cherished immensely. He was so proud of each of his children and grandchildren, and he treasured their visits and talks. He enjoyed attending his children's various sporting and musical events throughout his life and the family's annual tradition of vacationing at Lake Okoboji. In his later years, he loved watching movies with his grandkids, playing Pass the Ace, cheering on the Kuemper Knights and Iowa Hawkeyes, sitting in the warm sun, driving around Swan Lake, and the simple act of visiting with family, neighbors, and friends.

Tom is survived by his beloved wife of 55 years, Judy, his children Jenny Callahan of Shawnee, KS; Jill (Bret) Farrington of Mendota Heights, MN; Tom (Anne) Schapman Jr. of Duluth, MN; Annie (Clark) Williams of Dyersville, IA; Amy (Todd) Weber of Edina, MN; Marc (Nicole) Schapman of Edwardsville, IL; and John (Jenn) Schapman of Wenatchee, WA; close family friends Kelly Hendricks of Kansas City, KS, Stacie Gerdes of Carroll, IA, and Al (Trudy) Wong of Honolulu, HI; and his twenty-six grandchildren: Anna, Nick, Megan, and Will Callahan; Joey, Ryan, and Katie Farrington; Ava, Clare, Frances, and Mary Schapman; Judith, Luke, Grace, Thomas, and John Williams; Owen,

Lucas, and Alex Weber; Lucy, Sally, and Everett Schapman; and Michael, Angela, Leona, and Maria Schapman. He is also survived by his sisters Judy (Butch) Alexander of New Hope, MN and Mary (Jim) Macke of Carroll, IA and his brother Dave (Ann) Schapman of Carroll, IA, and in-laws Rosie (Tom) Osterhaus of Carmel, IN; Ramona (Jerry) Martin of Sacramento, CA; Andy (Chris) Balk of Redondo Beach, CA; Mary (Lenny) Bates of Chandler, AZ; and Bob (Sharon) Balk of Blaine, MN.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents, Albert and Florence, brothers William (Billy) and Lynn, mother-in-law Leona (Kuker) Balk, and father-in-law Andy Balk Jr.

In our grief, we find solace in knowing that Tom's compassionate spirit, his undying faith, and his connection to God will remain with us forever. His legacy, built on love, commitment to his community, and family will leave a lasting impression upon his family, friends, and the Carroll community, which he loved and cherished as a source of many blessings in his life.

The Schapman family would like to express their utmost appreciation for the love, care, and tremendous support of Dr. Michael Slattery and the nurses and full staff of St. Anthony's Hospital who took such excellent care of Tom. The family would also like to thank Mr. Kyle Atkinson and the staff of the Sharp Funeral Home for their compassionate and professional care of Tom and his family following his passing. The Schapman family is so appreciative of Fr. Timothy Schott for lovingly bringing all of God's people together in the Mass of Christian burial for Tom, and eternally grateful to Fr. Patrick Behm for providing the greatest gift to Tom in his last days: Confession, the Holy Eucharist, Anointing of the Sick, and the Apostolic Pardon. The Schapman family is exceedingly grateful to all of the priests, deacons, and sisters of the Carroll community who bring God closer to all of us. Tom and his family loved and cherished the entire Carroll community, and the family is grateful for the many prayers, condolences, meals, hugs, and innumerable sources of support that they have received. May God bless you all and keep you in His care!

Tribute Wall

MW

“ *Mary Ann Waters lit a candle in memory of Thomas Schapman*



Mary Ann Waters - July 05, 2024 at 08:28 PM

SS

“ *Dear Schapman Family,
It is with great sorrow that we hear this sad news. May Tom be at peace and happiness with our Lord in Heaven! And may the Lord give you all strength and comfort in this time of loss.
We cherish the many wonderful memories of summer vacation with you and the "group" at Crescent Beach in Okoboji in the 80's! We still talk about it to this day!
Truly it is the memories of our loved ones that will endure!*

Steve and Marcia Strom, Scott and Matt Strom

Steve Strom - May 07, 2024 at 04:05 PM

BS

“ *Judy, I was so sad leaning about the passing of Tom. We were always so appreciative of all the good thing your family did for my parents when they lived next door. After dad died, your family would take my mom to Sunday mass and extend other acts of kindness to her. I'm sure there is a special place in heaven for truly wonderful people like you.
Bob Stoffers*

Bob Stoffers - April 24, 2024 at 07:23 PM

AR

“ *My thoughts are with you and your family, Jill.*

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

Ann Ludwig Rossigno - April 23, 2024 at 06:46 PM

CB

“ *So sorry for your loss*



Cindy and Bill Beck - April 22, 2024 at 07:12 PM

SF

“ *Sheri, Eric, Colleen and Families purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Thomas Schapman.*



Sheri, Eric, Colleen and Families - April 22, 2024 at 04:45 PM

JR

“ *Tom is /was a classmate of mine as well as Judy. Tom was always a friend n class act
To know Tom today is to know he is in Heaven serving with a smile
Best wishes Judy n family. God Bless*

jerry rupiper - April 22, 2024 at 04:04 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas Schapman.*



April 22, 2024 at 03:40 PM



“ *Thriving Together Governance Board purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Thomas Schapman.*



Thriving Together Governance Board - April 22, 2024 at 12:53 PM



“ *Thriving Together Governance Board planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Schapman.*

Thriving Together Governance Board - April 22, 2024 at 12:53 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you. purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Thomas Schapman.*



Our thoughts and prayers are with you. - April 22, 2024 at 12:01 PM

OY

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Schapman.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you. - April 22, 2024 at 12:01 PM

TG

“ The Callahan grandchildren purchased the Laven der Reflections Spray for the family of Thomas Schapman.



The Callahan grandchildren - April 21, 2024 at 07:33 PM

TG

“ The Callahan grandchildren planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Schapman.

The Callahan grandchildren - April 21, 2024 at 07:33 PM

AF

“ AL & SONDR A FARRINGTON purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Thomas Schapman.



AL & SONDR A FARRINGTON - April 21, 2024 at 06:50 PM

AF

“ AL & SONDR FARRINGTON planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Schapman.

AL & SONDR FARRINGTON - April 21, 2024 at 06:50 PM



“ To the Schapman Family: Sending our deepest sympathy and praying that your sweet memories and the love from your family and friends will bring you much comfort in the days ahead. May Tom rest in peace. Kevin and Margie (Schapman) Jenkins

Margie Jenkins - April 21, 2024 at 03:30 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas Schapman.



April 21, 2024 at 02:36 PM

TF

“ The Klusas Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Schapman.

The Klusas Family - April 21, 2024 at 02:36 PM

TC

“ *The Gypsy Musical Company purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Thomas Schapman.*



The Gypsy Musical Company - April 21, 2024 at 01:13 PM

NS

“ *Blessings to Judy and family. May God welcome Tom into His arms and comfort all love ones left behind on this side of Heaven. Peace be with you all!* 🙏

Nick Schapman - April 21, 2024 at 12:50 PM

RZ

“ *Tom was truly a kind and gentleman, always caring and comforting for others. He always knew the right words during the most difficult times. RIP Tom. Our thoughts and prayers are with Judy and family.*
~ Randy & Karen Zubrod ~



Randy & Karen Zubrod - April 21, 2024 at 06:44 AM

WN

“ *Schapman family: Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you face these difficult days without your dear Tom. He exemplified the word gentleman; he was a gentle and kind man who cared about people. He left a meaningful legacy for us all. Wes/CJ Niles, Carroll*

Wes & CJ Niles - April 20, 2024 at 08:36 PM

LF

“ Love, Sarah and David Fournie purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Thomas Schapman.



Love, Sarah and David Fournie - April 20, 2024 at 02:53 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas Schapman.



April 20, 2024 at 12:55 PM

YF

“ Your Chanhassen Dental family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Schapman.

Your Chanhassen Dental family - April 20, 2024 at 12:55 PM

LF

“ Love, Bruce and Kas Law and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Schapman.

Love, Bruce and Kas Law and family - April 19, 2024 at 11:03 PM

LF

“ Love, Bruce and Kas Law and family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Thomas Schapman.



Love, Bruce and Kas Law and family - April 19, 2024 at 11:03 PM

CO

“ Judy, Jenny, Jill, Tom, Annie, Amy, Marc and John, I would like to send my deepest sympathy to all of you. Tom was a great guy and always knew your name where ever you would see him. I truly enjoyed babysitting all of you (except John) as you kids were always so good and your parents had become friends who always had time when they saw us. May the many memories that you have of Tom, your Dad, help you all through this difficult time. Dan and Cathy (Starman) Onken

Cathy Onken - April 19, 2024 at 08:38 PM

DO

“ My deepest condolences to family! Tom was a Carroll giant who did so much and was always so good to an ex sportswriter!

Denny O'Grady - April 19, 2024 at 06:01 PM

BD

“ Beth Danner lit a candle in memory of Thomas Schapman



Beth Danner - April 19, 2024 at 04:45 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas Schapman.



April 19, 2024 at 02:59 PM



“ To all of the Schapman & Balk Families....Our sincere sympathy to you on the loss of Tom....He was truly a gentleman & had the love of God in his heart....He will be missed....But never forgotten....R.I. P. Tom....Prayers for the family....



John & Kristi Schuler Jorgensen - April 19, 2024 at 01:01 PM



“ My sincere sympathy to Judy and the Shapman family. Tom was truly a kind and caring guy. May he rest in peace. Bev Vonnahme

Bev Vonnahme - April 19, 2024 at 11:31 AM



“ Arnie &. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Schapman.

Arnie &. - April 19, 2024 at 10:11 AM

PS

“ *Peg Scheidt lit a candle in memory of Thomas Schapman*



Peg Scheidt - April 19, 2024 at 07:24 AM

KB

“ *Kim Boeckman Bauman lit a candle in memory of Thomas Schapman*



Kim Boeckman Bauman - April 18, 2024 at 11:37 PM

KB

“ *Tom was so nice to everyone. I remember him and Don Masching working together in Breda and Carroll. He will be dearly missed.*

Kim Boeckman Bauman - April 18, 2024 at 11:36 PM

JF

“ *Grandpa Schapman was truly an amazing man I aspire to be like some day. He was a family man, a selfless individual, and a man of God. I remember when you took us to swan lake as a kid or when you showed us how to fish in the creek. I wish we had more time to spend together. I love you Grandpa.*

Joseph Farrington - April 18, 2024 at 10:47 PM

KJ

“ *My sympathy to the family. Tom was a gentleman, always caring. I remember when he was working at the funeral home,. knew everyone by name and he showed he cared. He will be missed by many. Kathy*

Kathy Jones - April 18, 2024 at 07:31 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Thomas Schapman.*



April 18, 2024 at 06:13 PM

LS

“ *Tom was such a kind and gentle soul, so caring and compassionate. My deepest sympathy to Judy and his beautiful family.*



Linda Sporrer - April 18, 2024 at 04:24 PM

BT

“ *Barb Toohey lit a candle in memory of Thomas Schapman*



Barb Toohey - April 18, 2024 at 11:04 AM

BT

Tom was a wonderful gentleman, great father and friend, he will be missed. Rest in peace.

Barb Toohey - April 18, 2024 at 11:06 AM

KP

“ *Kristi Pudenz lit a candle in memory of Thomas Schapman*



Kristi Pudenz - April 17, 2024 at 09:09 PM

KJ

“ *Tom was a gentleman, always smiling, always friendly. Always caring, He will be missed by many. May Tom rest in peace. Kathy*

Kathy Jones - April 17, 2024 at 06:56 PM

MH

“ *Tom was very kind he help my family through a difficult time*



Mary Hike - April 17, 2024 at 05:50 PM

MP

Tom was there for me when I lost my Father and Mother and my husband. I'm thinking of you, Judy and your family and grandchildren. RIP TOM

Marcella PATTON - April 17, 2024 at 05:59 PM

CL

My sympathies to Tom's family. He was such a nice guy. May God wrap his loving arms around you all and give you peace. Cindy Lawler

Cindy Lawler - April 18, 2024 at 12:53 PM

LD

Tom was always a very kind, gentle man. He was very missed when he retired from Sharps. RIP Tom. Sympathies to the family on your loss!

Lisa Danzer - April 18, 2024 at 02:33 PM

JK

Our sincere sympathy to the Schapman family. Tom was highly respected by everyone, and a wonderful person.

joyce koster - April 18, 2024 at 05:01 PM

DV

What a wonderful neighbor! I always enjoyed it when I was outside and I would look towards his home to see if he was outside enjoying the weather and he would send me a wonderful wave!! To Judy and family my thoughts are with all of you..

Danette Vennink - April 19, 2024 at 07:29 PM

TV

He was one of the good old boys. My dad loved him, therefore our whole family had nothing but the utmost respect for him. He was so professional at the funeral home and helped us through the dark time when Dad died. Dad marched at many military funerals and he always gave much praise to Tom. All of us were lucky to know him. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you all.

Terri Vetter - April 20, 2024 at 10:25 AM