



Thomas Wiater

January 4, 1943 - May 3, 2026

Thomas “Tom” Wiater, 83, of Beecher, Illinois, passed away peacefully at home on Sunday, May 3, 2026, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Born on January 4, 1943, in Chicago Heights, Illinois, Tom was the son of the late Walter and Aurelia Wiater. A proud veteran, he honorably served his country in the United States Army. Tom dedicated many years of hard work as a crane operator at Chicago Heights Steel, retiring in 2008.

On November 13, 1971, Tom married the love of his life, Barb (nee Weishaar), in Beecher, Illinois. Together they built a life centered on family, commitment, and love. Tom took great pride in his family and found his greatest joy in the time spent with them.

Tom was known as a jokester with a heart of gold. He would do anything for anyone and never hesitated to lend a helping hand or give what he could to those in need. He will be fondly remembered for his wedding pranks and sense of humor that brought laughter to so many. When he wasn't spending time with his beloved family, Tom enjoyed fishing and volunteering in his community.

He is lovingly remembered by his devoted wife, Barb; his cherished son, Brian; his “number one” daughter-in-law, Stephanie; and his beloved

grandson, Mason, who was his buddy and brought him endless happiness.

Tom is also survived by his brother, Bill (Karen) Wiater; his sister, Sandra (Mel) Crouse; his brothers-in-law, David (Julie) Weishaar, Steve (Paula) Weishaar, Stan Weishaar, Randi (Debbie) Weishaar, Jeff (Cindi) Weishaar, Kevin (Michelle) Weishaar, David Mashek, and Ray Blomberg; his sisters-in-law, Sheri (Roger) Karstensen, Diane Farmer, Vana (George) Barbeauld, Lona (Scott) Luebbe, Lori (Mike) Simmonds, and Lonnie (Derek) Harsy; as well as countless nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Aurelia Wiater; his mother- and father-in-law, Marge and Gilbert Weishaar; his sister, Geraldine Wiater; his brother, Jim Wiater; his sister-in-law, Karen Wiater; his brothers-in-law, Herschel Farmer and Harold Lattz; and his sisters-in-law, Nancy Lattz, Wendy Mashek, and Mardee Blomberg.

Visitation will be held for Tom on Friday, May 8, at Hack-Jensen Funeral Home in Beecher, Illinois, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., with a memorial service beginning at 7:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the family, Uplifted Care of Kankakee, or the South Suburban Humane Society.

Tom will be remembered for his kindness, generosity, humor, and the deep love he had for his family, and many friends he made along the way—he was a stranger to no one. He will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 8. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Hack-Jensen Funeral Home
753 Hodges Street
Beecher, IL 60401
jensenfuneralhomes@yahoo.com
<http://Hackfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

MAY 8. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

BL

“ To hear of Tom's passing was a shock. I knew him from from working with him at the steel mill. We had some great times hunting in Southern Illinois and we even hunted at the mill. He was a great guy and one of my best friends. I will forever remember him. May you hold his memories in your heart forever.
Bill Lorts

Bill Lorts - May 07 at 03:10 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Thomas Wiater.



May 06 at 12:39 PM

PD

“ RIP to my godfather sending prayers to the family ,you will be missed. Patti Boehm

patti boehm (god daughter - May 05 at 09:41 PM

JP

“ Knew Tom through my best friend Jerry, Rest in Peace Tom, Prayers for the Family and Loved ones

John Page - May 05 at 03:41 PM

FP

“ You were like a big brother to me when I was a kid. So many fond memories. RIP.

Fran Pavlik - May 05 at 12:08 PM

DK

“ May not have conversed with Tom the last 50 years but fondly remember him.



Debbie Kammermann Kotecki - May 03 at 05:31 PM