



## Thomas J. Funk

August 24, 1946 - January 17, 2016

Thomas J. Funk, age 69, of Worthington died Jan. 17th after a two year illness.

Tom was born in Akron, Ohio, the son of Carroll D. and Ninfa (Vitrano) Funk. He grew up on Akron's North Hill and attended St. Vincent High School. He graduated in 1968 from the Honors College at Michigan State University with a degree in Mathematics. His plans to attend graduate school were cut short when he was drafted into the U.S. Army. He served for two years, including a year stationed at Long Binh, South Vietnam. After his discharge with the rank of sergeant, Tom moved to Columbus to begin a career in software development with Chemical Abstracts Service. He then worked for consulting firms in both Columbus and Arlington, Virginia before becoming an independent contractor.

Tom enjoyed reading and learning, assisting neighbors with projects, meeting new people, and following Spartan sports. He was especially interested in electronics, math, science, and history. He loved children and had a natural rapport with them. Some of his favorite memories were of coaching youth sports, particularly soccer.

Tom is survived by his wife of 41 years Sue, son Scott of Hamilton, Ohio, sisters Carol (Rich) Eberly of Ooltewah, TN and Sandi Saffles of Silver Lake,

OH, three nephews, several great-nephews and nieces, and his best friend of over 50 years Doug Falcon of Jamesville, NY.

The family wishes to thank all of the medical staff who cared for Tom in the past two years, especially Dr. Charles Tweel, nurse Tonya Wiley, and the staff at Mayfair Village Nursing Center who became an extended family.

The family will receive visitors 4-7 PM Sunday, January 24, 2016 at RUTHERFORD-CORBIN FUNERAL HOME, 515 High Street, Worthington, OH 43085. Private family interment at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Tom's memory to the USO or the Wounded Warrior Project.

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

JAN **24**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford-Corbin Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas J. Funk*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Tom was our neighbor when we bought our first home. He was very helpful and generous and kind. He always had good ideas about how to fix things or repair things. He always encouraged the kids, especially my oldest son. He encouraged him when he was young to become an Eagle Scout and his encouragement helped him achieve this goal. We are glad you are at peace, Tom, but know you will be missed.*



**Suzanne K Stanton** - January 24, 2016 at 07:06 PM



“ *Tom and I grew up together on North Hill. We went to the same grade school (St. Martha's), high school (St. Vincent's), and college (Michigan State). Our families were friends, and our Moms had a competition of who could brag more about their child ;-)* I always enjoyed Tom's emails chronicling the athletic teams from St. V's (as well as Ohio State and MSU, at times). I will surely miss him.

*My heartfelt sympathies go out to Sue and Scott in this difficult time. Sending prayers your way.*

**Laura Meley** - January 21, 2016 at 05:10 PM

HU

“ God Bless and Thank YOU, Sgt. Funk for your service in The U.S.Army during Vietnam. RIP..... And Semper Fi.



Herb Guyer-Sharfenaker USMC - January 21, 2016 at 02:26 PM

DM

“ Sue, I am so sorry for your loss. May God's healing arms surround you and your family with comfort and peace.

Debbie Murphy - January 21, 2016 at 07:32 AM

GA

“ Gary, Shery, and Jordan Alligood purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Thomas J. Funk.



Gary, Shery, and Jordan Alligood - January 20, 2016 at 09:16 PM



“ Tom and I met when I started playing poker with a group from Chemical Abstracts. I knew Sue since 1978 when she became my boss there. The group included Larry Frank, Tom Eshleman, Clarence Bishop, Kurt Proegler, and Tom, who had been an employee at Cas before I started. I have fond memories of those monthly gatherings - good times, good talks and a lot of comraderie. I remember when Scott was born and how proud he was to have a son. They were a wonderful family. I'm sure he will be missed and our prayers are with Sue, Scott and the rest of his family. Rest in peace, old friend.

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**Bob Novak** - January 20, 2016 at 08:09 PM



“ So sorry to hear about Tom. He was always a fun part of raising the tree.

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**Leo Kalinowski** - January 20, 2016 at 03:20 PM



“ We miss Tom and conversations around the fire, heated as they may get! He was always so great to the kids, bringing them treats, books and games. If we ever needed anything, he was available. Great guy, very much missed.

*Brian & Susan Marvin*

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**Susan Marvin** - January 20, 2016 at 12:41 PM



“ Sue, Brenda and I always enjoyed the time we shared with Tom and you. So sorry for your loss. Dan and Brenda Keller

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**Dan and Brenda Keller** - January 20, 2016 at 12:32 PM

BN

“ My wife Pam and I met Tom and Sue in 1991 when our sons were on the same youth soccer team. Tom was the Coach, and I was his assistant. He loved the boys and the boys loved him. I'll always remember him saying "Don't be like sticky peanut butter. Spread out so your teammates can pass the ball to you." And "If you have great defense, the other team cannot score. So you may tie (in soccer) but you will never lose.”

*My favorite was when he told a know-it-all parent: "Did I step in front of you when you volunteered to coach this team?"*

*No man stands so tall, as when he stoops to help a child.*

*Thanks for the memories, Coach Funk.*

*Rest in Peace.*

*And Go Spartans!*

*-Bob Newcomb*

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**Bob Newcomb** - January 20, 2016 at 11:38 AM

MW

“ I'm really sorry to hear of Tom's passing. I'll be praying for comfort for you, Sue, and the family.

*Mark Watkins*

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**Mark Watkins** - January 20, 2016 at 10:56 AM



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time*

*May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,*

*May your memories of Thomas J. Funk, give you peace, comfort and strength...*

*Rest now in the arms of our Lord your work on earth is complete. I thank you for your service and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten.*

*My thoughts and prayers are with the family of.....*

*US Army Veteran, Thomas J. Funk, “A True American Hero” God Bless†*

*† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †*



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**Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum** - January 20, 2016 at 07:00 AM

PS

“ Tom was a good man, a good friend, and a good classmate. He had a wicked, but kind, sense of humor, that only comes with attending Catholic schools in the 1950s and 1960s. A stroke robbed him and us of his extraordinary talents, and we are poorer for it.

*Peter Schwartz*

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**Peter Schwartz** - January 19, 2016 at 09:47 PM