



Thomas Kelly

March 25, 1951 - December 19, 2025

Princeton - Thomas "Doc" Kelly, age 73, of Princeton, Illinois, passed away peacefully on December 19, 2025, in Princeton.

Tom was born on March 25, 1951, in Chicago, Illinois, to William and Jean (Haack) Kelly, who preceded him in death. Known affectionately as "Doc" to many, Tom lived a life grounded in hard work, loyalty, and devotion to his family.

He was a proud graduate of J.F. Kennedy High School, Class of 1969.

Throughout his life, Tom worked as a truck driver and dock worker, careers that reflected his strong work ethic and dedication to providing for those he loved.

On February 7, 1998, Tom married the love of his life, Dolli (Gawlick) Kelly, in Bridgeview, Illinois. Together they built a life centered around family, laughter, and shared memories.

Tom found joy in the simple pleasures of life. He loved fishing, baseball, and being outdoors, but nothing meant more to him than spending time with his family. Whether gathered together or sharing a quiet moment, those closest to him will forever cherish his presence, his stories, and his easygoing spirit.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Dolli Kelly; his sons, Thomas (Jessica) Kelly, Matthew (Sarah) Kelly, and Alphonso (Kyley) Kelly; and his brothers, Kerry Kelly and Bill Kelly.

He leaves behind many extended family members and friends who will miss him deeply.

Tom will be remembered for his kind heart, steady strength, and the love he gave so freely to those around him. His memory will live on in the lives he touched and the family he held so dear.

Memorial contributions, in lieu of flowers, may be directed to the family.

Online condolences may be directed to www.norbergfh.com

Arrangements by Norberg Memorial Home, Inc. & Monuments.

Tribute Wall

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“ Well Tom ,, what can I say , we had some good times as kids ,
White Pines forest when we were boy scouts , .How many times did
we go hunting over by Harlem then end up walking for hours ,
Graduation from Kennedy and thats when you went your way I went
mine , Rest in Peace Tom , Buzz

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