



Thomas Gansauer

October 18, 1940 - December 4, 2020

Thomas "Tom" J. Gansauer, 80, of Centralia, passed away Friday, December 4, 2020 at SSM Health Good Samaritan Hospital in Mt. Vernon.

He was born October 18, 1940 in Gary, Indiana, the son of Erwin "Zuke" Gansauer and Helen (Hopkins) Gansauer. He married Carol Woods in 1962, they had a daughter: Ginger Sue, and they later divorced. Tom married Angela (Harris) Sanders in 1971 and they had a daughter, Julie Kay.

In addition to his wife of 49 years, Angie Gansauer of Centralia, he is also survived by his two daughters: Ginger Hayes and husband John of Centralia and Julie Silvey and husband Jeff of Edwardsville; two step-sons: Jim Sanders and wife Denise and Rob Sanders and wife Dawn of Carlyle; seven grandchildren: Justin Tellefsen, Josh Tellefsen, Ashton Guehne, Makenzie Silvey, Megan Silvey, Macy Silvey and Sadie Sanders; four great-grandchildren; a sister: Donna Simmons and husband Vern; a brother-in-law: Dave Kell; several nieces and nephews.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents: Erwin "Zuke" and Helen Gansauer, sister: Beverly Kell, a brother: Mike Gansauer, granddaughter: Acadia Sanders, step-son: Kevin Sanders, and a niece: Kati Simmons.

Tom graduated from Central City Grade School in 1954 and in 1958 he graduated from Centralia High School. A day after graduated from High School, he signed to play professional baseball with the Cleveland Indians.

Tom played baseball with the Cleveland Indians for 6 years and he retired in 1963. He worked for Hostess Cake for 6 years and with Interstate Brands for

32 years until his retirement in 2002. Tom was inducted into The Centralia Sports Hall of Fame in 2004. Tom was a lifelong member at the Zion United Church of Christ in Central City. He loved watching his grandchildren play sports and spending time with his family and friends.

A Drive Thru Visitation will be held Monday, December 14, 2020 from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Centralia. A Private Family Graveside will follow with Rev. Nancy Peebles officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the family and will be accepted at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home at 235 North Sycamore Street Centralia, Illinois 62801, (618)532-3523, who is honored to be of service to the Gansauer Family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com and the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home Facebook Page.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **14**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Hillcrest Memorial Park
2500 Old Highway 51 North
Sandoval, IL 62882

Tribute Wall

RR

“ God Bless you Tom. Praying for your Family and Love ones!! I still remember the last time i saw you. Having a Burger at Burger Haven before a Orphans game. God Bless YOU WILL BE PITCHING IN HEAVEN AND YOUR DAD WILL BE CATCHING.

Richard Rapp - December 23, 2020 at 12:23 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services - December 14, 2020 at 09:49 PM

KP

“ Kathleen Paul lit a candle in memory of Thomas Gansauer



Kathleen Paul - December 13, 2020 at 11:25 PM

AG

“ Tom was a customer of mine at McDonald’s for many years. He was always so sweet. He always told me that I was the best worker and always took care of him and everyone else very well. I loved taking care of him and his wife Angie cause they were always so sweet. When COVID struck. Mom and all the mornin crew that comes in would meet out back of McDonald’s. My mom loved meeting with them. She’s gonna miss them too. Rip buddy. You’ll be missed

Amber Grose - December 13, 2020 at 07:34 AM

DW

“ Sorry for the families loss. Sending condolences to all. Thinking of you in thoughts & prayers.
With sincere condolences,
Allen & Donna (Roper-Queen) Wooters



Donna Wooters - December 10, 2020 at 08:46 PM

JE

“ Tom was a kind and funny cousin and I am glad I got to connect with him. Prayers to you all.

Jeanine (Barlow Gansauer) Ertel

Jeanine Ertel - December 09, 2020 at 02:53 PM

JE

“ Jeanine E. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Thomas Gansauer.



Jeanine E. - December 09, 2020 at 02:51 PM

CH

“ Crystal Hutton lit a candle in memory of Thomas Gansauer



Crystal Hutton - December 09, 2020 at 12:27 AM

CH

“ Tom was a great man. And I enjoyed going to visit my mom and seeing him outside next door. He always made me laugh. You will be missed Tom by many.



Crystal Hutton - December 09, 2020 at 12:26 AM

LP

“ Tom and I played baseball together from Little League through High School. Without a doubt, Tom was the best pitcher I’ve ever seen at this level of baseball. It was a joy to watch him pitch. Tom was always a happy guy with a smile on his face. RIP Tommy! We will miss you!

Larry “Peaser” Patterson
Springfield, Illinois

Larry Patterson - December 08, 2020 at 06:59 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas Gansauer.



December 08, 2020 at 04:56 PM

NB

“ My deepest sympathy to the family. Tom and Angie were always the nicest people I had the honor to know. He was always ready to lend a helping hand.

Nancy Borgmann

Nancy Borgmann - December 08, 2020 at 04:53 PM

DD

“ *My prayers and condolences to the family. I always enjoyed walking across the street and sitting on the porch listening to Tom give me advice or just telling me one of his stories. Even though I was a kid it was a blessing to have neighbors like Tom and Angie.*

*Sincerely,
Daniel Dean*

Daniel Dean - December 07, 2020 at 08:10 PM

TJ

“ *I will forever miss our banter over the Cubs vs Cardinals. Terry and I always loved listening to your stories and pride in your grandchildren. Tom you will be so missed. God bless you Angie.*

Terry and Mystee Johnston - December 06, 2020 at 09:19 PM