



## Thomas P. Monahan

April 9, 1955 - September 17, 2021

Tom P. Monahan, 66 year old resident of Little Falls, MN passed away Friday, September 17, 2021 at his home in Little Falls, MN. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Friday, September 24, 2021 at Holy Family Catholic Church in Belle Prairie, MN with Father Ben Kociemba officiating. A visitation will be held from 4-8 P.M. on Thursday and from 9:30-11:00 A.M. on Friday all at Holy Family Catholic Church in Belle Prairie, MN. Caring for Tom and his family is the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN. The family of Tom kindly asks that all visitors to the funeral and visitation wear a mask or face covering and practice social distancing.

To view funeral service via livestream please click link below and you will be redirected to Tom's livestream. <https://my.gather.app/remember/tom-monahan>

Thomas Patrick Monahan was born in Little Falls, MN on April 9, 1955 to Harold and Clara "Bea" (Calhoun) Monahan. He was the 5th of 6 children. Tom spent his whole life in Little Falls and growing up on the Mississippi River. He graduated from Little Falls Community High School in May of 1974. Upon graduation, he began working full time for his parents down at the family store, Larson Motor Service. Throughout his teenage years and early 20s, Tom spent his winters racing Polaris snowmobiles, winning many races and acquiring many trophies. In the summer of 1978, while having lunch at the Pine Edge Inn he met his future bride, Peggy Lyter. On September 14, 1979

Tom and Peggy were united in marriage at Belle Prairie Church in Little Falls. In the years to follow they grew their family by welcoming 4 beautiful daughters into the world; Elizabeth, Kelly, Maria, and Anna. Although he was always the first to admit that raising 4 girls wasn't easy, he wouldn't have changed it for all the money in the world. He loved those girls with every ounce of his being. He was always so proud to tell everyone how he raised all 4 of them on a 22 ft Larson Hampton boat. Every summer weekend he and Peggy would pack up the boat and head up to Gull or Cross Lake where they spent their nights sleeping on the boat. Rain or shine, he'd drive around the lake with a smile on his face, and his family in tow. Boating was their life. He proudly taught the girls how to fish, how to ski, how to drive a boat, and most importantly, how to back a trailer into the water.

As the years went on Tom continued to work at Larson Motor Service, and in 1991, he and his brother John took over the family business. Several years later, in 1999, Tom and Peggy purchased the business from John, becoming the sole owners. It has always been said that he was the "best dang boat salesman around." He was the best in the business, earning many awards from both the Larson and Crestliner boat factories. He was friendly, knowledgeable, and most importantly trustworthy. Everyone knew Tom Monahan, and everyone loved him. Tom and Peggy expanded the business to several locations, and then in 2004 sold the Little Falls property and moved the business to Hwy 10, where it then became, and still remains, Monahan's Marine.

Tom took great pride in his business, and in knowing his customers, but nothing made him more proud than being a grandpa. In 2001 he earned the title of "Papa Tom" when he was blessed with his very first grandbaby. Throughout the years 9 more grandbabies were welcomed into the family, filling his heart so full, that he swore it was going to burst. Tom was a wonderful dad, and an even greater grandpa. He loved to share his passion

for fishing, hunting, gardening, and cooking with his grandchildren. He loved to entertain, and he loved when the kids were over. In 2016 he and Peggy put in a swimming pool at their home on the river where he spent the last 6 summers swimming with the grandkids. He always wanted them to have a place where they could hang out and feel welcomed, but most importantly he wanted them to know how much he loved them. Aside from his family, Tom loved the outdoors. He loved to fish for walleye in the early summer, and always enjoyed the adventure of salmon fishing on Lake Michigan with friends. North Dakota duck hunts in October with his sons-in-law, and grandson, as well as a good Minnesota pheasant hunt with his golden retrievers. Tom never sat still, and he was always on the go. He also loved spending time in his yard, and tending to his many flower beds. He loved flowers, and loved to make his yard as beautiful as possible. Tom was an extremely grateful man, and always thanked God for his many blessings. Whenever asked how he was doing, he'd respond "livin' the dream."

Tom is survived by wife, Peggy Monahan of Little Falls, MN; daughters, Elizabeth "Buffy" (Aaron) Meier of Little Falls, MN, Kelly (Jason) Westre of Sauk Rapids, MN, Maria (Jon) Archer of Little Falls, MN and Anna (Dave) Read of Brainerd, MN; siblings, Kathy Hawkinson of Florence, MT, Mary Staninger of Missoula, MT, John (Paula) Monahan of Little Falls, MN, Barb Liebel of St. Cloud, MN and Patricia (Perry) Adams of Houston, TX; grandchildren, Madeline Nuehring, Morgan Westre, Jonathan Archer II, Olivia Nuehring, Katelyn Westre, Thomas Archer, Emma Monahan, Noah Archer, Maxwell Meier, and Amelia Meier, brothers-in-law, Mike (Tracy) Lyter of NV and Rick (Sue) Lyter of WI and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Tom was preceded in death by parents, Harold and Bea Monahan; nieces, Lindsey Rae Liebel and Dawn Michelle Hornaday; nephew, Lee Liebel; mother and father-in-law, Dick & Janet Lyter; and brothers-in-law, Kim Liebel,

Don Hawkinson, Ken Staninger and Tommy Lyter.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 23. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Holy Family Catholic Church - Belle Prairie  
18777 Riverwood Drive  
Little Falls, MN

## Visitation

SEP 24. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Holy Family Catholic Church - Belle Prairie  
18777 Riverwood Drive  
Little Falls, MN

## Mass of Christian Burial

SEP 24. 11:00 AM (CT)

Holy Family Catholic Church - Belle Prairie  
18777 Riverwood Drive  
Little Falls, MN

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Thomas P. Monahan*



---

**Lemieur Funeral Homes** - September 23, 2021 at 08:38 AM

RO

*Going to miss ya bud*

---

**Roger O'Hotto** - September 23, 2021 at 04:59 PM



“ *Thomas P. Monahan*

---

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM

PF

“ *Peggy and family, I am so sorry to hear of Tom's passing. I have many fond memories of time spent hunting pheasants in South Dakota, Minnesota and Iowa with Tom. He was a good man with a good heart, He will be missed. Only the good die young. Peter.*

---

**Peter Fuchsteiner** - September 24, 2021 at 12:32 PM

JG

“ Our heartfelt condolences to the entire Monahan family. May you have comfort knowing he is at peace in heaven with the Lord. It is wonderful that Tom touched so many lives with his kind & caring personality. He will be missed. - Love, John & Tammy Gowin & family



John Gowin - September 24, 2021 at 11:55 AM

DJ

“ To all the Monahan Families; I am so sorry for your loss; May the Lord comfort you in the days to come. May God Bless You All.



Debbie Jelinski-Harakel - September 23, 2021 at 09:16 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Thomas P. Monahan.



September 23, 2021 at 03:17 PM

SF

“ Condolences to Buffy and the entire Monahan family. So sorry for your loss.



Sandy Fussy - September 23, 2021 at 02:34 PM

YJ

“ *Your Crew!Sheila,Willie,Dan,Katie& Josh purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Thomas P. Monahan.*



---

**Your Crew!Sheila,Willie,Dan,Katie& Josh** - September 23, 2021 at 01:40 PM



“ *2 files added to the album LifeTributes*



---

**Lemieux Funeral Homes** - September 23, 2021 at 12:21 PM



“ *Sweet Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Thomas P. Monahan.*



---

September 23, 2021 at 10:34 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas P. Monahan.*

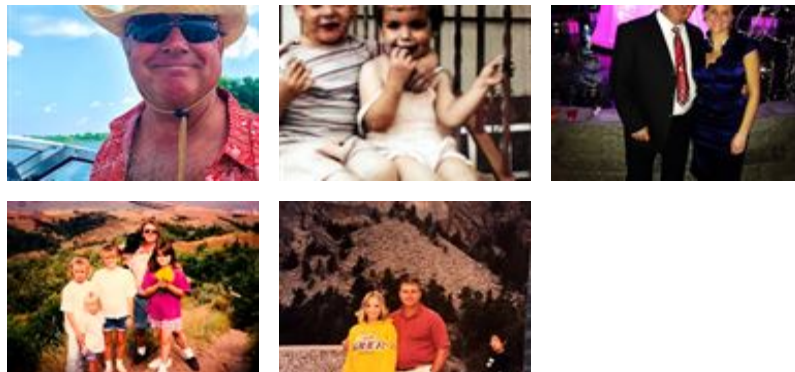


---

September 23, 2021 at 10:07 AM



“ 76 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - September 23, 2021 at 08:35 AM



“ 33 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - September 22, 2021 at 03:59 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Thomas P. Monahan.*



September 22, 2021 at 01:39 PM

MF

“ *Boat Show!.....Boat Show!.....Boat Show! My favorite add. You will be missed my friend condolences to the family.*



Mike and Carla Fenske - September 22, 2021 at 11:45 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Thomas P. Monahan.*



September 22, 2021 at 11:22 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas P. Monahan.*



September 22, 2021 at 03:51 AM

PS

“ *Prayers to you and your family!!*



Patty(Lashinski) Savor - September 21, 2021 at 10:33 PM

DP

“ *Deb Pederson lit a candle in memory of Thomas P. Monahan*



Deb Pederson - September 21, 2021 at 09:36 PM

LK

“ *Our deepest condolences goes out to your families, and may god always be with you!* 🙏



Larry and Kathy Klinker - September 21, 2021 at 09:32 PM

OF

“ *Our Love The Tom Calhoun Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Thomas P. Monahan.*



Our Love The Tom Calhoun Family - September 21, 2021 at 08:19 PM

AK

“ *Adrian Kloss lit a candle in memory of Thomas P. Monahan*



Adrian Kloss - September 21, 2021 at 07:28 PM

PC

“ I was so saddened when I learned of Tom's passing. He was truly a great person. He was always so helpful when my brother and I had any boat issues or needs. He will be missed. Our condolences to the whole family. Pete Christopherson

Pete Christopherson - September 21, 2021 at 07:18 PM

KP

“ Peggy and girls, words can not begin to say how sorry I am for your loss. Tom was one of a kind and will be truly missed. Hugs and prayers. Kim Plett!

Kim Plett! - September 21, 2021 at 03:28 PM

MC

“ Mike & Denise Czech lit a candle in memory of Thomas P. Monahan



Mike & Denise Czech - September 21, 2021 at 02:41 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas P. Monahan.



September 21, 2021 at 10:42 AM

MF

“ *Milaca Unclaimed Freight purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Thomas P. Monahan.*



---

**Milaca Unclaimed Freight** - September 21, 2021 at 10:03 AM



“ *A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Thomas P. Monahan.*



---

September 21, 2021 at 08:33 AM



“ *With Distinction was purchased for the family of Thomas P. Monahan.*



---

September 20, 2021 at 10:23 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Thomas P. Monahan.*



---

September 20, 2021 at 08:46 PM

BD

“ We are so sorry for your loss. We only knew him for a short time but he really left a lasting impression on us. May God wrap his loving arms around you and bring you peace during this difficult time.

*Jerry and BJ Donovan*

**BJ Donovan** - September 20, 2021 at 06:44 PM



“ Rose Romanesque Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas P. Monahan.

September 20, 2021 at 06:09 PM



CL

“ we are so very sorry for your devastating loss  
prayers, sympathy and love  
*Charlie and Dianne*

**Charlie and Dianne Ledbetter** - September 20, 2021 at 04:33 PM



KL

“ *Condolences to all the family*

**Ken and Betty Lasneski** - September 20, 2021 at 12:28 PM





“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Thomas P. Monahan.



---

September 20, 2021 at 10:59 AM



“ *Bruce And Patti Hammerbeck lit a candle in memory of Thomas P. Monahan*



---

**Bruce and Patti Hammerbeck** - September 20, 2021 at 10:58 AM



“ *Kory & Sheila lit a candle in memory of Thomas P. Monahan*



---

**Kory & Sheila** - September 20, 2021 at 10:53 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes* was purchased for the family of Thomas P. Monahan.



---

September 20, 2021 at 09:29 AM



“ *Cherished Memories was purchased for the family of Thomas P. Monahan.*



---

September 20, 2021 at 08:40 AM



“ *Allan/Marilyn Schneider lit a candle in memory of Thomas P. Monahan*



---

**Allan/Marilyn Schneider** - September 20, 2021 at 08:04 AM



“ *Bruce And Kathy Anderson lit a candle in memory of Thomas P. Monahan*



---

**Bruce and Kathy Anderson** - September 20, 2021 at 06:38 AM



“ *Mary Jo Retka lit a candle in memory of Thomas P. Monahan*



---

**Mary Jo Retka** - September 19, 2021 at 04:15 PM

JB

“ *Jim & Jeneva Bellefeuille lit a candle in memory of Thomas P. Monahan*



---

**Jim & Jeneva Bellefeuille** - September 19, 2021 at 04:02 PM

FA

“ *Peggy and family,  
Sorry for your loss, keeping you in our  
thoughts and prayers.  
Chuck and Faye Santala*



---

**Faye** - September 19, 2021 at 03:20 PM

JS

“ *John & Janell Staab lit a candle in memory of  
Thomas P. Monahan*



---

**John & Janell Staab** - September 19, 2021 at 02:33 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the  
family of Thomas P. Monahan.*



---

September 19, 2021 at 12:37 PM

TL

“ Tom Ledbetter lit a candle in memory of Thomas P. Monahan



Tom Ledbetter - September 19, 2021 at 10:23 AM

JT

“ Our prayers and thoughts are with you Peg and your families. Tom will be missed by all.



Judy and Fred Tabatt - September 19, 2021 at 09:48 AM

DH

“ So sorry for your loss, Peggy and family. Tom was a caring person who was always busy and on the go. It was a pleasure to know him. I pray for the Lord's peace, comfort, grace and mercy to all of you and that He will help you adjust to the loss of Tom in your lives.  
Donna Hinnenkamp



Donna Hinnenkamp - September 19, 2021 at 08:38 AM

AH

“ Angela Holmstrom lit a candle in memory of Thomas P. Monahan



Angela Holmstrom - September 19, 2021 at 08:36 AM

AD

“ *Ann Doble lit a candle in memory of Thomas P. Monahan*



---

**Ann Doble** - September 19, 2021 at 07:50 AM

MS

“ *Mark & Pam Savage lit a candle in memory of Thomas P. Monahan*



---

**Mark & Pam Savage** - September 19, 2021 at 02:08 AM

BB

“ *Beth Birr lit a candle in memory of Thomas P. Monahan*



---

**Beth Birr** - September 18, 2021 at 11:11 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Thomas P. Monahan.*



---

September 18, 2021 at 08:41 PM

CM

“ *Claudette Moran lit a candle in memory of Thomas P. Monahan*



---

**Claudette Moran** - September 18, 2021 at 05:57 PM

SN

“ *Sandy Nelson lit a candle in memory of Thomas P. Monahan*



---

**Sandy Nelson** - September 18, 2021 at 05:13 PM

JD

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers to your family.*



---

**Jeanne Davis** - September 18, 2021 at 04:36 PM

CF

“ *Connie Fenske lit a candle in memory of Thomas P. Monahan*



---

**Connie Fenske** - September 18, 2021 at 04:32 PM

KK

“ Tom was a caring and compassionate person. He always greeted us with a friendly smile and interest in how we were doing. Our hearts ache for you Peggy and you family. May you find peace and comfort in the wonderful memories you have. Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers. Kurt and Lori Kneeland



Kurt and Lori Kneeland - September 18, 2021 at 04:25 PM

DW

“ Rest In Peace my friend.

Danny Waldvogel - September 18, 2021 at 03:48 PM

RS

“ Peggy & Family: Our deepest sympathy, condolences, thoughts and prayers go out to you Peggy and your family in the loss of Tom. He was a great man and a hard worker. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him. May Tom Rest In Peace with our Heavenly Father. God's blessings on your family.

Richard & Mary Schneider - September 18, 2021 at 03:27 PM

KK

Tom was a caring and compassionate person. He always greeted us with a friendly smile and interest in how we were doing. Our hearts ache for you Peggy and you family. May you find peace and comfort in the wonderful memories you have. Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers. Kurt and Lori Kneeland

Kurt and Lor Kneeland - September 18, 2021 at 04:22 PM