



# Thomas H. Johnson

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It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, and an unwavering supporter of both the Batesville community and the funeral profession, Tom Johnson. He departed this world on December 21, 2023, leaving behind a legacy of compassion, community spirit, and dedicated service.

Tom was born on July 13, 1950, in Batesville, Indiana to Harry and Dorothy Johnson. Tom had three siblings: Tony Johnson, Margaret Kidwell, and Carol Firsich. Early on he excelled in Basketball and Baseball which earned him a baseball scholarship to Butler University. Just like his father who had been the Mayor of Batesville, Tom Johnson was a man whose heart was deeply intertwined with the fabric of the community. His commitment was exemplified through years of selfless service and support. Whether he was championing community causes, raising money, or offering a helping hand, Tom was a true beacon of light for Batesville.

Professionally, Tom Johnson was a respected member of the funeral profession. His journey included significant roles at Batesville Casket Company, International Funeral Service, and Pierce Brothers Mortuaries and Cemeteries, where he propelled the industry forward with visionary leadership and strategic innovations. Tom's entrepreneurial spirit led to the founding of Prime Succession in Batesville, Indiana and later the establishment of Johnson Consulting Group. He served as a Board Member for both Hillenbrand Industries and Great Western Insurance Company. In addition, Tom was a great supporter of the Funeral Service Foundation, where he served on the Board of Trustees.

Beyond the walls of his profession, Tom Johnson was a loving family man. He leaves behind his wife Cynthia Johnson (Cynthia Logan), sons Jake (Robyn) and Brian (Joanna), and daughter Kate. He is also survived by four grandchildren, Logan, Carson, Eli, and Graham.

In his personal life Tom enjoyed everything about life, from fishing and hunting to golfing and most notably playing cards, board games, and gambling. He loved spending time on his farm and



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seeing his grandkids enjoying their sports, hobbies, and interests. You could find Tom in the afternoon or evening with a cigar in hand and the Cincinnati Reds game on TV.

A celebration of Tom Johnson's life starts with visitation hours on Thursday December 28th at the funeral home from 3-7pm. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Louis Catholic Church in Batesville, IN on Friday, December 29th at 10:00am followed by a graveside service at St. Louis Catholic Cemetery. Friends, family, and community members are invited to join in honoring a life well-lived, reflecting on the impact he had, not only on his family but in the broader Batesville community and funeral profession.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to The Margaret Mary Health Foundation or The Batesville Area Arts Council in Tom Johnson's memory, continuing his legacy of giving back to the community he held dear.

May Tom Johnson's spirit of compassion and service continue to inspire us all. Though he may no longer be with us in person, the echoes of his kindness and dedication will resonate through the community he loved so faithfully.



# Events

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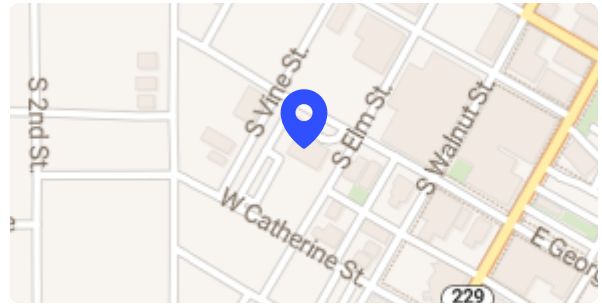
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## Visitation

**Thursday**, December 28, 2023

3:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET

**Weigel Funeral Home**  
151 W. George St., Batesville IN 47006

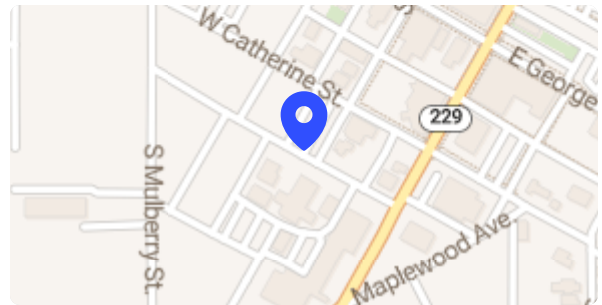


## Mass of Christian Burial

**Friday**, December 29, 2023

10:00 AM ET

**St. Louis Church**  
13 St. Louis Place, Batesville IN 47006



## Cemetery Details

**St. Louis Cemetery**  
Batesville IN





## Tribute Wall

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ML

**Melanie Loyd** posted:

Blessed wishes to the Johnson family and all thoughtful business associates. Such and Industry legend and legacy left.Melanie Loyd

January 9 at 7:56 AM

JG

**Joy Greenway** lit a candle in honor of Thomas.

Tom was a great person. I very much enjoyed serving with him on the board. He was very welcoming, friendly, and knowledgeable. He was admired for his depth, experience, and positive personality. He will be missed. Warm thoughts and prayers for comfort to his loving family.



January 9 at 6:33 AM

NA

**Nicki Price Adams** posted:

Tom has been a lifelong friend of our family and will be greatly missed. I have always admired his impact on the funeral profession, family, and friends. Sending you all lots of love. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

January 2 at 8:43 AM

EB

**Eric Butler** posted:

Tom was head of Pierce Brothers' Mortuaries when I first met him. I am so, so very sorry that he's left us all, but am so grateful to have known him and worked with him. He was very down-to-earth and approachable, which made him a well thought of and liked leader. He was incredibly proud of his family, for very good reasons. Peace, my friend.

January 2 at 7:04 AM

TC

**Ted Cripe** posted:

We have loss a great friend and all around good guy who had a major impactthrough his contributions to community and his profession. My sympathy and prayers are with Cindy, Jake, Brian, Kate and the rest of the Johnson family. I will always remember the good times we had on the golf course and our fishing excursion to Mexico. Of course, Tom caught the biggest fish. Rest in Peace Tom, I will miss you! Ted Cripe

December 29 at 3:54 AM



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**Mike Steen** lit a candle in honor of Thomas.

To the Johnson family... You know only too well that there are no magic words to take the hurt and pain away. Only know that we share your loss. I was fortunate enough to manage 3 of the Pierce Brothers locations for Tom. He pirated me from the Pierce family in 1982. I had the pleasure of working for him for 7 years. He was a true professional and made us all proud to be in Funeral Service. For me, next month, it will be the start of 58 years. I give thanks for Tom and the example that he set. Mike Steen, Cathedral City, CA



December 28 at 9:33 PM



**Robin Heppell** posted:

Dear Mrs. Johnson, Jake, Brian and Kate. I'm truly sorry to hear about Tom's declining health and passing. I first met Tom at Ron Hast's event in San Francisco in 2007. From there connected with all three children. Tom was a true professional and assisted in making Funeral Service a Profession! Rob Heppell

December 28 at 12:26 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Deepest Faith to the Johnson family.



December 28 at 11:15 AM



**Ray Frew, Tom Frew - Green Hills** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Thomas.



December 28 at 11:15 AM



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**Jim Rudolph** posted:

I have read and reread Tom's obituary. I cannot believe we have lost this giant of vision in our industry. Every time we had a Think Tank, Tom would come and speak. He was persuasive, he was inventive, he had solutions. Mostly he was tireless in his coaching of the funeral directors he liked and cared about. I felt very lucky and unworthy of his praise and all the time he gave to me. I am sorry I am unable to be at his service. But I will always, and very gratefully, remember Tom Johnson. "Thank you, Tom, and Rest in Peace." Your life mattered. You gave more than you ever took. So many of us are in your debt.

December 28 at 10:28 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Lavender Reflections Spray to the Johnson family.



December 28 at 5:50 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Johnson family.



December 28 at 5:21 AM



**From Todd Degusipe & Degusipe Funeral** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Thomas.



December 28 at 5:15 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Lily and Rose Tribute Spray to the Johnson family.



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**Joseph Fitzgerald** posted:

To the Johnson family, On behalf of the O'Connor family, we were saddened to hear news of Tom's passing. He touched so many lives and has left an indelible mark within the funeral profession. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time. Joe Fitzgerald O'Connor Mortuary

December 28 at 5:13 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Johnson family.



December 27 at 2:16 PM



**Kidwell Family** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Thomas.



December 27 at 2:16 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Sacred Duty Spray to the Johnson family.



December 27 at 9:32 AM



**Buck And Josh, Vallejo, Ca** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Thomas.



December 27 at 9:32 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Reflections of Glory Wreath to the Johnson family.



December 27 at 9:28 AM



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**Buck Kamphausen & Josh Voss, Vallejo, Ca** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Thomas.

December 27 at 9:28 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Serenity Wreath to the Johnson family.

December 27 at 9:02 AM



**Your Palm Mortuary Family** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Thomas.

December 27 at 9:02 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Tranquil Seas to the Johnson family.

December 27 at 7:46 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Johnson family.

December 27 at 7:38 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Johnson family.

December 27 at 6:52 AM





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**Jeff & Rosemary Casey** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Thomas.

December 27 at 6:52 AM



**Love, Ellen, Kristen, And Zachary Kane** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Thomas.

December 27 at 6:34 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Johnson family.

December 27 at 6:34 AM



**Colleen Steer** posted:

Geoff and I were very sorry to hear of Tom's passing. Geoff has lots of great memories of hunting trips to Gillette Wyoming & Dye Creek Ranch with Tom, Steve Massey, Peter Cooper and Wes Johnson. Sending our deepest sympathies to his family.

December 27 at 6:22 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Johnson family.

December 27 at 5:58 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Johnson family.

December 27 at 5:25 AM





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**Anonymous** sent a Bountiful Rose Basket to the Johnson family.

December 27 at 4:12 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Johnson family.

December 26 at 7:10 PM



**Chip Ray** posted:

We are deeply sorrowed by the loss of a good friend, a man who loved his family and community, and a man that made a profound difference in funeral service and so many of the folks who chose a life of service in the funeral profession. The tributes that have already been written sum up a life that was lived well. Tom may be at peace but his memory will live on in all that knew him or who were touched by his time on earth. RIP Blessings to the Johnson family! Chip and Nancy Ray

December 26 at 4:22 PM



**Anonymous** sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Johnson family.

December 26 at 4:15 PM



**Dale E.** planted a grove of 5 Memorial Trees in honor of Thomas.

December 26 at 2:27 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Sweet Tranquility Basket to the Johnson family.

December 26 at 10:44 AM





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**Matt And Kim Klein** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Thomas.

December 26 at 10:44 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Dreams From the Heart Bouquet to the Johnson family.

December 26 at 10:31 AM



**Sabrina Messinger & Messinger Mortuary** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Thomas.

December 26 at 10:31 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the Johnson family.

December 26 at 9:14 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Serenity Wreath to the Johnson family.

December 26 at 8:57 AM



**Anonymous** sent an Ocean Breeze Spray to the Johnson family.

December 26 at 8:13 AM





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**Harvin B.** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Johnson family.

December 26 at 7:52 AM



**Harvin B.** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Thomas.

December 26 at 7:52 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Your Light Shines to the Johnson family.

December 26 at 7:26 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Johnson family.

December 26 at 6:31 AM



**Tom Antram - French Funerals-Cremations** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Thomas.

December 26 at 6:31 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet to the Johnson family.

December 26 at 5:21 AM





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**Batesville Executive Management Team** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Thomas.



December 26 at 5:21 AM



**Mark Higgins** posted:

Dear Cindy, Jake & family, What sad news of Tom's death, especially at this otherwise joyful time of year. As if it were yesterday, I can recall first meeting him when this dynamo addressed my Pittsburgh mortuary school class in '81, only to meet up with him again upon joining the NSM staff in '82. Tom was like a big brother in the profession, rendering keen wisdom with warmth, humor and always that perpetual smile. How tall he stood among us! My friends, may your husband and father's sterling example of character, integrity and faith inspire you always, as you now commend him into the arms of his maker and sustainer in the sure and certain hope he is safe and at peace. Thanks be to God for Tom Johnson, so beloved and revered beyond measure.

December 25 at 4:59 AM



**Herbert T Walker Iii** posted:

I'm sorry to hear about Tom. He dedicated his life to the service of others. I have fond memories of him. Herbert T. Walker III Walker Funeral Homes Cincinnati, Ohio

December 24 at 12:32 PM



**Ron Mowry & Karen Doran** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Thomas.



December 24 at 10:09 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Magnificent Life Spray to the Johnson family.



December 24 at 10:09 AM



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**Anonymous** sent an Enduring Grace to the Johnson family.

December 24 at 9:01 AM



**Love, Tracy And Kenny Knauss** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Thomas.

December 24 at 9:01 AM



**Melissa Six-Westerfeld** posted:

Cindy and family, many fond memories of Tom while working for him in Batesville. Tom was very kind and such a fine young gentleman. Our sincere condolences goes out to you all during this time. Praying for peace and comfort in days to come. Jim and Melissa Six-Westerfeld

December 23 at 5:54 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Lily and Rose Tribute Spray to the Johnson family.

December 23 at 12:07 PM



**Rick Allnutt** posted:

Tom was such a driving force in the industry! We enjoyed many fun times together hunting birds in Mexico and at Falcons Ledge! Also so many fun times at The Memorial Classic and at Johnson Consulting Summits. Tom and I roomed together on trips and really had great conversations. He motivated me to build my business and he was the first call I made when it was time to sell. His guidance and wisdom helped me build a successful organization. We also enjoyed many a Monte Cristo together. Cindy, Jake Katie and Brian I am so sorry that he is no longer with us and despite being cliché his presence was so large he will ALWAYS live on in my mind!

December 23 at 11:33 AM



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**Terry & Donna Mollaun** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Thomas.



December 23 at 10:59 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Johnson family.



December 23 at 10:59 AM



**Joan (Eckstein) Mckamey** posted:

Cindy and all, I have lost touch with your family but remember babysitting for Jake, Brian, and K-K-K-Kate when they were young children. (I remember Tom singing "K-K-K-Katy, beautiful Katy, you're the only g-g-g-girl that I adore" to Kate), I am so sorry to learn of Tom's death. Be assured of my sincere sympathy and prayers for your comfort at this time of great loss. Joan (Eckstein) McKamey

December 23 at 9:59 AM



**Barbara Abplanalp** lit a candle in honor of Thomas.

Cindy & Family. Our Deepest sincere Sympathy to you Cindy & your Family. Gary & I so I remember Tom playing Basketball. We must say he was Incredibly Gifted. Our Sympathy to Your Family. Gary & Barbara Abplanalp Clairmont & Greensburg



December 23 at 9:15 AM



**Bruce Buchanan** posted:

All of us here at Flanner Buchanan in Indianapolis send our warmest wishes to the Johnson family.

December 23 at 7:16 AM



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MU

**Mike, Candi & Sara Urnerr** posted:

We are praying for the Johnson Family. We have such fond memories of Tom and know the impact he made on so many. Proud to have known him and know his legacy will carry on. God bless all of you and know we are here.

December 23 at 7:00 AM

MU

**Mike, Candi & Sara Urner** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Thomas.



December 23 at 6:57 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Divine Light to the Johnson family.



December 23 at 6:57 AM

GH

**Greg Hilgendorf** posted:

Impossible to fathom our profession without Tom Johnson. He was transformational. I was so fortunate to experience his genius working for him for so many years. Helen and I send our warmest condolences to Cindy, Jake, Brian, Katie and families. Greg and Helen Hilgendorf

December 23 at 5:12 AM

SP

**Shawn Phillips** posted:

Tom gave me first big break in the industry when allowed me to become the manager of Pierce Brothers "720" downtown Los Angeles. which was a large business. Tom was instrumental in developing me and my career in the industry. I will be forever grateful for Tom's guidance and mentorship. Thank you Tom for your trust and allowing me to grow. I would never be where I am today without you!!!'

December 22 at 3:43 PM



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LB

**Lynn Six Bewley** lit a candle in honor of Thomas.

Tom was president of Pierce Brothers when I joined the staff of Pacific View Memorial Park in 1984. Having grownup in Greensburg, IN and my father employed with Batesville Casket, I was anxious to meet him. Tom was always very pleasant, kind, knowledgeable and professional. I was pleased to begin my career in funeral service and to be part of his group. I'm very sorry for your families deep loss.



December 22 at 3:42 PM

KL

**Kay Lloyd** posted:

So sorry to hear this news. Tom was one of a kind and it was our joy to work for this man many years at Pierce Brothers. Karl and I both counted it an honor to work with Tom and shared many wonderful memories from those days. Karl so appreciated the trust that Tom had in his work and made him a Vice President. A great man has left us too soon. Prayers for his family. Rest in peace our Wonderful Friend. You will certainly be missed.

December 22 at 2:25 PM

RS

**Richard Sells** posted:

A Great Friend .Who will be missed by many. He has left a GREAT legacy. LUV YA MAN Rich

December 22 at 1:35 PM

RS

**Rich & Nancee Sells** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Thomas.



December 22 at 1:35 PM

RS

**Rich & Nancee Sells** sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Johnson family.



December 22 at 1:35 PM



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**Anonymous** sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Johnson family.

December 22 at 1:34 PM



**Peder Strand** lit a candle in honor of Thomas.

Tom was a great owner to work for at Menke Funeral Home in Sun City, AZ. He was always kind and generous and knew how to treat employees. Always teaching me business skills that I would actually use and never to busy to say hello and offer a smile. I, for one, will truly miss him and will keep the family in my thoughts and prayers. Peder Strand

December 22 at 1:28 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Serene Reflections Bouquet to the Johnson family.

December 22 at 10:17 AM



**Anonymous** sent an Ocean Breeze Spray to the Johnson family.

December 22 at 10:02 AM





## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Thomas by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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