



Thomas "Tom" J Goering

February 7, 1954 - September 23, 2024

Thomas "Tom" Goering, 70, of Grand Island passed away unexpectedly on Monday, September 23, 2024.

Gathering of family and friends will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Friday, September 27, 2024 at All Faiths Funeral Home, with a time of sharing to follow. A Memorial Mass will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, September 28, 2024 at Resurrection Catholic Church. Celebrant will be Fr. Vijumon Choorackal. All Faiths Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements. Memorials are suggested to the family.

Tom was born on February 7, 1954 in Cedar Rapids, seventh child of LaVern and Theresa (Homan) Goering. He was raised in Cedar Rapids where he graduated from Cedar Rapids High School. Tom continued his education and graduated with his Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. During his freshman year of college, Tom met his best friend and the love of his life, Jane Gartner, and they became inseparable. They were married on November 26, 1977 in Cedar Rapids.

Tom and Jane moved to Grand Island in 1979 where they raised their two children and created a home filled with animals, music, fun and laughter. Tom loved his kids fiercely and spent most of his free time with them: playing games, coaching sports, helping with school and scouting projects, and

learning the newest dance moves. He was a big kid whether he was playing with kids or adults, and people of all ages adored him.

Tom was employed at Chief Industries for a few years before beginning his 30-year career with United Parcel Service (UPS). During this time, he made lifelong friends throughout the area because to know Tom is to love him. Since his retirement in 2011, his days have been filled with golf, pickleball, and karaoke with his buddies. Tom was a golf enthusiast for many years, often playing at Centura Golf Course in Cairo. He joined the pickleball craze recently and loved to meet new people on the court.

His Christian faith was the foundation for many of his views that he shared often. He was kind and generous and always willing to help loved ones and strangers alike. He was close to all of his nieces and nephews, who were more like brothers and sisters to him. Tom brought jokes and laughter to every gathering with friends and family.

Tom is survived by his wife of 47 years, Jane of Grand Island; children, Dr. Emily (Jimmy) O'Rourke and children, Logan and Jackson of Chesapeake, VA, Adam (Kelli) Goering and children, Ty, Teddy, Bella, and Josie of Playa del Rey, CA, precious bonus son, John (Sol) Kratzer and children, Nolan and Josh of Duvall, WA; siblings, Marlene McPhillips of Elkhorn, Sister Jean Ann Goering of Great Bend, KS, Catherine Kutilek of Grand Island, Barbara of Omaha, Fred (Joan) Goering of Grand Island, and Jim (Janet) Goering of Geneva, NE; and many loved nieces, nephews and extended family with loving and unique nicknames provided by Tom. Tom was preceded in death by his parents; infant daughter, Christi Ann Goering; brothers-in-law, Jerry McPhillips, Bob Kutilek, and Ray Rutten; sister-in-law JoAnn (Gartner) Kratzer and her husband David Kratzer.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Gathering

SEP **27**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

All Faiths Funeral Home
2929 S Locust St
Grand Island, NE 68801
(308) 398-2929
allfaiths@giallfaiths.com
<https://www.giallfaiths.com/>

Memorial Mass

SEP **28**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Resurrection Catholic Church
4110 Cannon Rd
Grand Island, NE 68803

Tribute Wall

LB

“ Jane and family, it saddens my heart terribly for you. I could not believe I was told right about Tom. You two always shared such a close relationship. I can't even imagine how difficult this is for you. Tom will be missed ; never forgotten. Keeping you in prayers. Deep hugs my friend. 💙

Lora Ann Buhrman - October 03, 2024 at 01:42 PM

DG

“ Jane and the entire Goering Family, I was shocked and stunned upon hearing about Tom's totally unexpected passing. It is still difficult for me to comprehend. I just recently talked to Tom finalizing some last-minute Alumni finances and telling him I would be coming to Grand Island for my grandson's golf tournament at his course in Cairo in a few weeks. He told me he would get a golf cart and we would watch the tournament together. For the past 6 years, I had the pleasure to work with Tom on organizing and planning the annual Cedar Rapids / Riverside Annual High School Banquet. He was so great to work with, a lot of fun and usually had a good joke to share. He will be greatly missed by me and so many other people.
Dan & Mary Gordon

Dan Gordon - September 28, 2024 at 12:28 AM

KG

“ Kevin & Jayne Gemmell purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Thomas "Tom" J Goering.



Kevin & Jayne Gemmell - September 27, 2024 at 06:38 PM

KG

“ Kevin & Jayne Gemmell planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas "Tom" J Goering.

Kevin & Jayne Gemmell - September 27, 2024 at 06:38 PM

GK

“ Sorry to hear about Tom Great guy god bless.

George Katrouzos - September 27, 2024 at 05:58 PM

TJ

“ Trish Johnson planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas "Tom" J Goering.

Trish Johnson - September 27, 2024 at 03:29 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" J Goering.



September 27, 2024 at 09:29 AM

JG

“ Jason, Patty, Henry & Matthew Goering purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Thomas "Tom" J Goering.



Jason, Patty, Henry & Matthew Goering - September 27, 2024 at 09:22 AM

JG

“ Jason, Patty, Henry & Matthew Goering planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas "Tom" J Goering.

Jason, Patty, Henry & Matthew Goering - September 27, 2024 at 09:22 AM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" J Goering.



September 27, 2024 at 02:01 AM

BB

“ Björn Barrefors planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas "Tom" J Goering.

Björn Barrefors - September 27, 2024 at 02:01 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" J Goering.



September 27, 2024 at 12:28 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" J Goering.*



September 26, 2024 at 09:30 PM



“ *From Emily and Drew Jones and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Thomas "Tom" J Goering.*



From Emily and Drew Jones and family - September 26, 2024 at 08:34 PM



“ *Chantal A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas "Tom" J Goering.*

Chantal A. - September 26, 2024 at 08:24 PM



“ *Oh Jane, I am so very sorry to hear of Tom's untimely death. You and your family are in my heart and prayers. 🙏❤️
~Holly Ham*

Holly Ham - September 26, 2024 at 05:20 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" J Goering.



September 26, 2024 at 05:06 PM



“ The Surgery Group of Grand Island planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas "Tom" J Goering.

The Surgery Group of Grand Island - September 26, 2024 at 05:06 PM



“ Sending prayers and thoughts to you Jane and your Family 🙏



Pamela Anderson - September 26, 2024 at 12:06 AM

DA

“ Tom had a great sense of humor! One day at pickleball I showed up with new pair of pickleball shoes, great shoes but they were a bright pink color. Of course, everyone had to give me a hard time, especially Tom. I weathered the storm of joking around and lo and behold, the surprise was on me. Tom showed up a few days later with a nice bright pink shirt for me! Great match to my shoes. Just shows how much good taste in clothing he had, as well as style and class. He will be missed by the pickleball community along by everyone else. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family during this difficult time.

Dr. J. Michael Allen

Dr. J. Michael Allen - September 25, 2024 at 08:17 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" J Goering.




September 25, 2024 at 07:51 PM

RD

“ Condolences and sympathies and prayers to all of the family of Thomas J Goering from all of the Drawl family Ronald and Kathleen Drawl

Ron Drawl - September 25, 2024 at 07:49 PM

 Shaun Schleif

“ Our deepest sympathy - Shaun and Jay Schleif

Shaun Schleif - September 25, 2024 at 05:41 PM

RF

“ TOM GOERING WAS MY FRIEND!

I am so fortunate to have known him for as long as I have. He was quick-witted and always had a good joke to tell. Along with our wives, Jane and Julie, we had so much fun and so many laughs over the years - playing cards, celebrating birthdays, and just doing things together. Tom loved God, his family, and his friends.

Jane, Emily, Adam, John, and all of your families - I am so sorry for your loss. Tom's passing will leave such a huge void in all of the lives he touched. He will be sorely, sorely missed by me and so many others.

Roger Frandsen

Roger Frandsen - September 25, 2024 at 05:15 PM

TN

“ *Jane, Such sad news to learn of Tom passing. Hold close the memories you two shared. May he rest in peace.*

Tom Norskov - September 25, 2024 at 01:03 PM