



Thomas J. Kallal

December 2, 1935 - January 2, 2026

Thomas J. Kallal, 90, passed away on Friday, January 2, 2026 at his home in Libertyville, IL. He was a beloved, kind, generous and caring husband, father and grandfather. Tom was born December 2, 1935, in Chicago and raised in Cicero, IL. He and his family have been Libertyville residents since 1961. He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas E. & Mildred Kallal and by 2 brothers, John & William Kallal. Surviving is his wife of 66 years, Helen Kallal; 2 sons, Thomas A. Kallal & John P. (Donna) Kallal and by 2 grandchildren, Joseph & Riley.

Tom was a United States Army veteran stationed in Fort Knox, KY and was part of NASA's Project Mercury, which sent the first primate into space. He received his bachelor's degree in chemistry from Loyola University and managed a clinical chemistry laboratory supporting drug development at Abbott Laboratories for 35 years.

His greatest passion was his grandchildren. He loved spending time with them and watching them grow. His other passion was music (especially jazz) and spent many hours listening to all types.

Tom was generous with his time, knowledge and expertise, providing counsel to family and friends. He was never done learning and spent many hours increasing his knowledge of the world.

Tom also enjoyed golfing, cooking and traveling, especially during the winter months, to Gulf Shores, AL.

A visitation will be held from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 7, 2026 at

Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, 120 W. Park Ave. in Libertyville. Funeral services will begin at 11:00 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home with interment following to Lakeside Cemetery. Memorial donations would be appreciated to Misericordia, 6300 N Ridge Ave, Chicago, IL 60660 or <https://support.misericordia.com/> . For info: 847-362-3009 or share a memory at www.burnettdane.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 7. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

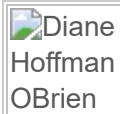
Burnett-Dane Funeral Home
120 West Park Avenue
Libertyville, IL 60048
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Funeral Service

JAN 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Dear Helen and family, I'm so sorry for your loss. I will always remember Tom for his kind patience when teaching me Mah Jongg.
Diane O'Brien

Diane Hoffman OBrien - January 09 at 02:26 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas J. Kallal.



January 06 at 03:51 PM



“ Bill, Mark, Tara, Jason and families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas J. Kallal.

Bill, Mark, Tara, Jason and families - January 06 at 03:51 PM



“ Bud Stringer purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Thomas J. Kallal.



Bud Stringer - January 06 at 09:36 AM

BS

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Bud Stringer - January 06 at 09:36 AM

LB

“ My condolences to all of Tom's families. I met Tom and his brother John many years ago while we played with the LAC Golf league on Monday. Later when neither of us were no longer playing in the league, I cherished many conversations when we met in the Libertyville community. Truly a great gentleman who loved his family and always sharing a pleasant smile. Lee Bomgaars

Lee Bomgaars - January 06 at 08:52 AM

BH

“ I met Tom through his younger brother John while John and I were in high school, From that point we became the closest of friends. That friendship lasted throughout his lifetime. He listened to me when I needed advice, he was wise and kind, he had a great sense of humor, I knew I could trust him to act on my behalf, he had multiple interests and so I learned much from him; in short, he was an essential part of my development. I will miss him more than I can express.

Thanks also to Helen his wife of 66 years. I recently lost my wife of 56 years, and Mary Alice and I benefited deeply from our friendship with them both. It is a great loss.

Bernard Harney aka barney 😞

Bernard Harney - January 05 at 05:40 PM

SB

“ Susan Brtis planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas J. Kallal.

Susan Brtis - January 05 at 05:35 PM

SB

“ Susan Brtis purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Thomas J. Kallal.



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