

Tom Stiebler

December 31, 2025

Tom Stiebler, 81, of Libertyville, Illinois, died unexpectedly at home. He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Dolores, his parents Alfred and Ardath Stiebler, of Northbrook, Illinois, his brother, Douglas Stiebler, his uncle, James (Iona) Schell, his uncle and aunt Evan and June Stiebler, cousins: Kay Stiebler Andreasen, Robert Nowak, Jr. and Lois Herman (Rear Admiral Robert) Abele. Tom is survived by his sister-in-law Carole Stiebler, his cousins: Marjorie Breitenfield, Laurel (Dennis Skrade) Stiebler, Denise Nowak, Tara Spikes, Tanya Suwannapal, Theresa Meisenbach, Dorothy House, Amber Burling, Diane Taggart, Jeff Schell, Keith (Rita) Schell, Amanda Schell Sierts, Finn Sierts, Emma Sierts, Patty (Tom) Pahl, Rick (Kelly) Schell, Jessica Schell, Ally Schell, Brooklyn Schell, Steve Schell, John Gorzell, Harry Husberg, Terry Husberg, Burke Husberg, and Tina Stevenson Husberg, and Kelly Abele Rose.

Growing up in Northbrook, Tom attended Glenbrook High School and went on to earn a Math degree from the University of Illinois. Tom served in the army and spent the rest of his career working in IT in the insurance industry.

Among other activities, Tom enjoyed music, tennis, and walking along the Des Plaines wooded area near his house. Tom was devoted to his wife, Dolores, and his family. He was a sweet, smart and loving person who will be greatly missed. Per Tom's wishes, he will be cremated, but no services will be held.

Arrangements by Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville, IL. For info: 847-362-3009 or share a memory at www.burnettdane.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ Tom was my brother-in-law and when my husband, Doug, died in 2023, he was so helpful to me. I was devastated by Doug’s sudden death, as was Tom, and we talked on the phone almost every night for the first month and continued our close contact until he died. I find myself wanting to call him now but sadly I cannot. Tom’s wife, Dolores, passed in 2015 and they were devoted to each other, so he was lonely without her.

After Dolores passed, Tom came to Albuquerque, New Mexico to stay with Doug and me for 2 weeks every year and he was always so sweet and easy to get along with. Besides enjoying the beautiful places in NM, the annual county fair, great food, going for walks, and spending time with Doug reminiscing and looking at family photos, he loved a flourless chocolate cake at a little bakery in Taos, NM. We would make a trip there often to get the cake and enjoy the area. He was a good cook and often did the cooking while with us. His favorite meal was baked salmon, spinach salad and blueberries. Tom and I would enjoy House Hunters and cooking TV shows, but, when alone he had the TV switched to Bloomberg news! I enjoyed many trips with Doug to visit his parents and Tom and Dolores and it was lovely to see them all together enjoying the visits.

Tom enjoyed listening to music and usually had it on in the background when I called. He and Doug followed their father, Al’s, love of music. He had a very close relationship with his mother, Ardath, and he was a loving son to his parents always saying they provided him and Doug with a wonderful childhood.

Tom lived simply in retirement including getting a cup of coffee at a Starbucks each morning, going to Centre Club gym, walking along his favorite Des Plaines trail each day, and doing everyday chores. While he was a self-proclaimed recluse, once he got out, he really enjoyed being around people. Along with his cousins and friends, I will miss him dearly. Carole Stiebler





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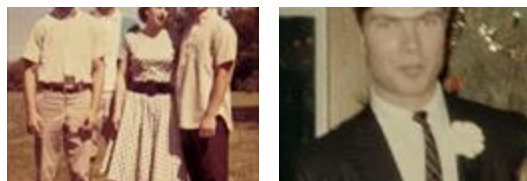
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“ Tom was one of my all-time favorite cousins. Always friendly, good natured, with a great, dry sense of humor. My mother and Tom's mother Ardath were literally BFFs from the old neighborhood on the NW side of Chicago. She introduced Ardath to her cousin Al Stiebler. I can't tell you many wonderful times were spent in Northbrook with Tom and brother Doug and Al and Ardath. For me it was like having a second set of parents. I just thought Tom and Doug were the coolest guys. Hard to believe they are all gone now...

John Gorzell - January 06 at 04:16 PM

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“ Tom came to visit me in March of 2025. He flew into Key West and we shared a wonderful week together. We took a long walk on the beach at Bahia State Park, played pickle ball, toured the Truman Little White House, took a boat ride to Sunset Island and shared a beautiful meal overlooking the gorgeous waters of the Florida Keys. We chatted and enjoyed sharing family stories and life experiences. Tom's gentle nature and kind heart will be missed by many. I will carry the happy memories of him in my heart forever.

Denise Nowak - January 05 at 05:32 PM

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Tom and his brother were my only first cousins, and I looked up to them when I was growing up. I'm sure they didn't think about their "baby cousin" that much. Reconnecting with them as an adult was a wonderful experience. Sharing stories and memories was very fulfilling. Tom was quieter and thoughtful, but his sense of humor was killer. When I wrote real letters to him during COVID, he was so appreciative. I loved that about him, his kindness and sweet disposition.

Laurel Stiebler - January 06 at 05:02 PM

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That's how I remember him too.

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