



## Thomas Allen Fessler

April 8, 1941 - May 19, 2024

Thomas A. Fessler, age 83, passed away Sunday May 19, 2024 at home surrounded by his family.

He was born April 8, 1941 in Alton, IL to the late Harold and Julia Fessler.

Thomas married Nancy Keidel in November 1961 and after her death, he married the late Margaret French in February of 1991.

Tom began his career at Ranken Technical Institute and was employed by Elliot Machine and Tool. He then worked at McDonell Douglas before he began working at Owens-Illinois in Godfrey. He retired after 40 years of service.

Tom cherished his childhood working with his grandfather and uncles farming wheat, selling produce at the roadside stand, and later working at McKee's Market in Alton.

Tom appreciated his years with the Boy Scouts. He was disappointed that he missed Eagle Scout by one badge.

He was a fisherman who took many enjoyable trips with friends and then treated family and friends to a fish fry.

He will be truly missed by friends Wilbert Bartels, Jim Manns, and Bill Corby. He was truly grateful for the friendships of neighbors and many special friends.

Thomas is survived by his daughters Kim (Cliff) Hyman of Brighton, Melinda Fessler of Brighton, son Tim (Beth) Fessler of Bethalto, and Step-son Michael (Stacie) French of Chandler, AZ., sister's in law Rebecca (Lou) Pinkas and Kathleen ( David) Geisler, grandchildren Lauren (Mike) Palozzola, Matt Hyman, Meghan Fessler, Zachary (Kasey) Fessler, Kala (Tyler) Glenn, and Joshua (Tatum) French, 1 great-grandchild and 4 step great-grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his first wife Nancy (Keidel) Fessler in 1987, second wife, Margaret (French) Fessler in 2013, his parents, Harold and Julia (McKee) Fessler, and brother Kenneth Fessler.

Graveside services will be held at Valhalla Memorial Park Cemetery, Godfrey, IL on Wednesday May 22,2024 at 10 A.M.

Memorials to be made to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

The family is being served by Gent Funeral Home 2409 State Street, Alton, IL. 62002

Online guestbook and information may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Valhalla Memorial Park

2308 W. Delmar Ave.  
Godfrey, IL 62035

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

MAY **22**. 10:00 AM.

Valhalla Memorial Park Cemetery

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Mr. Fessler's children and I attended Mississippi Valley Christian School. His daughters and I graduated in 1983 together. We were all good friends and I remember school functions where Tom and Nancy would often attend and we would all chat and have a good time. I have a great memory of taking Nancy for on a ride on my motorcycle. Seems like yesterday. My sincere sympathy to Mindy, Kim, and Tim.*

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**Tim Weigler** - January 04, 2025 at 11:19 AM

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“ *Tom was a good man. He could always make someone's day better. I'm happy I had the pleasure of knowing him*💙



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**Terry Wooten** - May 22, 2024 at 09:06 AM

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“ *I met Tom with a lunch group at Joe Keays. He and I hit it off. We laughed at each others silly stories. He was a gentleman and fun to be around. He will certainly be missed.*

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**JoAnn Mullen** - May 22, 2024 at 08:18 AM