



## Thomas P. Gallahue

June 2, 1950 - May 25, 2021

Thomas P. Gallahue III, Age 70  
January 2, 1950 - May 25, 2021

Thomas P. (Tom) Gallahue, beloved husband of Claudia Yates, passed peacefully at his residence in Sarasota, FL early afternoon on Tuesday, May 25, 2021.

A native of Waukegan, IL, Tom was the son of Thomas P. Gallahue II and Mary Killoran Gallahue.

He graduated from St. Bennet Academy (Chicago, IL) and also attained a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business from St. Norbert College (De Pere, WI).

In addition to his loving wife of 35 years, Claudia Yates, Tom leaves behind his only son, Thomas P. Gallahue IV (Frannie Whitaker) and their son Thomas P. Gallahue V, residents of Gulf Port, MS; sister Patty (Randy) Schiller (CA); his sister Terri pre-deceased him. He is also survived by his brothers-in-law Jim (Deby) Yates and Thom Yates, all residents of St. Louis; and sisters-in-law Amber Scannell (Indianapolis, IN) and Kelly (Randy) Hauser, Kansas City, MO. Tom was also a cherished uncle and dear friend to countless people who now mourn his loss.

On January 30, 1986, Tom married the love of his life, Claudia Yates, who was at that time also employed by Sears. They have resided these past 10 years at Island Reef condo complex on beautiful Siesta Key, FL (Midnight Pass Road, Sarasota), overlooking Little Sarasota Bay.

Tom followed in his father's footsteps by taking his first job at Sears in 1973, eventually working his way up to DGM (District General Manager) of the Memphis, TN District; Tom retired from this position at the age of 55. He came out of retirement when he was hired as the VP of Operations at CPI in St. Louis in 2006, and worked at this job until he fully retired in 2012 (after part-time and again full time positions with this company).

Tom's primary residence was in Chesterfield, MO, but he loved his snowbird home on Siesta Key, FL. It was there that he chose to live out his final days, taking in the ambiance, peace, serenity, and beautiful scenery of Little Sarasota Bay and the Gulf of Mexico, his "little piece of Paradise." Tom loved his favorite past-times of fishing, boating, golfing, and walking. Claudia commented on what made Tom such a special person and friend to many in this final note she wrote to him: "Tom, you are upbeat, positive, brave, smart, and funny; you were also a man of high morals and integrity You always smiled and had an interest in whatever your family and friends said. You never judged anyone, you were a great conversationalist, always very engaging! Thank you for all you are to me, Tom! You are so special to me. Love, Claudia"

Final arrangements are private and are being managed by Gendron Funeral & Cremation Services, Inc. Messages of condolence may be left at [www.gendronfuneralhome.com](http://www.gendronfuneralhome.com). In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Tom's memory to the American Cancer Society ([cancer.org](http://cancer.org)) or to the charity of one's choice.

# Comments

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“ I grew up with the wonderful Gallahue family next door, Downers Grove, IL.. So sad to hear of Tom's passing.

Bob Pavelchik

Bob Pavelchik - August 09, 2021 at 10:03 AM

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“ Tom was always a nice person. He never let his success and knowledge go to his head like some did. Rip

Donna walters - June 11, 2021 at 12:31 PM

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“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Thomas P. Gallahue.



May 31, 2021 at 09:51 AM

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“ The Island Reef Family has lost one of its kindest, most positive members with the passing of our friend Tom Gallahue. Our prayers are with Claudia, Tommy, grandson 'Five', and all members of the Gallahue family at this difficult time. Tom will never be forgotten because he made indelible footprints on all our hearts. Peace, dear friend Tom!

With love and the promise of many prayers . . . John & Kay Maier (& Chloe Jane)

John & Kay Maier - May 28, 2021 at 04:56 PM

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Dear Claudia

Please accept my deepest sympathy on the loss of Tom. He was a bright spot in the life of anyone who knew him. I can still envision him walking along the beach early in the AM

with a smile and a wave to all. Cherish the Tuesday night suppers after the cocktail party on the beach and all the gatherings at Island Reef made happier by his being there with us. You will be comforted by all the good memories and strengthened by your faith in God. It has been exactly two years since I lost Ralph, and I know you will survive and cope with your new life as he would want you to do. Love. Ruth Wuest

**Ruth Wuest** - May 28, 2021 at 12:40 PM

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Dear Claudia, our hearts goes out to you and your son for your loss. Tom was so kind to my mother Mary Joan, frequently driving her to church after she could no longer drive. Rick really enjoyed playing golf with him. He was a joyful presence at Island Reef and will be greatly missed. You and Tom's entire family are in our prayers.

Janet and Rick Chap

**Janet Chap** - May 28, 2021 at 12:17 PM