



Thomas R. Kappelmann

December 8, 1949 - April 1, 2025

Thomas Kappelmann was one of a kind. He was known for having many quirks and a unique sense of humor. Thomas was well known as a hermit, he didn't like to leave home. He was the one that volunteered to stay home and watch his beloved dog, Xena. Thomas would be the first to tell you that the most important thing in life is family. He loved his wife, daughters, grandkids, son-in-laws, and many friends above all else.

Thomas was the ultimate "girl dad!" He was very hands-on and involved with raising his daughters. He loved his girls dearly, hugged them frequently, and taught them about hunting, shooting, fishing, carpentry, fighting and any other hands-on skill that they wanted to know about or that he thought they needed to know. He truly believed that his daughters could do anything they set their minds to.

Thomas loved the outdoors with his entire soul. He would spend hours everyday just walking around the woods enjoying nature, no matter if it was day or night. As a younger man, he loved canoeing on the local rivers. He taught his kids and grandkids how to canoe and swim and believe it or not, he taught them about jumping off bluffs and bridges, but with all the safety information and warnings of caution that could be mustered.

Thomas loved all forms of music. He taught himself to play multiple

instruments, had a great singing voice, and even wrote songs. He performed in bands as a young man and sang in family weddings as he got older. There were many nights spent with the guitar and his girls teaching them to sing and make music. It was always a special treat at family gatherings when he would break out his guitar and play while the whole family called out songs and sang along.

Thomas is survived by the love of his life, his wife Gail, daughters Heather Rees (Ric), Heidi Darrow (Michael), and Tomi Coomer (Brad), Grandson Elijah Pettit (Paige), granddaughter Gracie Coomer and many nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and former students all of whom are better for having known him.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 10. 12:01 PM - 3:00 PM (cst)

Kappelmann Residence
3876 County Road 4990
Willow Springs, MO 65793

Tribute Wall



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Thomas R. Kappelmann.*



April 30, 2025 at 06:12 PM



“ *I remember the time Marla lost her car keys. We tore the house and car apart and metal detected the entire Kappelmann estate. We all were racking our brains for hours to think of where they might be? About this time, Marla trotted down a set of stairs and said she heard a tinkle tinkle sound! Marla realized she had put the keys in her brassiere! Low and behold she had them in a safe spot all along. We laughed like a bunch of wild hyenas all night long and consumed mass quantities of Anheuser products. Joking and kidding her about the silly event. GodSpeed friends. 🙏*



Randy Reinwald - April 05, 2025 at 11:51 AM

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That was so funny! We still tease Marla about checking her brassiere when someone is looking for keys!

Heidi Darrow - April 26, 2025 at 09:53 AM

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“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Heather Rees - April 03, 2025 at 06:21 PM

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“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Heather Rees - April 03, 2025 at 02:25 PM