



## Thomas L. Oess

January 7, 1947 - April 14, 2026

Thomas Leonard Oess, 79, of Maumee, Ohio passed away peacefully on April 14, 2026, surrounded by his family at Hospice of Northwest Ohio.

Tom was born January 7, 1947, in Toledo to Joseph & Helene Oess.

Tom grew up in the Old South End (Darby) and attended Immaculate Conception. He went on to graduate from Central Catholic in 1964.

It was at Immaculate Conception where Tom met the love of his life Mary Ann, they dated in high school and were married on July 18, 1969. They were blessed to have enjoyed 54 years of marriage during which their lives were enhanced with three sons and six grandchildren.

Tom proudly served his country in the US Army from 1966-1969. Upon his return, he resumed his career at Champion Spark Plug for over 30 years. He had several different roles but spent the better part as purchasing manager.

Tom was an active member at St. Joan of Arc, where he was a founding member. He served on the Parish Council and was a Eucharistic Minister.

Tom was heavily involved in CYO basketball at SJA. He coached for more than 25 years and was able to connect with hundreds of families. He loved connecting with people. In 1994 he received the Paul Johnson Adult Contributor Award from CYO. He also was the SJA basketball commissioner for 10 years.

Tom's love for sports didn't stop there, he was an avid golfer, playing several times a week with different groups, including his Favorite Foursome, as he would refer to when he golfed with his 3 sons.

Tom loved attending his grandkids and great nieces and nephews sporting events and activities. He enjoyed cheering on his favorite teams - Detroit Tigers & Lions, OSU Buckeyes, and especially attending the University of Toledo Rockets and Central Catholic games.

He was an original member of the Shillelagh Club and many other groups over the years, and was recently named to CCHS Hall of Fame class of 2026 with a Citizens Award.

Tom loved to travel with his 'sweetie', where they would make annual trips to Hilton Head Island with family and friends.

Tom was preceded in death by his wife Mary Ann, parents Joseph & Helene and sister and brother-in-law Julie and Bill Kolva. He is survived by his sons, Andrew (Andrea), Timothy (Katie), and Michael (Mari); grandchildren Avery, Aiden, Luke, Reese, Karis and Carson; sister Pat Takats (best friend Bob); sister-in-law Barabra Bagnato (Edward).

He was very close to his many cousins, nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews; and his neighborhood friends the Darby Group, for over 75 years.

Family and friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd., Toledo, OH on Thursday, April 30th from 2:00 - 8:00 p.m. where a Scripture Service and Sharing of Memories will be held at 7:00 p.m. A Funeral Mass will be held on Friday, May 1st at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 5856 Heatherdowns Blvd., Toledo, OH where the family will welcome visitors at 10:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers the family asks you to consider a donation to either Hospice of Northwest Ohio or Central Catholic High School. We would like to thank the wonderful staff at Hospice for making Dad comfortable on his journey to be reunited with his Bride. We will always remember the love and dedication to his family and his generous heart that touched the lives of everyone who knew him.

Give a little, get a lot back

HEY GRANDPA...

WE LOVE YOU VERY MUCH



# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 30. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home  
1770 S. Reynolds Road  
Toledo, OH 43614

## Vigil

APR 30. 7:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home  
1770 S. Reynolds Road  
Toledo, OH 43614

## Visitation

MAY 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Joan Of Arc  
5856 Heatherdowns Blvd  
Toledo, OH

## Funeral Mass

MAY 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Joan Of Arc  
5856 Heatherdowns Blvd  
Toledo, OH

# Tribute Wall

TA

“ *Tammy lit a candle in memory of Thomas L. Oess*



Tammy - May 05 at 01:53 PM

TA

*Just seen this,  
To the Oess Family  
Tom was one Special gentleman.  
You will always have my Prayers and Condolences  
To all the family you each are Special and so ki d and loving .  
The Winds shall carry you through it all.  
Tammy M.*

Tammy - May 05 at 01:57 PM

TA

*Psalms 23*

Tammy - May 05 at 06:31 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas L. Oess.*



April 30 at 07:01 AM

CV

“ 2 files added to the album VIDEO TRIBUTE



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**COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS** - April 29 at 11:46 AM

PK

“ To the family of Tom & Mary: So sorry for your loss. Tom & Mary were a special couple and we were blessed to know both of them as neighbors here at Waterside.

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**PAULETTE KWIATKOWSKI** - April 28 at 01:51 PM

MI

“ My memory of Tom and Mary Ann as children who grew up together and went to the same grade and high school. Who were later to marry and start their family. It was always a pleasure to see them both at the Darby Homecoming. Rest in Peace.

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**Marie Irons** - April 27 at 12:15 PM

LG

“ So sorry to hear of Tom's passing. Tom and Mary were great neighbors when we lived in Maumee. Sending thoughts and prayers to the family. 🙏🙏

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**Lois Guess** - April 26 at 01:48 PM



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April 26 at 12:03 PM



“ *What a warm and wonderful man. I am so grateful for his kindness to the whole Kraus family- as fellow mass goers. I am especially grateful to him for the way he nurtured my brother Phil. Love to all of you!*

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**francie Kraus Larkin** - April 26 at 10:08 AM



“ *Tom was a true gentleman, a class act. He and Mary Ann made an A+ team, a terrific couple who will be sorely missed.*

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**Edward D Heintschel** - April 26 at 09:52 AM

BM

“ Over the past 20 years or so I've had the good fortune to know Tom - mostly through golf.

*Tom was and still is a very special person. Special is ways that matter -  
Faith, Family, Friends.*

*Whenever in his presence you know you were with a person that loved life and lived life in a purposeful way.*

*Over the last couple months I was privileged to spend time with Tom by phone. His transition from life was very moving. his acceptance of the inevitable was nothing short of a beautiful experience - looking forward to when he'll be reunited with Mary Ann. There was no sadness nor remorse.*

*Tom, thanks for showing us the way. Cheers to you.*

*May you rest in peace and your family be at peace.*

*Your friend Bob*

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**Bob Moore** - April 25 at 12:10 PM

JW

“ My wife and I had the opportunity to meet and talk with Tom and his family as he made his final journey during the past few weeks. It is a time we both cherish. I grew up with Tom and his family. Nancy shares his birthday. We had many great times to celebrate January 7th. Sports and grand kids our lives were truly similar. We were blessed to know and love him and his family. I'd like to think that his second favorite foursome was Tom, me, his brother in law Bob and good friend Joe. Darby Open champs. Our prayers are with the family. May he Rest in Peace. Jim and Nancy Wiegand

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**Jim Wiegand** - April 24 at 01:40 PM