

Thomas Louis Saeger, Jr. was born on June 5, 1963, in Ortonville, MN, to Thomas L. Sr. and Betty (Hogan) Saeger. He grew up in Ortonville, attending school at Ortonville High School and graduating with the Class of 1981. Following high school, Tom attended Detroit Lakes Tech School, where he worked on his education in electrical power. There, he met the love of his life, Kerri Buchholz, while attending school.

On December 20, 1982, Tom and Kerri were united in marriage in Liberal, KS. The two of them made their home in Liberal for about 10 years while Tom worked as a boiler operator at National Beef Packing Company. Together, Tom and Kerri were blessed with two children: Aaron and Abby.

In early 1991, the family decided to move back to Tom's hometown of Ortonville, where he gained employment as a Plant Trainee at the Ottertail Power Plant. He dedicated 30 years with Ottertail and ended his career as Chief Operator in 2022. He took pride in his job and never shied away from sharing his knowledge and his quick wit with his colleagues. While working in Kansas and Minnesota, he also served in the United States National Guard for 20 years.

Throughout the years, Tom enjoyed many things, including fishing off a dock or at the dam, camping trips with his family, playing pool, and all kinds of home improvement projects, big or small. He loved spending time in his large garage with his beloved little Yorkie dog, Scooter, watching football and baseball, hosting the upcoming game for his friends, and sharing his never-ending sense of humor.

Anyone who knew Tom knows that he was a generous soul and was always thinking of others. If you were lucky enough for Tom to call you a friend, it meant that you have a good heart; he was sincere in his friendships. Most often, he demonstrated this through his love for cooking. Whether it was grilling steaks or burgers, baking desserts for the grandkids, or bringing treats to the staff at the clinic, he always wanted his loved ones to have good food no matter what.

His ultimate pride and joy were his two children and four grandchildren; he spent as much time with them as he could by taking annual trips with Kerri to Colorado, Wyoming, and Northern Minnesota. When visiting, he would, of course, cook and prepare meals but also hit the trails four-wheeling, enjoy lots of laughs, and spoil everyone to no end.

Left to cherish Tom's memory are his wife, Kerri of Ortonville, MN; son, Aaron (Kassi) Saeger of Mountain View, WY; daughter, Abby (Ross) Randall of Lake George, MN; grandchildren: Libby and Landon Saeger; and Audrey and Stella Randall; brothers: Larry Saeger of Minneapolis, MN; Greg (Karen) Saeger of Sioux Falls, SD; and Jeff (Sharon) Saeger of Zimmerman, MN; sister, Karen (Dean) Strand of Ortonville, MN; brothers-in-law: Roger Buchholz of Wilmer, AL; and Michael (Jan) Buchholz of Wadena, MN; along with many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Preceding him in death were his parents, his father-in-law, Myron 'Buck' Buchholz; his mother-in-law, Carolyn Buchholz; and his sister, Julie Saeger.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Thomas Louis Saeger, Jr.

WHO WAS BORN

June 5, 1963

Ortonville, Minnesota

AND CALLED TO HIS ETERNAL HOME

September 17, 2022

Ortonville, Minnesota

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Saturday, October 1, 2022 - 11:00 a.m.

First English Lutheran Church

Ortonville, Minnesota

OFFICIANT

Reverend Denise Fossen

MUSICIANS

Lee Saeger | Nate Saeger

URN BEARER

Grandson:

Landon Saeger

HONORARY BEARERS

Granddaughters:

Libby Saeger | Audrey Randall | Stella Randall

APPRECIATION

Tom's family thanks you for your presence at this service and for your many acts and words of kindness. Following the service, please join the family for a time of food and fellowship in the church fellowship hall.

ARRANGEMENTS BY

Mundwiler and Larson Funeral Home

Ortonville, Minnesota



Celebrating
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*This is not goodbye,
It is see you later ~*

Thomas Saeger
1963 - 2022