



## Thomas Knaup

September 5, 1970 - October 31, 2023

Thomas Bosco Knaup, 53, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri died Tuesday, October 31, 2023 at Riverview At The Park in Ste. Genevieve, Missouri.

He was born September 5, 1970 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri to Richard Joseph and Carla Jo Whitehead Knaup.

He went to St. Mary Grade School and Notre Dame High School. He graduated from Southeast Missouri State University with bachelor of science in mass communication, where he was also a charter member of Sigma Nu at SEMO.

He was a member of St. Mary Cathedral in Cape Girardeau and Knights of Columbus Council # 1111. Thomas was a very caring individual who never met a stranger.

He was a St. Louis Cardinal baseball fan and St. Louis Blues hockey fan.

Survivors include two brothers, Richard J. (Charlotte) Knaup Jr. of Jackson, Missouri and James W. (Debra) Knaup of Jefferson City, Missouri; four sisters, Marla G. (Harold) Kunz of Kirkwood, Missouri, Karen E. Rife of Florissant, Missouri, Kathryn J. (Donald) Borgmann of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, Lucy C. (Kenneth) DeVaughn of Saint Louis, Missouri; brother-in-law, Steven "Oscar"

Gardiner of Jackson, Missouri. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews and great-nieces and -nephews and extended Knaup, Whitehead and Taylor families.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Mary Lynn Gardiner.

Visitation will be 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Friday, November 3, 2023 at Ford & Sons Sprigg St. Chapel in Cape Girardeau, with Sigma Nu ceremony at 6:00 pm and Parish Prayers at 7:00 pm, followed by Knights of Columbus #1111 Rosary.

Funeral Mass will be 10:00 am Saturday, November 4, 2023 at St. Mary Cathedral in Cape Girardeau with the Rev. Allan Saunders officiating.

Burial will be at St. Mary Cemetery in Cape Girardeau at a later date.

If memorials are desired, contributions may be given to St. Mary Cathedral, 615 William St., Cape Girardeau, MO 63703 or Notre Dame Regional High School, 265 Notre Dame Dr., Cape Girardeau, MO 63701.

Online condolences may be made at [www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com](http://www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com).

Ford & Sons Funeral Home - Mt. Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Mary Cemetery

1101 Perry Avenue  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 3. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Ford and Sons Sprigg St. Chapel  
118 S. Sprigg St.  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63703

## Parish Prayers

NOV 3. 7:00 PM (CT)

Ford and Sons Sprigg St. Chapel  
118 S. Sprigg St.  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63703

## Funeral Mass

NOV 4. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary Cathedral  
615 William St.  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63703



# Tribute Wall

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“ I already miss Tom. His friendship was both instant and life long. My earliest memory of Tom comes from a family reunion in 1978/79(ish) when both he and Kathy took me through my first waterslide park someplace around lake of the Ozarks back when we were kids at a family reunion. Later on in life he snuck me in to my first bar when I was earlier college age, but not yet 21. Then on the night before my wedding he showed up on my doorstep with a hotel trash can of beer. He swore it was a Knaup tradition to toast each other the night before marriage started. In all those cases, there was always a big gap between when he and I saw each other, but as soon as we were together, it was like we had been hanging out the day before. In each of those cases, he was looking out for me or helping me out. Tom was fantastic at making everyone feel important to him.

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**Brian Risko** - November 06, 2023 at 01:40 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas Knaup.



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November 02, 2023 at 03:43 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Thomas Knaup.

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November 02, 2023 at 03:43 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas Knaup.*



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November 02, 2023 at 03:13 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Thomas Knaup.

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November 02, 2023 at 03:13 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas Knaup.*



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November 01, 2023 at 09:46 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Thomas Knaup.

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“ *So many great memories... Thank you Tom for being a great friend. So many deliveries, road trips, RBI games, beers dranks and laughs shared. RIP brother...*

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**Andy Lynch** - November 01, 2023 at 08:14 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas Knaup.



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November 01, 2023 at 07:26 PM



“ Karen and I spent a lot of time with Tom when he was younger-the sweetest and cutest little guy. He turned into a kind and thoughtful adult. Always a grin and a hello when I would see him at church.

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**CHRIS ANN SHEETS** - November 01, 2023 at 07:11 PM



“ Holding onto the memories. Tom never meet a stranger and is now meeting all those loved one that went before him. My what a glorious reunion that must have been. Fly high cousin 'till we meet again.

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**Susan Dirnberger** - November 01, 2023 at 05:53 PM



“ Tom and I were almost inseparable when we were younger. I wish I could have kept that through the years. But life happens. We did keep in touch from time to time but not enough. He will be greatly missed. All my love to family.

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**Andrew Knaup** - November 01, 2023 at 05:23 PM

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*Rest in peace, my dear cousin I always loved hanging out with Thom when I came up for a visit and I remember always calling him Bosco you will be greatly missed once again rest in peace, and now you are reunited with your uncle A.D., and your aunt Marge*

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**mike taylor** - November 01, 2023 at 06:19 PM