



Thomas Vincent Wencewicz

September 21, 1942 - April 27, 2022

Thomas Vincent Wencewicz, 79, of Cape Girardeau passed away Wednesday, April 27, 2022 at Saint Francis Medical Center.

Thomas was born to Casimir Paul and Helen Catherine Bialczak Wencewicz in St. Louis, MO on September 21, 1942. He and Dorothy "Dotty" Clara Bergfeld were united in marriage on August 27, 1966 at St. Anthony's Church in St. Louis. They reside in Cape Girardeau, MO. Thomas graduated from St. Louis University High School in 1960. He graduated from St. Louis University with a BS in Mathematics in 1964. He earned a Master's degree at St. Louis University and did post graduate work at University of Missouri-Columbia. Tom worked as a Professor of Mathematics at Southeast Missouri State University for 42 years, and he loved teaching. He was a faithful member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church for 55 years and volunteered his time in music ministry, playing guitar and singing at Mass for close to 50 years. True to his Polish heritage, he played the accordion since his childhood years, playing Polish polkas in a band during his college years and playing Christmas music at St. Vincent's grade school and other events.

Tom was an avid railroad fan and enjoyed going to train shows. He loved all sports, and especially loved watching the St. Louis Cardinals and the Blues. He also enjoyed playing racquetball with family and getting together with the retired members of the SEMO University Math Department. His true love and

top priority, however, was spending time with his family. He loved his wife, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren and spent years coaching his children's sports teams, attending school events, and tutoring in Math. He loved his sister and her family and all of his aunts, uncles and cousins. He was truly happiest when surrounded by his family.

Tom is survived by his loving wife Dotty, one sister Helen (Joseph) Lefler of St. Louis, children Ruth Ann (Michael) Hester of Cape Girardeau, Amy (Jeff) Worley of Jackson, Sara (Tom) Cook of Jackson, Katie (Robert) Michael of Cape Girardeau, Tommy (Cari) Wencewicz of Edwardsville, and Timmy (Rachel) Wencewicz of St. Louis, grandchildren Theresa (Dustin) Fornkohl, Paul Mier, Christian Hester, Michaela Mansker, Jessica (Zach) Watkins, Adam and Elecia Worley, Jamison Ashworth, Sophie Cook, Abigail and Lillian Michael, Eric and Aiden Wencewicz, Grace, Lucy, Emory, and Benjamin Wencewicz, and great grandchildren Persephone Mansker, Brecken and Blair Fornkohl, and one on the way. He was preceded in death by his parents, infant daughter Mary Catherine, and another unborn child.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to St. Vincent de Paul Grade School for the Thomas and Dorothy Wencewicz Legacy Scholarship, to the Notre Dame Regional High School Education Fund Foundation, and to Birthright. Visitation is Sunday, May 1, 2022 from 4-8 pm at Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Funeral Home with parish prayers at 7:00 pm. Funeral Mass is at St. Vincent de Paul Church Monday, May 2, 2022 at 10:00 am with the Rev. Rick Jones officiating. Burial will follow at St. Mary's Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary Cemetery

1101 Perry Avenue
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 1. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Parish Prayers

MAY 1. 7:00 PM (CT)

Ford and Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Funeral Mass

MAY 2. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church
1919 Ritter Dr.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Tribute Wall



“ *Our deepest sympathies to Tom's whole family. He was a very kind man!*

Pam and Ken Markin

Pam Markin - May 02, 2022 at 11:17 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathies to your entire family. Tom was a wonderful man and father. I always will remember him helping with the scorebook and whatever needed to be done when Tommy and Timmy were playing basketball at St. Vincent.*

You are all in our prayers!!

David and Bobbi Palmer

David Palmer - May 02, 2022 at 09:31 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas Vincent Wencewicz.*



May 02, 2022 at 07:54 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas Vincent Wencewicz.*



April 30, 2022 at 11:21 PM



“ *Tom was a genuinely nice person who loved his faith and his family with all of his heart. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of the family.*

Debbie Wells - April 30, 2022 at 05:19 PM



“ *Every time I was around Tom he greeted me with a smile, I enjoyed our conversations.
Connie and I will keep the family in our prayers.*

Stanley Laurentius - April 30, 2022 at 03:58 PM



“ *Tom was a great person of faith and family! We so enjoyed his smiling face in the parking lot of church and listening to him sing at mass. Many prayers for his wife and family!
Don and Sue Kaverman*

Sue Kaverman - April 30, 2022 at 11:46 AM



“ *Tom was a great coach to my son and a genuinely good man! I am so very sorry for your loss. His family will be in my prayers.*

Brenda McCowan - April 30, 2022 at 10:20 AM

JB

“ Tom was a great person. He helped me with statistics at SEMO so that I could become a nurse. He was a awesome person to be around. He was genuine, compassionate and a fine example of how to live life. He will be missed at St Vincent's mass for his musical abilities. Our prayers go out to all of his family. I know you are in a better place.

Jim Burnett

James Burnett - April 30, 2022 at 09:04 AM

BL

“ I don't think any graduate of St Vincent Grade School will forget his lunchroom accordion serenading at Christmas. He was a happy, giving man and he will be missed. Godspeed, Tom.

Brenda LeGrand - April 30, 2022 at 08:18 AM

BD

“ We are thankful for the many years Tom was the song leader and played the guitar at Mass .May God bless him as he reaps his reward May God also bless his loving wife,Dotty, his Children, Grandchildren and Greatgrandchildren with the strength necessary to see them through this difficult time

Bill and Betty DeBrock - April 29, 2022 at 10:51 PM



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April 29, 2022 at 07:18 PM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Thomas Vincent Wencewiz.* ”



April 29, 2022 at 03:38 PM