



## Dr. Thomas L. Barcom

May 31, 1932 - July 25, 2017

Thomas L. Barcom, age 85, passed away on Tuesday (July 25th 2017) at his residence. He was born on May 31, 1932 to Lester and Eleanor Barcom. He grew up in West Bend, Wisconsin. After graduating high school, Tom enrolled in Milwaukee Business School for two years. Then he enlisted in the United States Army for four years and fought in the 90th Field Artillery in the Korean Conflict. Tom was honorably discharged in 1954.

After seeing his dad recover from a health problem from chiropractic care, Tom enrolled at Lincoln Chiropractic College in Indianapolis, Indiana. After graduation, he started his practice in Richmond, Indiana. Two years later, he met Patsy and they married in 1964. They bought property in the country and began a whirlwind of a life together. They learned about building as they built their house. They loved animals and proceeded to build a menagerie with a variety of farm and zoo animals.

Thomas and Patsy were blessed with three sons and were able to spend a lot of time with their nieces and nephews. He loved being a grandpa to Courtney and Cassie Roberts. After retirement, Thomas was able to spend time at Sanibel Island, Florida where he could enjoy the warm days during the winter months. He loved spending time on the computer and was able to meet many people from all over the world with email. He also spent much time doing research on health issues.

Thomas is survived by his wife, Patsy, his children, Bradley Barcom (Goniela), Charles Roberts (Teresa), and Dirk Barcom. Also he is survived by his sister, Sandra Baughman, his nieces Lori Laswell, and Vickie Phelps (Al) and nephews Robert Baughman (Kimberly), and Brian Phelps (Paula). The family gives a special thanks to the VA staff and the Asera-Care Hospice staff for their compassionate care of Tom and dignifying Tom's last days.

Services for Tom will be held on Saturday (July 29, 2017) at 12 p.m. in First English Lutheran Church (2727 E. Main St. Richmond, IN 47374) Pastor John Walker will officiate. Friends may call on Saturday from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. at the church. In lieu of flowers,

the family requests memorial contributions be made in Tom's name to First English Lutheran Church (2727 E Main St. Richmond, IN 47374)

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# Events

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**JUL** **Public Viewing** 10:00AM - 12:00PM

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First English Lutheran

2727 E Main St, Richmond, IN, US, 47374

**JUL** **Funeral Service** 12:00PM - 01:00PM

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# Comments

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“ If you are lucky in your life time, you will know someone who with just the mention of their name will make you smile and bring back wonderful memories. For me, it was Tom Barcom.

Tom had a wonderful sense of humor. It was easy to spend time with Tom being entertained by his stories. How blessed we were to have Tom in our lives and honored to be his Wisconsin family.

Our deepest sympathies to Pat; Chuck, Teresa, Courtney & Cassie; Brad & Goni; Dirk; Sandy; Rob & Family; and Lori & family. He has left you a wonderful legacy of love and a life well lived.

We will miss you, Tom, but find comfort in so many memories you have left for us. They, and you..... priceless!

Mary Krell - July 29, 2017 at 07:00 AM

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“ 60 files added to the album Family Slideshow



Riggle-Waltermann Mortuary - July 28, 2017 at 12:06 PM

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“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dr. Thomas L. Barcom.



July 28, 2017 at 02:42 AM

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“ Dear Patsy,  
You don't know how saddened I am that Tom has passed on.  
While we haven't been 'close in touch' these past few years, I've always considered him to be a good friend. He was special, Patsy, and I will always remember him.  
I pray for God's comforting for you and all of your family.  
Charlie Hyde

Charlie Hyde - July 27, 2017 at 12:26 PM

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“ I considered Mr. Barcom as part of my family for years while I dated his granddaughter. He was always a great man who I looked up to and valued. He was caring and loving of his family, and his example was clearly carried on through his children and the way they tended to their own families. I will remember his sense of humor and his unmistakable laugh paired with a crooked smile and the loving heart he presented to all those who enter his home.

Kevin P. - July 26, 2017 at 04:27 PM

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“ I remember first meeting Brad's parents at a Cave Symposium about eight or so years ago. I remember how proud they were of Brad's part in the Binkley cave project. Those were heady days when discoveries were coming on almost every trip. Of course, Brad was instrumental in the discovery of Blowing Hole Blvd and Big Bone Mountain, which was to become Indiana Caverns. I am glad he lived long enough to see Brad and Goni meet and make a life together. He is now in the presence of the Lord waiting for the rest of us to join him to awake the second coming.

Gary Roberson - July 26, 2017 at 03:09 PM

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“ So sorry for this loss. I remember Tom and Patsy bringing animals to social functions at trinity. His patient manner with all my questions! Later, I had so much respect for the care he gave my dad's creaky back. To Patsy and the kids, Sandy, Lori and Rob, you are all in my prayers.

William Sponsel - July 26, 2017 at 08:25 AM