



## Thomas Judd

October 4, 1948 - March 10, 2021

Mr. Thomas R. Judd, 72, of North Vernon, Indiana, met his Lord and Savior on Wednesday, March 10. He passed away peacefully at home with his loving wife by his side.

Born in Seymour, Indiana, Tom was the son of the late Ralph and Mamie (Clark) Judd. On May 28, 1977 he married Marian "Tina" Rothring who survives.

Tom knew he wanted to be an educator by the time he was in first grade. After graduating from Jennings County High School, he went on to earn his degree in Math Education from Florence State (now known as the University of North Alabama). He later earned his M.S. and Ed.S. from Indiana University. Over the course of his 44 year career in education, he was a math teacher and Assistant Principal at North Vernon Junior High School, Principal of Crothersville Junior Senior High School, Principal of Hayden Elementary School, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent for Jennings County Schools, Superintendent for Orleans Community Schools, and Superintendent for Medora Community School Corporation. He was also Project Director of High School Initiatives for Ivy Tech Columbus and taught several graduate courses at IUPUC. Tom was the personification of "find a job you love and never work a day in your life". As much as he loved education his true passion was sharing God's Word. Not only did he share God's love, kindness, grace, and mercy; he lived it every day. Upon retirement from education Tom became the Minister at White's Chapel United Methodist Church where he served until the time of his passing.

Always eager to help the community, Tom had served on several committees throughout the years. He had been a board member of the Schneck Foundation, Mental Health Association of Jackson County, Anchor House, and Hoosier Youth Challenge Academy; a member of Sertoma, National Association of Elementary School Principals, National Association of Secondary School Principals, Gideons International, and the Foster Grandparent Advisory Board. He was a founding member of God's Squad while serving as the Youth Minister at the First United Methodist Church in North Vernon. In 1990, the

Indiana Association of Elementary and Middle School Principals named him District 9 Principal of the Year. He was an inductee into the Little Hoosiers Hall of Fame. He was a Foster Grandparent at Emerson Elementary and a founding member of the White's Chapel Easter egg hunt for children with special needs.

Tom enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, fishing, and singing at local churches and retirement homes. He never missed an episode of The Big Bang Theory and would gladly share with you the best restaurants in the U.S. based on his past travels. He was an avid LA Dodgers fan and watched every second of their 2020 World Series win.

Tom is survived by his wife of 43 years, Tina Judd; daughters, Megan (A.J.) Lindsey, and Emily (Chad) Armuth; grandchildren, Nicholas Lindsey, Cyrus Lindsey, Emerson Lindsey, Harrison Armuth, Judd Armuth, Anna Armuth, and Parker Armuth; great-grandchild Emery Lindsey; sister Vivian (Dennis) Klakamp; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, sister-in-laws, and brother-in-laws that he loved very much.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ralph and Mamie Judd; grandchild, Hayden Armuth; and brother-in-law, Dennis Klakamp.

A walkthrough visitation will be held at Voss & Sons Funeral Service on Monday, March 15, 2021 from 4:00-6:00 pm.

Funeral services will be held at Voss & Sons on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at 10:30 am with Mr. Robert Hooker officiating. Friends may call from 9:30 am until time of service. Service will be live streamed through Voss & Sons Facebook page.

Burial will follow at Hayden Cemetery.

Memorials may be given in lieu of flowers in Tom's name to White's Chapel United Methodist Church, Schneck Foundation, or the Hayden Museum.

In accordance with CDC guidelines, masks are required as well as social distancing within the building. Cards and notes of condolence are most welcome.

All arrangements have been entrusted to Voss & Sons Funeral Service in Seymour.

Please visit the funeral home website at [www.vossfuneralservice.com](http://www.vossfuneralservice.com) to leave condolences to the family.

# Events

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**MAR** **Visitation** 04:00PM - 06:00PM

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Voss Chapel

316 North Chestnut Street, Seymour, IN, US, 47274

**MAR** **Visitation** 09:30AM - 10:30AM

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**MAR** **Funeral** 10:30AM - 11:30AM

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# Comments

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“ It was our privilege to get to know Tom through his service at Whites Chapel. What an example of joy in the Lord and service to all His people! He blessed us with his example. Our prayers are with all those who mourn his passing.  
Richard and Laura Young

**Laura Young** - March 22 at 08:45 AM

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“ When Erica started school at Hayden I wanted to volunteer as much as I could. Once Tom realized I could paint he really put me to work. I loved that. It felt so welcoming. The fun the students had in that school was worth everything to them. I was looking forward to volunteering with him again at the Muscatatuck National Wildlife refuge. They are missing him a bunch. Such happy memories.

**Lori Kendrick** - March 17 at 10:23 PM

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“ Barbara Morey lit a candle in memory of Thomas Judd



**Barbara Morey** - March 16 at 10:30 AM

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“ Donna Rotert lit a candle in memory of Thomas Judd



**Donna Rotert** - March 16 at 09:25 AM

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“ Mellisa Leaming lit a candle in memory of Thomas Judd



**Mellisa Leaming** - March 16 at 08:22 AM

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“ Tina and Family,

I only got to know Tom a few years ago. After speaking to him the first time, he made me feel like I had known him for years. I could tell from the first conversation that he was a special person. This world will miss him, but Heaven is a little brighter now.

Randy Wells

**Randy Wells** - March 16 at 08:21 AM

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“ I have known Tom for most of my adult life. He was present when I gave my heart to Jesus Christ, He was one of the finest men I have had the privilege of knowing. He had such a positive influence on my life. My sincerest sympathy to Tina and his girls.  
Cheryl Graham

**Cheryl Graham** - March 15 at 11:55 AM

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“ Tom always had a smile for you, Ben and I both worked with him at Jennigs County, he was a specil Christian man and will be missed. Vickie Girt

**Vickie Girt** - March 15 at 10:58 AM

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“ Sandy Friedman lit a candle in memory of Thomas Judd



**Sandy Friedman** - March 15 at 09:29 AM

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“ Tina and family,

I am very sorry for the loss of your wonderful husband and father. Keeping you in my thoughts and prayers.

Nancy Karazsia

**Nancy Karazsia** - March 15 at 09:06 AM

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“ My sincere sympathy to Tina and the girls. In all the ways I knew Tom, as a parent, co-worker, and a boss, he was always a gentleman and a true friend. There was no doubt of his dedication to the Lord or the students under his care. I miss the time we had working together. His life had such a positive influence on anyone who knew him, including me. Claude Morgan

**Claude Morgan** - March 14 at 11:48 PM

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“ What a great man that graced this earth.  
He gave so much of himself to better others.  
Tom was always so nice to me, my kids, and my family. Prayers to the family.

**Greg Schroeder** - March 14 at 04:43 PM

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“ Dove Blanket was purchased for the family of Thomas Judd.



March 14 at 03:38 PM

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“ I met Tom in college at Ivy Tech. Even after I graduated he remembered me when he saw me out in the community. Such a wonderful spirit that will be missed dearly!

**Sarabeth Wooley** - March 13 at 04:39 AM

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“ Mr Judd was my principal in crothersville. He was always so kind. I ran into him a few times after he retired and after high school and he still remembered who I was and would ask how I was doing. Sending Prayers for his family!!!!



**Nicole Cervantes** - March 12 at 08:41 PM

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“ Prayers for Tom's family. He was a special person. I will miss him bringing his grandkids to the Movies at the Park Theatre Civic Center in North Vernon. I always enjoyed visiting with him.

Darlene (Kerns) Hicks

**Darlene (Kerns)Hicks** - March 12 at 08:32 PM

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“ Mr.Judd was my Elementary pricipal in Hayden.He was a great man that truly loved each and every child he came in contact with. He always spoke to me every time I seen him. my heart goes out to Megan and the rest of the family.MaDonna Godsey - Meadors

MaDonna Meadors - March 12 at 07:42 PM

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“ Loved Mr. Judd when he was our principal at Crothersville. We moved in 76, my brother Bill was killed in 1980, Mr. Judd made the drive over to Harrison Ohio to come to the funeral, I was so surprised to see him, but was so glad he was there. Prayers for the family!

Teresa Arnold - March 12 at 07:11 PM

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“ Sherry D lit a candle in memory of Thomas Judd



Sherry D - March 12 at 07:01 PM

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“ Tina Collins lit a candle in memory of Thomas Judd



Tina Collins - March 12 at 06:39 PM

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“Only a life lived in service to others is a life worthwhile.”-Albert Einstein. So many wonderful memories of this wonderful principal, neighbor, friend. My heart is broken. I am comforted in knowing , beyond a doubt, that at this moment Tom Judd is at the right hand side of our Lord. God bless you Mr. Judd—you were one of the greatest! Love and prayers to Tina, his girls, their spouses, and his grandchildren.

**Stephanie Grunden** - March 12 at 05:38 PM

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“ Betsy And Charlie McDonald lit a candle in memory of Thomas Judd



**Betsy and Charlie McDonald** - March 12 at 05:00 PM

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**Voss & Sons Funeral Service** - March 12 at 01:53 PM

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“ Mr. Judd was the superintendent at Medora when I was in high school. He was always full of ideas, light, and hope. He checked in to see how my career journey was going even after years of not seeing him. He was a wonderful person that made you feel like anything was possible. I am so sorry to hear of his passing, but he made a lifelong impression on me and led an example of joy and hope that will not be forgotten.

**Justice Dean** - March 12 at 01:33 PM