



Thomas Rowland

January 12, 1947 - November 2, 2021

Thomas J. Rowland , 74 of Perryville, MO died Tuesday, November 2, 2021 at his residence.

He was born January 12, 1947 in The Bronx, NY to Michael and Mary Ellen (Sheerin) Rowland.

He and Ronda Blessing were married August 10, 1974 at St. Vincent De Paul Catholic Church in Perryville.

He received a Masters Degree in History and was a Social Studies teacher at Perryville High School.

He was a member of Christ The Savior Catholic Church in Brewer, The Knights of Columbus and an American Legion Booster.

Survivors include his wife, four sons, Matthew (Amy) Rowland of Perryville, MO, Jeremy (Nikki) Rowland of Jackson, MO, Nathan (Layne) Rowland of Cape Girardeau, MO, Nicholas (Kate) Rowland of Maplewood, MO; sister, Michele Comer of NJ; four granddaughters, Leah, Kate, Taylor and Alex Rowland; four grandsons, Colin, Oakland, Charlie and Brooks Rowland.

He was preceded in death by his parents; father-in-law, Chalmer Blessing;

sister-in-law, Lauren Blessing; and brother-in-Law, Andy Comer.

Visitation will be from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Thursday, November 4, 2021 and 8:00am to 9:20 am Friday, November 5, 2021 at Ford Young Funeral Home in Perryville.

Rosary to be recited Friday, November 5 at 8:30 a.m.

Funeral service will be at 10:00am Friday November 5, 2021 at Christ The Savior Catholic Church with the Rev. Gerald Blessing officiating.

Burial will follow at Christ The Savior Catholic Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to Crown Hospice.

Online condolences may be made at www.fordandyoungfuneralhome.com.

Ford and Young Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Christ the Savior Catholic Cemetery

C/O Steve Wengert
168 PCR 828
Perryville, MO 63775

Previous Events

Visitation

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

Ford and Young Funeral Home
110 S. West St.
Perryville, MO 63775

Visitation

NOV 5. 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM (CT)

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Funeral Service

NOV 5. 9:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas Rowland*

October 20, 2023 at 02:54 AM



“ *Thomas Rowland*

October 20, 2023 at 01:44 AM



“ *So sorry for your family! May God give you peace!*



Pamela Cissell - November 12, 2021 at 07:27 AM



“ *Mr Rowland was an awesome teacher and always made it interesting! He was one of my favorite teachers ever. May he rest in peace*

Amy B - November 06, 2021 at 11:37 PM

RW

“ *Ronda and Family,
May your Christian faith comfort you.
Tom left a wonderful family legacy through you.
Tom also left a legacy through his teaching to his students and his
teacher peers. Tom was an excellent teacher!
I will always remember Tom's humor-his smile and the twinkle in his
eyes.
God's peace,
Rita Weber*

Rita Weber - November 05, 2021 at 02:09 PM

KP

“ *I had the joy of Tom's friendship when we attended Arkansas
College. I then joined Tom as an honor attendant for Liz and John
Walker at their wedding. He was a wonderful friend and was loved
by all of us at Arkansas College. He will truly be missed by all who
loved and were loved by him. My sympathy and caring go out to the
whole family. Kathleen Parnell*

Kathleen Parnell - November 04, 2021 at 07:44 PM



“ *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine
upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

*What an awesome teacher and wonderful man. He made such an
impact on his students, colleagues, and community. I know he will
be missed. My prayers for him and his family!*

Scott Thieret - November 04, 2021 at 02:15 PM

MP

“ *To Mr. Rowland's Family:
I'm very sorry for the loss and heartache. I absolutely loved his 8th grade social studies class. Mr. Rowland made history exciting with his expressive explanations. He was the first person I had ever met in person who spoke with a New York accent. I remember we us try to get him to say the word "mayonnaise." If he made so many of us love his class, then I can only imagine what a great husband, father, and grandfather he was. I feel truly blessed that I got to sit in his classroom and learn from one of the best teachers I ever had.*

Melissa Abernathy Powers - November 04, 2021 at 01:13 PM

VY

Mr Rowland was one of my favorite teachers. I actually enjoyed social studies class! He would tell us stories of his college days, I still smile when I remember the fun times. He must have been a wonderful husband and father. My heart aches for his family, having lost my oldest son last year I know the void that will be left in your lives! So very sorry for your loss. Vickie (Bradley) Yount

vickie yount - November 04, 2021 at 01:43 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas Rowland.*



November 04, 2021 at 11:44 AM

DO

“ *He was my favorite teacher! I could listen for hours to his amusing stories told in that wonderful New York accent and never be bored. He gave me a love of history that I still have today, more than 40 years later. So sorry for your loss.*

Donna - November 04, 2021 at 11:30 AM

ET

“ *Very sorry for your loss, Mr Rowland was a great teacher and a gentle soul*

Eddie Thompson - November 04, 2021 at 09:24 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of his passing. We would have loved to have seen him again. We thought the world of him.*

*Sally Crager
Jared Blessing*

Sally Crager - November 04, 2021 at 09:22 AM

MB

“ *My sympathy to your family. Tom was such a kind man and a great teacher.*

Mike Bullerdieck - November 04, 2021 at 08:18 AM

LF

“ *My sincere sympathy in the loss of your loved one. May God grant you His peace and comfort. Luella Franke*

Luella Franke - November 04, 2021 at 07:58 AM

JN

“ *What a great teacher! As a young educator, he impressed on me that humor and connection was an essential part of teaching. Mr. Rowland changed lives. God's blessings and peace to his family.*

Jane Narrow - November 04, 2021 at 06:56 AM

SH

“ Please accept my deepest sympathy. May your faith sustain you as you await a blessed reunion in heaven.

Sid Hemmann

Sidney Hemmann - November 04, 2021 at 05:09 AM

BS

“ So many memories - fellow teacher at Perryville Jr High; hanging out with Rowlands & Toneys & others; members of wedding party; trips to New York & New Orleans, etc. just to name a few. A very, very good guy. RIP & prayers for family.

Betty & Gary Statler - November 04, 2021 at 04:26 AM

KM

“ He was one of my favorite teachers. He made history come alive. I've randomly remembered things he taught us about over the years... he made a lasting impact on his students. My sincerest condolences to his family and friends.

Kimberly (Schumer) Murphree - November 03, 2021 at 10:16 PM

AN

“ Great teacher, he taught us to understand the US Constitution and why it is such an important document and how it will affect our future in the eighth grade it made me want to defend this country for 24 years and I am forever thankful to God and Christ Jesus for putting him in my life



anthony - November 03, 2021 at 09:04 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas Rowland.



November 03, 2021 at 09:01 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas Rowland.



November 03, 2021 at 08:34 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Thomas Rowland.



November 03, 2021 at 08:01 PM



“ Mr. Rowland was a fantastic teacher!! It takes a special person to connect with kids and make them enthusiastic learners. He was that person! I enjoyed being in his class and have very vivid memories of the fun we had learning. Please accept my heartfelt sympathy.

Dana Dickerson - November 03, 2021 at 07:52 PM

VL

“ *What an amazing teacher and human being. I had Mr. Rowland for my Social Studies teacher. When I became a teacher I would recall the enthusiasm he would put into his lessons. He made history something that was interesting and fun to learn. I hope I influenced my students as much as he did me. Rest In Peace Mr. Rowland.*



Victoria Lohmann - November 03, 2021 at 07:21 PM

DA

“ *Mr Rowland was my favorite teacher. Because of him I have a love for history and I have passed that down to my grandson. I will always remember how he would sit cross legged on the desk and tell the best stories of our history. Loved that the most. He was an Amazing Teacher. Sorry to hear this, sending prayers!* 🙏

dana - November 03, 2021 at 07:02 PM

BF

“ *Mr. Rowland was a wonderful teacher! I really enjoyed having him both in my younger years and college year. Im deepest sympathy to the family.*

Bonnie (Nations) Franklin - November 03, 2021 at 04:38 PM

DK

“ *Our deepest sympathy to your family. Our thoughts and prayers to you all*

deanna kline - November 03, 2021 at 04:21 PM

JA

“ *You have my sympathy, Matt. Prayers for your family.*

Jackie - November 03, 2021 at 04:09 PM

EW

“ Time and distance never destroys true friendships. Tom was always in our hearts. He was a buddy, friend and college roommate to my late husband, John, and I considered him a good friend. His smile and good humor will never be forgotten. Memories are forever. I extend my sympathy to all the family. May God be at the point of your need.

Liz Holifield Walker

Elizabeth Holifield Walker - November 03, 2021 at 04:04 PM

JC

“ Mr. Rowland was one of my very favorite teachers, and I was lucky enough to be his co-worker for a few years as well. He was a truly gifted teacher who had the ability to make junior high school a cool place to be. I learned so much from him as a student and as a young teacher. He cared about his students, and he had a fantastic sense of humor. Perryville has lost one of its best. Prayers for his soul and for all of his family.

Jennifer Coad - November 03, 2021 at 03:23 PM

MN

“ We extend our deepest sympathy to the family. Be assured of our prayers for all during this difficult time. Tom touched the lives of many during his time teaching.

Mr. & Mr. Clarence Nations - November 03, 2021 at 02:33 PM

SA

“ *Awesome teacher!*

Sue Allen - November 03, 2021 at 02:26 PM