



## Thomas H. Borysek

October 6, 1942 - March 28, 2026

Thomas H. Borysek, 83, of Elkhorn, Wisconsin (formerly of Methuen, Massachusetts), passed away on Saturday, March 28, 2026, at The Gardens at Ridgestone in Elkhorn, WI.

Born in Methuen, Massachusetts, on October 6, 1942, he was the beloved son of the late Henry and Helen (Dmytrow) Borysek. A proud graduate of Tenney High School, he went on to earn his Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in Boston in 1965. In recognition of his distinguished career and contributions to the profession, he was awarded an honorary Doctorate of Pharmacy by the same institution in 2007.

Tom dedicated his professional life to serving veterans as Chief Pharmacist with the Department of Veterans Affairs, retiring after a distinguished career. He was honored with a fellowship from the American College of Apothecaries and maintained active membership in the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy Corporation. In his leisure time, Tom found profound fulfillment in several cherished pursuits. He was an avid numismatist, thoughtfully building and studying his collection over many decades with the patience and precision that mirrored his professional life. He delighted in the serenity of fishing, often spending quiet hours by the water with rod in hand, appreciating the peace and connection to nature it provided. Tom also possessed a

genuine love for poetry; he enjoyed both reading the works of the great poets and composing his own verses, finding in them a creative outlet for reflection and expression.

He leaves behind a loving family who will cherish his memory, including his cousins: Richard Croteau and his wife, Marlene, of Lawrence; Michelle Tagliaferri of Haverhill; Melanie Caspary of Springfield, Illinois; Audry Colson of Vestavia Hills, Alabama; Phyllis Grasso of Methuen; Donna Shea of Haverhill; Thomas Grasso of Methuen; and cherished friends Lloyd Cornue, Bonnie Cornue and Sandra Burns.

Family and friends are invited to honor and celebrate Tom's life during calling hours from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 8, 2026, at Methuen Family Funeral Home, 233 Lawrence Street, Methuen, Massachusetts. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. at St. Monica Church, 212 Lawrence Street, Methuen, MA. Burial will follow at Sts. Peter & Paul Cemetery in Methuen.

Memorial contributions in Tom's memory may be made to St. Xenia Orthodox Church, 170 N. Lowell Street, Methuen, MA 01844. To share memories, offer words of comfort, or send an online condolence to the family, please visit [www.methuenfh.com](http://www.methuenfh.com).

Methuen Family Funeral Home is honored to serve the Borysek family during this time of remembrance and support.

# Cemetery Details

## Sts. Peter & Paul Cemetery

170 N. Lowell St  
Methuen, MA 01844

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

APR 8. 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM (ET)

Methuen Family Funeral Home  
233 Lawrence Street  
Methuen, MA 01844  
(978) 687-7300  
<https://www.methuenfh.com/>

## Mass of Christian Burial

APR 8. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Monica Parish  
212 Lawrence Street  
Methuen, MA 01844

# Tribute Wall

“ On behalf of Tom's dear friend, Lloyd Cornue, and Lloyd's children, we want to share our sincere sympathy upon Tom's passing. If Lloyd was able to write this himself, he would want everyone to know that he misses Tom more than words can say. We hope that by sharing a little bit about our family and the last decade of Tom's life, you will be comforted to know that Tom enjoyed good company and care.

Tom and Lloyd met in 2016, and over the past 10 years, Tom became an adopted member of our family in Wisconsin. Tom and Lloyd shared a special bond and companionship. They liked to travel and go out for dinner, but they were just as content watching classic movies on TV, or sitting quietly on the screen porch enjoying the sounds of nature. For many years, Tom helped care for Lloyd who has Parkinson's Disease. Tom did most of the cooking, and helped Lloyd manage his medications and get to doctor appointments. Tom's care allowed Lloyd to live independently in his own home for many more years than we thought possible — and for this we are incredibly grateful. Tom was included in all our family gatherings, and he was surrounded by love and activity.

When COVID-19 hit, Lloyd and Tom were together in their own "pod," along with Lloyd's sister-in-law, Bonnie. It gave us great comfort to know these three were not alone during those strange times. They shared meals at each other's homes, and Bonnie and Tom enjoyed lively games of Scrabble. As the years advanced, Bonnie became someone Tom relied on to take him to doctor appointments and help him with errands.

In late 2023, as Tom and Lloyd's health declined, we helped them transition and move to an excellent assisted living facility. They shared a two bedroom, two bathroom suite and continued to live with some independence, but greater onsite care. In January 2025, they moved next door into a higher level of care at the same facility — this included Memory Care for Lloyd. Tom did not have to move, but he insisted on being with Lloyd. For the past year Tom and

*Lloyd had their own rooms right next to each other. They saw each other daily and shared meals together. We visited them regularly, and brought in special food on holidays and for their birthdays.*

*If Lloyd could travel, he would have been at Tom's funeral, and he would have wanted that more than anything. We are planning to have a small, family service in Tom's memory with a local pastor in the coming weeks. Lloyd sends his love to all, as do we.*

*In Sympathy and Love,*

*Lloyd Cornue  
Christy Nesja  
Carrie Crispigna  
John Cornue*



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**Christy Nesja** - April 18 at 11:34 AM

MC

“ We were all deeply saddened by the loss of our generous and caring cousin, Tom. He always struck me as a truly distinguished and proper gentleman. When I first came to Illinois, Tom welcomed me warmly—showing me around Chicago, inviting me to his condominium, and taking me out to lunch. Whenever Tom had business in Springfield, we would meet for lunch, and it was always comforting to know that my older cousin was living in the same state.

Over the past twenty years or so, Tom would meet Don and me in Chicago for breakfast or dinner, and he also came to stay with us in Springfield.

On one visit, he brought along his bright and engaging friend, Lloyd. We toured the Lincoln sites, and Tom even met with the curator of the Lincoln Presidential Library. During our meals and visits, we shared many laughs and fondly reminisced about our family back east.

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Melanie Caspary - April 05 at 09:22 PM

MC

“ 4 files added to the album Cousin Melanie's Memories



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Melanie Caspary - April 05 at 06:51 PM

ME

“ *Melanie, Don, Mark, Kaitlyn, Emmett purchased the Written in the Stars for the family of Thomas H. Borysek.*



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**Melanie, Don, Mark, Kaitlyn, Emmett** - April 05 at 11:16 AM

ME

“ *Melanie, Don, Mark, Kaitlyn, Emmett planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas H. Borysek.*

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**Melanie, Don, Mark, Kaitlyn, Emmett** - April 05 at 11:16 AM

DS

“ My cousin Tom was more than family—he was a lifelong presence of love, faith, and unwavering support in my life. He and my father shared a deep bond, growing up side by side as best friends, a connection that carried through their entire lives. Some of my favorite memories are of the two of them heading out on fishing trips together, out on the boat, doing something they both loved so much.

Tom held a special place in his heart for our grandmother, Nana, his beloved Auntie Olga. She would often tell stories of Tom and my dad as boys, and those stories carried the warmth and closeness that defined our family. We were all so proud of Tom—not only for the life he built, but for the way he showed up for the people he loved.

He was there for me from the very beginning of my life. As my older brother’s Godfather, he was deeply woven into our family in a way that felt constant and steady. He supported me through my educational journey, even sending me a little spending money each week while I was in college—a gesture I will never forget. When I bought my first home, he sent thoughtful “good luck” blessings, and throughout the years, he made sure to stay connected through letters and calls that always meant so much.

During some of the most difficult times in my life, including when my husband was ill, Tom was there with encouragement, kindness, and strength. His deep faith, devotion to family, and quiet generosity were truly his gifts to all of us.

He was always happy to hear from me, and I will forever be grateful for the love we shared. It was an honor to be part of his life and his family.

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Donna Shea - April 03 at 05:59 PM

MC

*To all family and friends of Tom, my condolences and although I didn't have the pleasure of meeting him personally I felt as I knew him through Tom my boyfriend he always talked about him and always expressed his admiration and proudness for his cousin Tom and all his accomplishment RIP Tom B*

Mirta Cruz - April 07 at 11:49 PM



“ *In Heaven's Arms Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas H. Borysek.*



April 03 at 05:47 PM

AC

“ *Audrey Colson purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Thomas H. Borysek.*



Audrey Colson - April 02 at 08:28 PM

AC

“ *So sorry for the loss of our sweet & kind cousin Tom...he shared his passion for collecting coins & started helping my mother, his aunt Mary choose special pieces through the years... a 1878 20 franc gold coin which my mother wore as a necklace is now one of my cherished pieces & will be passed on to my granddaughter Addeline. Although Tom lived & worked in the Midwest, he always stayed connected & devoted to his family back in Massachusetts. He will be missed.*

Audrey Colson - April 02 at 08:22 PM