



Thomas W. Dietrich

December 20, 1954 - November 13, 2025

Thomas William Dietrich, 70, of Lake St. Louis, Missouri, passed away on November 13th. Born on December 20, 1954, in Clarksville, Missouri, Tom grew up along the Mississippi River and proudly graduated from Clopton High School in 1973.

Tom dedicated his early career to public service as Pike County Prosecuting Attorney, and later as a judge. He spent more than forty years as a corporate attorney with Peabody Energy in St. Louis yet never hesitated to offer his “pro-bono” help to anyone who needed it. His unwavering commitment to justice, integrity, and fairness shaped every part of his work and life.

A man of faith, Tom attended the Church of Christ and found joy in life’s simple blessings and he currently was a member of River Oaks Church in Foristell, MO. He treasured time with his family—especially being goofy with his granddaughters and bantering with his brothers. Whether he was building projects with his children and brothers, spotting wildlife during numerous visits to Alaska, playing a practical joke on someone, or sharing wise advice wrapped in humor, Tom brought joy and laughter to everyone around him. Tom is survived by his brothers, Terry, Jim, and Eddie Dietrich; his children, Joe Dietrich, Sara Platt, and Ashley Wood; four beloved granddaughters—Emma, Ava, Mayli, and Teagan; his wife, Joyce Dietrich; step-children Alisha, Angel, and Steven; and step granddaughter Emory Marie. He was preceded

in death by his parents, Anton and Geneva Dietrich of Clarksville, Missouri. He will be deeply missed and forever remembered for his humor, generosity, and unwavering love. His memorial service will be held on Friday, November 21st at Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana, Missouri with visitation from 1:00 p.m. until time of service at 2:00 p.m.

To honor his legacy, the family invites donations to the Greenwood Cemetery Fund, Clarksville Community Foundation, a cause close to his heart, and the Humane Society of Union, MO.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

NOV **21**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Collier Funeral Homes, Inc.
117 Barnard Dr
Louisiana, MO 63353
(573) 754-4800
collierfuneral@att.net

Memorial Service

NOV **21**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Tom was such a great person and a wonderful brother. He was the most giving person I have ever known. His whole life was helping people who couldn't help themselves. Time and time again he would help someone and ask nothing in return. We talked every day and he was such a big part of my life. His last three years of his life, he lived out of a suitcase, but still never complained and kept helping those who had nothing. I miss you Tom, but now you can rest up in heaven, knowing you lived a great life. So very proud that you were my brother.

Terry Dietrich - December 11, 2025 at 08:35 AM

PB

“ Condolences to the Tom Dietrich family.
Phyllis Shuford Bryant

Phyllis Shuford Bryant - November 22, 2025 at 11:03 AM

DC

“ Deania Carnes-Smith lit a candle in memory
of Thomas W. Dietrich



Deania Carnes-Smith - November 21, 2025 at 02:38 PM

DD



Danelle Dietrich - December 12, 2025 at 06:45 AM

JH

“ John Harmon lit a candle in memory of Thomas W. Dietrich



John Harmon - November 21, 2025 at 11:43 AM

TR

“ The Reynolds purchased the Simply Elegant Spa thiphyllum for the family of Thomas W. Dietrich.



The Reynolds - November 21, 2025 at 10:55 AM

DW

“ Deborah Wheeler lit a candle in memory of Thomas W. Dietrich



Deborah Wheeler - November 21, 2025 at 01:59 AM

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“ Elenora (Traynor)Lobb lit a candle in memory of Thomas W. Dietrich



Elenora (Traynor)Lobb - November 20, 2025 at 06:54 PM

PT

“ Peabody's Sales Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas W. Dietrich.

Peabody's Sales Team - November 20, 2025 at 05:34 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Thomas W. Dietrich.



November 20, 2025 at 05:34 PM

EW

“ Eric & Laurel Waller planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas W. Dietrich.

Eric & Laurel Waller - November 20, 2025 at 05:29 PM

EW

“ Eric & Laurel Waller purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Thomas W. Dietrich.



Eric & Laurel Waller - November 20, 2025 at 05:29 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Thomas W. Dietrich.*



November 20, 2025 at 12:31 PM



“ *Ed & Susan Sullivan and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas W. Dietrich.*

Ed & Susan Sullivan and family - November 20, 2025 at 10:31 AM



“ *Ed & Susan Sullivan and family purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Thomas W. Dietrich.*



Ed & Susan Sullivan and family - November 20, 2025 at 10:31 AM



“ *Wanda M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas W. Dietrich.*

Wanda M. - November 20, 2025 at 10:01 AM

BK

“ To the entire Dietrich family,

Our heart goes out to you for the loss of Tom. I personally won't forget my memories of him. As my brother-in-law he was supportive, helping me look for a job in St. Louis, after college graduation. Tom was always busy, especially when it came to his family. He was a kind and mild-mannered and always had his wits about him. I enjoyed talking both 'technically' and 'politically' with Tom, he subscribed to common-sense, whose feathers you could not ruffle. He is the person you would call, for any kind of advice.

I had not seen him since Callie's wedding, it was a nice chance to catch.up.

He was always a welcome person in the Kell family, ... nuff said.

Sincerely,

Bill (& Paula) Kell

Bill Kell - November 19, 2025 at 05:28 PM

FP

“ From Friends and Colleagues at Peabody planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas W. Dietrich.

From Friends and Colleagues at Peabody - November 19, 2025 at 05:17 PM



“ *Loving Grace was purchased for the family of Thomas W. Dietrich.*



November 19, 2025 at 05:17 PM



“ *Dear Joy (Tom’s wife), Angel, and other family members of Tom, My deepest condolences in the passing of Tom. I was able to see him and talk to him at family events (Ashley and Angels wedding reception will always be a highlight) and I enjoyed visiting with him and hearing about his latest adventures (building houses....his traveling and his family). I’m so glad I was able to see him and talk to him a couple of months ago when I was at the home of Tom and Joy. I’ll always have fond memories of that visit.*

My thoughts and prayers are with all you.

Jeanie Bland

Jeanie Bland - November 19, 2025 at 01:42 PM



“ *Tom was an active, generous, & fun part of our Great Class of 73. He was one of The Greats that make our class great. We are heartbroken for our loss as well as for Terry, his children, & all the Dietrich family. Until we see you at the Big Class Reunion in Heaven, Tom, we’ll be lost without you but have peace knowing you’ve gotten the party started* 🍷 🖤 🗝️ 🕊️ 🍷 🎵

Clopton Class of 1973 - November 19, 2025 at 09:34 AM

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“ Clopton Class Of 1973 lit a candle in memory of Thomas W. Dietrich



Clopton Class of 1973 - November 19, 2025 at 09:24 AM



“ Heartfelt Comfort Charcuterie Gift Set was purchased for the family of Thomas W. Dietrich.



November 19, 2025 at 08:23 AM

IF

“ In his memory , Laurel Burke & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas W. Dietrich.

In his memory , Laurel Burke & family - November 19, 2025 at 08:23 AM

IH

“ In Sympathy - Lisa Anne Houdyshell planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas W. Dietrich.

In Sympathy - Lisa Anne Houdyshell - November 18, 2025 at 10:18 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas W. Dietrich.*



November 18, 2025 at 10:18 PM



“ *Linda Townsend purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Thomas W. Dietrich.*



Linda Townsend - November 18, 2025 at 07:32 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Thomas W. Dietrich.*



November 18, 2025 at 05:31 PM