



Mr. Thomas Anthony Frueh of Fox River Grove

May 16, 1963 - June 19, 2019

Thomas Anthony Frueh, 56, of Fox River Grove, Illinois.

Beloved husband of Sophie Frueh, nee Pikul; cherished father of Drayson Helberg, loving son of Dorothy Frueh and Richard (Deborah) Frueh; devoted brother of Rick (Debbie) Frueh and Lisa (Jesse) Stoery; uncle and friend of many.

It's not easy to write a simple paragraph about Thom. Thom found hope, light and courage where there was none. The way he embraced life is beyond words. He was not going to let anything stand in his way or deter him from living life. From the way Thom greeted a stranger, a friend or a relative he found words that were loving, compassionate and uplifting. Thom made it a point to celebrate everyone around him.

Thom loved life so much that he collected and surrounded himself with what he loved: his family, home, garden, music, a garage of collectibles -- Harleys, boats, toys, glass art, hats, and whatever else caught his eye. Once he fell in love with you or it, you were then part of his life forever. Thom struggled with Type I Diabetes his whole life. Maybe because of this, he never discarded anything or anyone but instead gave many things a second chance at life. He created a home that reflected this loving and unique spirit. A fixture in his community, always found hanging out in the garage ready with conversation,

Thom will be remembered by the many friends he collected along his way.

Visitation will be Tuesday, June 25, 2019 from 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. and on Wednesday, June 26, 2019 from 9:00 A.M. until time of funeral service 10:00 A.M. at Morizzo Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 2550 West Hassell Road, (Northeast corner of Barrington Road), Hoffman Estates, IL. 60169. In lieu of flowers memorials in Thom's memory to Gift of Hope (<https://www.giftofhope.org/monetary-donations/>) would be appreciated.

The family has created this Life Tributes page to make it easy to share your memories, photos and videos. For further information please contact the Morizzo Funeral Directors at 847.752.6444. Arrangements entrusted to Morizzo Funeral Home and Cremation Services, at 2550 West Hassell Road, (Northeast corner at Barrington Road), Hoffman Estates, Illinois 60169.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **25**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Morizzo Family Funeral Home, Cremation Services, and Cemetery Memorials
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Thomas Anthony Frueh of Fox River Grove*

November 04, 2022 at 06:54 PM



“ *Offering our deepest condolences during this difficult time.*



Those of us at Morizzo Funeral Home - July 26, 2019 at 11:38 AM



“ *Sophie, eternal rest grant upon him, O Lord and let perpetual shine him may the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of GOD rest in peace*



smolka true value - June 30, 2019 at 11:10 AM

BR

“ Thom, I can't help but picture you with a stogie in your mouth greeting me from the garage as I parked to join Dray in our mischievous high school shenanigans. You were never anything but kind and joyful. It was easy to spend time with you. The Ulbert family is going to miss you very, very much. Love you Sophie, Dray, and family!!



Brent - June 26, 2019 at 01:19 PM



Cecelia
Pikul

What a great photo. Thanks for sharing

Cecelia Pikul - July 07, 2019 at 02:55 AM

MP

Great image. Thank you

Mary B Pikul - July 08, 2019 at 08:22 AM

DD

“ Sophie,

We are so sorry to hear about your loss. We are keeping you and you family in our prayers.

*Love,
Derek Drozd and Family*

Derek Drozd - June 25, 2019 at 09:44 PM

KP

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Kevin Pikul - June 25, 2019 at 03:39 PM

DY

“ Sophie,

Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. We are so very sorry for your loss.

*With deepest sympathy,
Dan and Debbie Young*

Debbie Young - June 25, 2019 at 02:32 PM

DF

“ Thom, I met you through my brother when you were 15. And I ultimately met your brother Rick because of yours and Mikes friendship. You were always a styling, cool guy. When I became a part of the family and soon had Amber and Tommy, the love you showed them was precious and sweet. “OLO” how many time’s over the years did we have to explain why they called you that? A special name for you given by Tommy as a toddler learning to talk. And you loved that.

You enriched our lives beyind measure. Living in the same building gave my kids the opportunity to see their Olo everyday for the first few years of their lives. Treasured memories of pumpkin carving, Christmas tree decorating , radio flyer wagons and an abundance of toys you spoiled them with all the time. You weren’t just an uncle to them, you were another father to them.

Watching you grow into the man you became has been an honor. You found the love of your life in Sophie and got to have a beautiful family with Drayson and her.

I’m saddened Emmy won’t get to share more moments with her Great Olo, but promise she will know all about the special man you were to all of us.

We’ll treasure all the wonderful memories we had together. I’ll miss answering my phone to hearing you say “ heyyyyy Deb, it’s Thom” and

I’ll miss you forever dear, sweet brother.

Debbie Frueh - June 25, 2019 at 11:55 AM



“ 32 files added to the album Life Tributes



Morizzo Funeral Home & Cremation Services - June 25, 2019 at 09:47 AM

Cecelia
Pikul

“ Thank you Thom for being a wonderful husband to my sister Sophie. Her one true love. Thank you for being a great brother in law and spending time with us at the mushroom house. Thank you for being the sweetest “uncle Thom” to our kids. They adore you! We will keep your memory alive in stories and photos as colorful as your personality. And as you always said when saying goodbye “love ya” - Cecelia and Tom



Cecelia Pikul - June 25, 2019 at 01:43 AM

AD

“ Sophie, I am so sorry to hear of your husband’s passing. Sending love and prayers to you and your family and friends who love you both ❤️❤️

Amy Domke - June 25, 2019 at 12:51 AM

JS

“ John R Saville purchased the Sweet Solace Spray for the family of Mr. Thomas Anthony Frueh of Fox River Grove.



John R Saville - June 24, 2019 at 09:16 PM

TW

“ The kitchen Staff’s from Lake Barrington Woods purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mr. Thomas Anthony Frueh of Fox River Grove.



The kitchen Staff’s from Lake Barrington Woods - June 24, 2019 at 06:03 PM

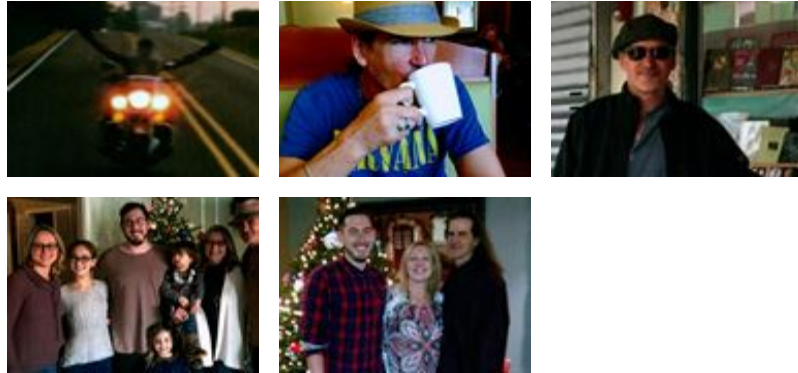


“ Thom, Dear Brother-in-law,
You brought many years of happiness to our sister Sophie, Drayson, and our family. You amazed us with your creativity with all your indoor and outdoor projects. You had your own style (very cool) and obvious love of the outdoors while boating or riding your Harley. Thank you for coloring the world with your kindness and friendship. You will be dearly missed. Pease and Love to you
Andy and Christine J

Christine Jarczyk - June 24, 2019 at 05:23 PM



“ 14 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Morizzo Funeral Home & Cremation Services - June 24, 2019 at 05:17 PM



“ Bountiful Rose Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas Anthony Frueh of Fox River Grove.



June 24, 2019 at 04:27 PM



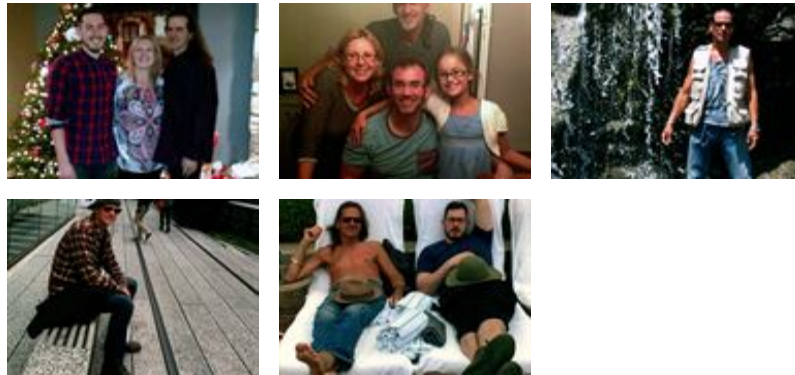
“ Cecelia Pikul purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Mr. Thomas Anthony Frueh of Fox River Grove.



Cecelia Pikul - June 24, 2019 at 03:36 PM



“ 125 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Morizzo Funeral Home & Cremation Services - June 24, 2019 at 02:27 PM



“ With Sympathy Tazo Tea Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas Anthony Frueh of Fox River Grove.



June 24, 2019 at 02:19 PM



“ *Sophie, I am deeply saddened over the loss of the love of your life. While there is no substitute for the love you two shared I know you are surrounded by family and friends who will comfort and support you as best they can through the days ahead.*

With Deepest Sympathy,

Bill Palmer

Bill Plmer - June 24, 2019 at 12:26 PM

LZ

“ Sophie, I am so very sorry & saddened to hear about your husband Thom. You will be in my thoughts & prayers. Lisa Zimmer

Lisa J Zimmer - June 23, 2019 at 10:39 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas Anthony Frueh of Fox River Grove.



June 23, 2019 at 10:34 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas Anthony Frueh of Fox River Grove.



June 23, 2019 at 05:02 PM

LB

“ Laurinda and Lauren Bohrer purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Mr. Thomas Anthony Frueh of Fox River Grove.



Laurinda and Lauren Bohrer - June 23, 2019 at 09:59 AM

MK

“ Sophie, I am so sorry for your loss. My sincere condolences. You have the love and support of your co-workers. May Thom rest in peace in heaven.
Margery Katalinich

Margery Katalinich - June 22, 2019 at 08:04 PM

MF

Bob and I send our love and many blessings to those close to Thom. Thom truly had an open heart and a caring soul. Our condolences to all the family. May you find comfort in the many memories of his life and love. ~Cousin Mary and Bob

Mary Frueh - June 24, 2019 at 02:13 PM

KB

“ Thom I will miss you greatly my friend! You were definitely more than a coworker! I'll miss our great conversations everyday and you walking up throughout the day asking how's it going and you laughing at my reply "it's going". Hope you're at peace my friend!

Karen Bye - June 22, 2019 at 04:14 PM

PL

“ Thom, you will be missed by so many, I had the pleasure to work with you for the last 13 years. LBW is not the same without you. Every time I hear keys rattling I think it's you and look out into the hallway. Peace my friend, I will miss you and our talks.

Pam

Pam Labuda - June 22, 2019 at 01:03 PM

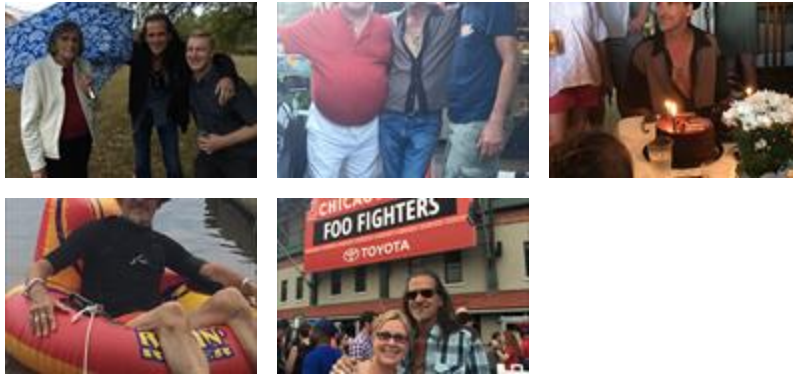
RR

“ *The world will be a smaller place without you Thom. I will always remember you in your garage fixing or making something always tinkering around. Godspeed old alley cat. Peace 🕊* ”

ronnie rataj - June 22, 2019 at 10:58 AM



“ *The world shined brighter with you in it. ❤* ”



Sophie Frueh - June 22, 2019 at 02:39 AM

TS

We are so sorry for your loss.

Tim Sheehan - June 22, 2019 at 06:11 AM

NV

Sophie, words fail to express the depths of emotion at the news of Thom's passing. We are so sorry for your loss. Praying for peace in your heart.

Nancy Vonau - June 22, 2019 at 10:17 AM



It sure did. We will miss you and the kids just love ya uncle Thom

Cecelia Pikul - June 22, 2019 at 12:24 PM

MM

Such a cool guy! God bless & may you have love, sunshine, a beautiful bike & a good cigar

Mary McCarthy - June 23, 2019 at 11:05 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Sophie Frueh - June 21, 2019 at 11:31 PM

JP

Thom was the kind of person you looked forward to seeing. He was always happy to greet you no matter what was going on in his life, I will miss his smile and his warm greeting words and hugs the most. Peace to you and if there is an angels motorcycle club in haven they already sign you up because we need more of Thom's among us.

Joe pikul - June 22, 2019 at 10:07 AM

HM

My brother-in-las Thomas was a beautiful person I was always happy to greet him he was always kind always with a smile on his face and when you were going home he always gave you a hug and said "love you" this stayed in my heart and will stay forever. We will miss you and never forget you Thomas.

Halina Myslinski - June 24, 2019 at 12:46 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas Anthony Frueh of Fox River Grove.



June 21, 2019 at 09:00 PM

JS

“*Harley Thom, as we called him on this end of the block, was the coolest dude ever and an icon of this neighborhood. He made everyone feel special in his own way. I will miss stopping and shooting the breeze while he tinkered in the garage with his cigar. I will miss getting home from work and Thom yelling hello Jill down to me and me yelling Hi Thom right back. He had a way of making you feel special. Thom and Sophie were so good and kind to our daughter as she grew up in the neighborhood and in the Barrington school district. Just amazing people! Our neighbor Josh posted this photo on Facebook. I share it here because it sums it up for me. Thom in his happy place outside his garage with his Harley with a smile on his face. Thom I will try to carry forward your love of life and ability to make people feel special. You will be missed tremendously by this family. Love and strength to you Sophie.*”



Jill, Allie, and Scott - June 21, 2019 at 08:39 PM



Thank you so much for your kind words. You summed Him up perfectly. Love, S

Sophie Frueh - June 22, 2019 at 02:05 AM

MA

“*3 files added to the tribute wall*”



Mary - June 21, 2019 at 05:36 PM

GW

“ *Glenna & Don Waxler lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Anthony Frueh of Fox River Grove*



Glenna & Don Waxler - June 21, 2019 at 05:33 PM