



Mr. Thomas Savick of Elk Grove Village

December 30, 1949 - August 14, 2025

Thomas "Tom" Savick, 75, of Elk Grove Village, passed away on August 14th at St. Alexius Hospice in Hoffman Estates, Illinois; after a long battle with complications of congestive heart failure.

Tom is survived by his loving wife of 52 years Linda, his children Adam (Nicole), Beth Cummo (Rich) and Jonathan and his beloved 5 grandchildren Madden and Emery Cummo, Sloane Savick, Rachel and Ryan Savick and Tom's sister, Janet Puskar, who resides in Pensacola, Florida; also several nieces and nephews.

He was surrounded by family at the end and his lively personality and humor was with him up to his last moments. Tom was born December 30, 1949 to Julius and Kathryn Savick in Chicago. Tom's passion for athletics and sports began early. A standout athlete, Tom went to his beloved alma mater Northern Illinois where he played basketball for 2 years. After graduation, he found his calling in Education. In a career that spanned 4 decades, Tom started in the classroom and ended as Principal of Arbor Park Middle school in Oak Forest, Illinois, where he proudly helped to design a new building. Even after his retirement, his role as an educator did not end. Whether it be as a docent with the Chicago Architecture Center, a coach for middle school basketball, or quizzing his cherished grandchildren about geography, Tom was always seeking out knowledge and sharing it with others. He loved history and

traveled to many National Parks and battle fields but only visited 47 of the 50 states.

A lifelong Southsider and Cubs fan, Tom embodied the virtues of Chicago; strength, community, compassion, and humor. He had the uncanny ability to talk to anyone and make them feel at home. If you were lucky enough to be a student in his school, a player on his team, a tourist on his Architecture tour, or just randomly seated next to him at the bar you walked away entertained and enlightened. You also were sure to hear why Chicago was one of the world's great cities and how wonderful and talented his grandkids were. He was "Grandad" to those kids, an endless source of games, jokes, treats and laughter. If you gave him 2 paperclips, a playing card and a piece of gum, Grandad would conjure up some game that would keep all the neighborhood kids rapt with attention.

His Memorial will be October 5, 2025 from 1:30 to 4:30 P.M. at More Brewing Company, 126 S. Villa Avenue, Villa Park, Illinois 60181. Parking: on the street or a dedicated lot behind the brewery also Public parking north of the brewery. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations are made to Brother Rice High School, Chicago, Il.

The family has created this Life Tributes page to make it easy to share your memories, photos, and videos. For those of you that would have attended services and would like to express your condolences please click on the "Share A Memory" link above and you can leave a message. If you wish to send a Sympathy Card, please feel free to send it to Morizzo Funeral Home, 2550 Hassell Road, Hoffman Estates, Illinois, 60169 c/o the Family; we will gladly forward it on to the family.

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.

<https://www.morizzofuneralhome.com/monuments-and-headstones/memorials-monuments-and-headstones>

Cemetery Details

The Directors at Morizzo Funeral Home entrusted with any Visitation, Funeral & Committal; requested.

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Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall

TW

“ Dear Linda,
I'm sad for several days after hearing about Tom's passing. It was wonderful to have him as a friend, tennis partner, principal (Chicago Ridge), and Chicago River Boat Guide! I'd like to think I got my job in Chicago Ridge after mentioning to Tom, that I was a Brother Rice graduate. I spent 32 years of my teaching career there. Tom will always have a place in my heart, and everyone else's that he came in contact with. This will help all of us continue our life journeys, here on earth.

Tom will have the best seat in the house for this year's Cubs playoff run. He understands that I will not be rooting for the Cubs. But he will nudge God and tell him to go easy on the White Sox fans.

Love and miss you Tom,
Ted Wojcik

Ted Wojcik - September 28, 2025 at 12:24 PM

JS

“ To Linda and family my deepest sympathy. I am so sad to hear about Tom's passing. He hired me at Arbor Park and was my biggest supporter. I went to him constantly for advice and guidance as a new teacher. As I gained experience and confidence we remained close and shared so many wonderful experiences at Arbor Park. He was so visible to the staff and especially to the students. It was normal for him to quietly slip into a classroom, sit down, and observe a lesson in progress. There was usually a football game with the 5th graders at recess and he was the qb. So hands on for a principal. He was instrumental in my teaching career and I will always remember him fondly. A gentle giant for sure.

Judy Snider - September 04, 2025 at 02:24 PM

“*Mr. Savick wasn't just a principal—he was the *BEST* principal ever. From the moment my siblings and I were at Arbor, he was active, involved, and deeply invested in the lives of his students. He knew our parents, understood what each of us needed to thrive, and did whatever he could to foster our talents and make us excited to come to school.*

While many teachers inspired us, Mr. Savick was on another level. He didn't just lead from a desk; he was a participant in our lives. His guidance, understanding, and steady presence shaped us in ways that continue to influence our paths today. My sister Amanda and I now work as social workers—I, as an Individual Service Coordinator supporting individuals with disabilities and Amanda supporting those experiencing homelessness. We carry the lessons of empathy, attentiveness, and presence that he embodied always ready to push back against the bureaucracy just enough that we think would make Mr. Savick proud.

Amanda fondly recalls being one of the first student council members at APMS to get mirrors approved in the locker room so the girls weren't vying for one, and getting food approved for the school dances. She had so much fun leading these projects, it was a big deal for her back then. She also remembers spending time in his office when kids were being cruel—he always made her feel safe, seen, and supported.

Our family still recalls how he instinctively navigated tricky situations—like when Nathan might be in trouble, he would consider calling our mom and know that Nathan would respond thoughtfully rather than act out. We often will laugh when Nathan imitates Mr. Savick telling him to go back to his classroom so he didn't have to call our mother. Moments like these taught us so much about trust, understanding, and human connection. When our cousin came to live with us, he made it a point to get to know him and make him feel welcomed. He was just an awesome human being, and for that kindness, we will forever feel grateful.

Though we collectively don't have one single memory to point to, what we remember most is that he was always there—approachable, kind, and fully present. We hope he was able to bring that same energy and presence to his own family because the world is a better place when people live as he did. We also know that being an administrator is challenging, and we're certain he faced pushback for his innovative thinking and willingness to think outside the box. The world needs more of that—people who can work within the system while making such a meaningful impact, as Mrs. Ruane so eloquently noted.

On our list of heroes, Mr. Savick sits at the very top. Thank you for everything you gave to us, often without even knowing what we were individually going through at home. You made a difference that still resonates, and your spirit will always inspire us.

*With love and gratitude,
Malana Walus (Class of '94), Nathan Walus (Class of '97), Amanda Walus (Class of '99), and Billy James (Class of '94)*

Malana Walus - August 26, 2025 at 11:43 AM

SR

“ Linda, friends and family, I have something really beautiful to share about Tom .

When I was an art teacher at Arbor Park a student asked me to sponsor a Bible club after school. We both want to see Tom and he saw no problem with a student lead club and a faculty advisor. Several faculty members were very upset, approaching Tom with stern criticism saying it was against the separation of church and state.

It was a very tense time, but Tom Savick stood firm behind this as the Supreme Court had just affirmed the right for students to have clubs after school of their interest if supervised by a faculty member. Thank you, Tom!

For nine beautiful years students from no religion and every religion came to a joyful wholesome club with lots of fun lots of good information and lots of Friend making!

There were times that we had 30 to 40 kids.

We did not cover divisive or controversial passages, but discovered lots about respect, kindness, love, and authority.

This was one of the great privileges of my life. When I retired, no one stepped up to take my place, but for almost 10 years the light of God was shared joyfully in those meetings.

Because of Tom Savicks wisdom and courage.

Sharon Ruane - August 25, 2025 at 01:15 PM

CB

“ Dear Linda and Family, I had the pleasure of working as Tom’s Assistant Principal at Arbor Park Middle School for two years in the late 1980s. He always knew what was happening by actively interacting with staff, students, parents, and visitors. He was an intelligent leader, and always had the best interest of students in mind. As a Catholic Christian, I believe he now lives with his shepherd who has called him home. Be inspired and have hope. Carolynne Buche

Carolynne Buche - August 23, 2025 at 03:30 PM

JR

“ Tom was a wonderful principal at Arbor Park! I remember him playing catch with the students after school. A very caring man. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.

Jan Ryan - August 21, 2025 at 10:13 PM

JL

“ Mr.Savick was an amazing Principle to all of us kids in the 90's at Arbor Park. He helped me start the recycling club in 94. He took our club of 4 people to the Sand Dunes. It was such a blast. He made an impact on all of his students and we all send our deepest sympathies.



Jennifer Lenz - August 21, 2025 at 09:28 PM

SJ

I absolutely concur. He was a man of sympathy, empathy, and discipline when needed. I would think about him often, and I will grieve along with his family. He was truly a gentle giant.

Scott Joren - August 22, 2025 at 07:16 AM

JU

“ So sorry to learn of my friend's passing. Tom, was a wonderful friend and a tremendous and caring Building Principal at Arbor Park. I was fortunate to work with Tom and witnessed his excellent leadership and genuine care for the students and staff. Sending our prayers to the family. Dr. Jim & Corie Upchurch

James Upchurch - August 19, 2025 at 09:54 PM

LM

Linda, I am so sorry to hear of Toms passing, My thoughts and prayers for you, you children and grandchildren.
Louise Markasovic

Louise Markasovic - August 21, 2025 at 12:42 AM