



Thomas "Tom" Gerald Backus

November 11, 1950 - November 3, 2025

Thomas "Tom" Gerald Backus, age 74, of Moravia IA, passed away on November 3, 2025, at Clearview Home in Mt. Ayr, IA.

Tom was born on November 11, 1950, in Albia, IA, to Laurence and Alberta (Major) Dommer. He grew up attending school in Newton. Tom proudly served his country in the United States Marines Corps as a combat veteran during the Vietnam era from 1968-1978.

Tom spent his working career as a warehouse manager in the pharmaceutical industry. In his younger years, he enjoyed playing baseball and continued throughout his life to love being outdoors, fishing, and golfing.

Tom is survived by 4 children, Tommy Joe, Corey Allen, KC, and Amanda Backus; 5 grandchildren, Kegan, Keely, Danny, Gryffin, and Ryder; his siblings, Phil and Michael Dommer; a sister-in-law, Sandy Backus; and his stepmother, Nadine Dommer. Tom is also survived by several nieces, nephews, and good friends.

He is preceded in death by his father, Laurence Dommer; his mother, Alberta Backus; and brothers, Larry Backus and Randy Dommer.

Per Tom's wishes, his body has been cremated and a private family burial will

be held at the Iowa Veterans Cemetery in Adel, IA.

An open memorial has been established to the family.

Tribute Wall

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“ Tom became a regular at Country Roads Meat Market, not because he wanted anything for himself, but for the dog bones for his special and spoiled friend. One day we wanted to meet his dog, so we went out to see her in his jeep. That didn't turn out too good. She could smell all of the locker smells and jumped out of the truck! The last day we saw Tom was the day he told us his cancer was back. We were very sad to hear that. He will be missed and I am sure that beautiful pup will definitely miss him also. Prayers for the family.

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