



## Thomas M. Burda

July 8, 1942 - April 15, 2024

Thomas M. Burda, age 81, of Lake Forest, Illinois, passed away April 15, 2024. He was born in Chicago to Emil and Beatrice Burda.

Tom was an avid fisherman who loved his time on the water, with a rod in one hand and camera photographing nature and wildlife with the other. He was passionate about gardening and was a lover of flowers. He was creative and designed and built waterfalls, patios, a greenhouse, and many other unique projects. His work ethic and unrivaled energy made him a trusted partner to work with.

Tom was the beloved husband of 60 years to Margaret A. Burda; loving father of Michael T. Burda, Kathleen (Andrew) Lincoln, and Matthew K. Burda; cherished grandfather of Abigail Lincoln, Jacob Lincoln, J.T. Burda, Kailey Burda, Zoey Burda, and Joey Burda; fond brother-in-law to the late Patrick Roach, the late John Roach, and Edward Roach (Terri); and crazy uncle to numerous nieces and nephews.

His hobbies include fishing, traveling, cross country skiing, bicycling, football, and hockey. Tom was an enthusiastic chef, unburdened by recipes, who loved to create unique dishes for family and friends. Tom's sense of humor was legendary and infectious. He enjoyed making people laugh and always challenged their reality with his comical stories and antidotes. He loved

dancing. At weddings he was sure to clear the dance floor with his polka prowess, always earning well deserved accolades from the guests. Never at a loss for words he was excited to meet new people to share his thoughts and perspectives on literally everything.

Tom will be greatly missed by the “catch of his life”.

Private services will be held.

Memorial contributions in Thomas’s name may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, [www.stjude.org/donate](http://www.stjude.org/donate) or 800-805-5856.

For information - Reuland & Turnbough Funeral Directors of Lake Forest, 847-234-9649 or [www.RTfunerals.com](http://www.RTfunerals.com).

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“ *I'm so sorry to hear of Tom's passing. I'm certain we never got together where Tom didn't catch me off guard with a joke and always made me laugh. He certainly made the world a brighter place. My prayers go out for Tom, Marge and the rest of the family. Sincerely, Joe Bainbridge*

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**Joe Bainbridge** - April 18, 2024 at 09:23 PM