



Thomas Krautner

June 3, 2025

It is with heavy hearts that we come together to remember and celebrate the life of Thomas Joseph Krautner, a beloved father, grandpa, brother, and friend who passed away on June 3, 2025, at the age of 73. Born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Tom's journey was marked by a passion for music and a deep commitment to his family and work.

Growing up in Germantown, Wisconsin, Tom's early years were filled with the melodies of music and passion for the drums, an interest that would shape his life profoundly. Tom was just 12 when he joined a high school rock group. Participating in both high school band and sneaking into bars with his mates. After graduating high school in 1971, traveling and performing in his band became a way of life as he searched for his career path in college. Once he found that path, his passion for music took a pause while studying Business Administration with a focus on finance and real estate appraisal in Wisconsin. His academic journey culminated in a bachelor's degree from UW Milwaukee in 1980.

In 1982, Tom embarked on a significant chapter of his career by joining Jansen/Adjusters International in Houston. As just the third employee ever hired, he dedicated an incredible 41 years to the company, becoming a cornerstone of its success. His colleagues will remember him not only for his professional dedication but also for his unwavering enthusiasm and kindness.

Tom's life was enriched by his love for his sons, Patrick and Joseph Krautner, whom he cherished deeply. They were the center of his world, and he took immense pride in raising them with love and guidance. His family remembers him as a passionate, loving, and dedicated father whose legacy will live on in their hearts.

Tom is survived by his brothers, Ed and George Krautner, his sister, Doreene Chang, his children, Joseph and Patrick Krautner, and his 5 grandchildren, Kendall, Keira, Mark, Emerson, and Grayson. He is now reunited with his brother, Bob Krautner (wife Vicky) and his parents Joseph and Dolores Krautner who predeceased him. His family will forever hold dear the memories of their shared moments and the bonds that tied them together.

A memorial service to honor Tom's life will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Monday, June 30, 2025, at The Chapel of Magnolia Funeral Home in Magnolia, Texas. Family and friends are invited to gather, share stories, and celebrate the life of a man whose impact was felt by all who knew him.

As we bid farewell to Tom, we do so with gratitude for the time we had with him and the indelible mark he left on our lives. His spirit, laughter, and love for music and family will be remembered and cherished always.

The Addison family and staff of Magnolia Funeral Home extend condolences to the Krautner family during this difficult time.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN **30**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Magnolia Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall

TF

“ *The Terry Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Thomas Krautner.*



The Terry Family - June 30, 2025 at 10:24 AM

TF

“ *The Hopkins and NRT Family. purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Thomas Krautner.*



The Hopkins and NRT Family. - June 28, 2025 at 10:52 PM

PC

“ *Pete Ryen Cody Drew Chambasian purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Thomas Krautner.*



Pete Ryen Cody Drew Chambasian - June 27, 2025 at 10:07 AM

JA

“ I got to know TK 7 years ago when I joined JAI. Tom was someone who I looked to for guidance and insight in the insurance claim world. Tom had an answer for nearly every problem or issue I brought him. Of course, it would come with 30-45 minutes of me listening to him telling me about a claim he handled years ago and that would morph into stories about the band and his years on the road. I'll miss sharing lunches with him at all the local Asian restaurants and the loving way he would greet me when I walked into his office - "WHAT DO YOU WANT?!?!". LOL Rock on and God bless you, TK

James - June 26, 2025 at 04:46 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas Krautner.



June 25, 2025 at 10:29 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas Krautner.



June 25, 2025 at 05:24 PM

RT

“ Hey Tom, you left us way, way too soon. I wanted to get together and play a few more songs with you before father time came around. The times and memories we had along the way; band practice in your folk's basement in Germantown Wisconsin and them stomping on the floor because the music was too loud. The high school battle of the bands competition we would always enjoy playing and winning a few. Fast forward to the 70's road band, Juneau's Gold. Five years of travelling to many states out west all the way to Ohio and north to Canada. After that we were the house band in Racine Wisconsin for three years. And don't forget the group we put together in Houston during the early 80's.

Take care Tom, keep on rock'n it

Luv ya bro.....

Bob Treml

Robert Treml - June 25, 2025 at 05:17 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas Krautner.



June 22, 2025 at 07:31 PM

AT

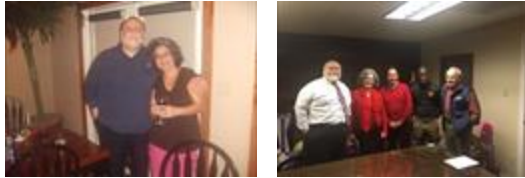
“ Apave T. purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Thomas Krautner.



Apave T. - June 21, 2025 at 12:50 PM

DO

“ 2 files added to the album TK



Dora - June 20, 2025 at 12:59 PM

DF

“ Doreene, Alex, Alan Devin families purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Thomas Krautner.



Doreene, Alex, Alan Devin families - June 19, 2025 at 06:08 PM

DC

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Doreene Chang - June 19, 2025 at 05:55 PM

DC

Way too soon ?? Is a broken heart

Doreene Chang - June 19, 2025 at 06:19 PM

LD

“ *Love - Devin, Michelle, Carter and Dylan purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Thomas Krautner.*



Love - Devin, Michelle, Carter and Dylan - June 19, 2025 at 04:45 PM

PK

“ *3 files added to the album TK*



Patrick Krautner - June 19, 2025 at 04:39 PM

AJ

“ *I had the honor of working side by side with Tom for the last 41 years. He was like family to me. He was a fantastic father and grandfather. Nothing meant more to Tom than Joey and Patrick and their families. Weekends were planned around the events of the grandkids. Whether it was raining, cold or mosquitoes, it didn't matter, Tom was there. I'll miss him dearly. The world lost a one of the good guys today. RIP buddy!*

*Love ya,
AJ*

Art Jansen - June 19, 2025 at 04:31 PM



“ Tom was such a great man. You knew how much he loved his family because he always showed up for any event he could.

I'll miss sitting around hearing his stories about his band and drumming around the US.

Sending love to Patrick, Joey and their families .

Lindsey Kreger - June 19, 2025 at 11:44 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Thomas Krautner.



June 19, 2025 at 11:28 AM



“ Link is to my Dad's band back in the day (He did a lot of the singing)

Thanks to Richard Carothers for archiving these recordings!

<http://www.classicrockband.net/blowtorch/rca1g.htm>



Joseph - June 18, 2025 at 09:41 AM

PK

“ 10 files added to the album TK



Patrick Krautner - June 18, 2025 at 08:24 AM

CA

“My name is Christian Allred. I have been friends with Tom’s son Patrick since we were 11 years old. We spent thousands of hours and days together, and a considerable portion of my childhood was spent at Tom’s house. Sometimes when friends are that close, you could say that I had a “second home.” But I would like to tell you about how Tom actually gave me a primary home, and primary parenting. My elementary and middle school years are filled with happy memories at the Krautner’s. I raided his pantry for snacks and worked out in his living room. I played video games and watched the playoffs there. Tom hung multiple basketball hoops on the garage, which we gladly wore out. Tom took turns driving us to sports, schools, and social. It was all part of a great childhood. Then, when I was 16, my family moved to New York City. It was a tough move for me, and I lost or missed all of that school, sports, and social that I had before, especially Patrick. So, whenever I could, I would make my way back to Houston. Sometimes I would come back to Texas, on my own, for months at a time. And when I did come back, Tom gave me a home. I had my own room at the house. Tom would cook me dinner every weeknight, and bought me countless restaurant meals as well. I even mixed in my laundry, which he did. But besides a primary home, I also got primary parenting. Tom taught me how to put my dishes directly into the dishwasher and to help cut the grass. Tom had the gift of being direct in correcting when I needed it. Patrick and I got an earful we deserved

when we weren't home at a decent hour, or when we ruined Patrick's 11-year perfect attendance record at school. Although I'm sure having an extra teenager was harder on the wallet, and it was also double the parenting, I never heard a single complaint. There was only unselfish giving from Tom.

Funeral's are a time not only to reflect on these unselfish acts and legacy of someone like Tom, but also how these things fit into our eternal purpose.

The Lord Jesus Christ said in the Bible, "I am the Resurrection and the Life." He also said "In my Father's house, there are many mansions. If it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you."

The Lord also made it clear who would receive a home, or a mansion, in Heaven, when he taught this:

"31 When [He] shall come in his glory...before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another...

34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

35 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:

37 Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink?

38 When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in?

40 And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me
From this we Lord tells us that our acts in life of unselfishness and kindness are not done to

really done to our fellow mortals. Rather, these acts figuratively are done unto the Lord himself.

I'm sure I qualified as "one of the least of these" when Tom gave me food, drink, and took me in.

So, the beautiful truth about him giving me a home, food, and so much other kindness, is that

these are the acts for which the Lord prepares our mansions in Heaven.

I will miss Tom. He was wonderful person and a Father, and I know he is in a better place. God

bless us all to do the same

Much Love

Christian Allred

Christian Allred - June 18, 2025 at 08:18 AM

DD

“ Big Tom Krautner Aka Papa Bear!,

Thank you for all the great memories we had at your house, eating dinner, talking about soccer, basketball and different topics that would make us laugh.. driveway basketball games where you would watch us play!! I enjoyed all of our times at Murphy's deli, and our debates on different sports topics. The freeway driving in the Company Hummer!! and how getting in the far lane is supposed to make you go faster, but in most cases that actually made you get louder and go slower! During the summer when me and Patrick were home from college, you would come home and we'd be inside playing cards. You would be angry about something that happened at work in your workout clothes after going to the gym on Kuykendahl!!! You would start getting on me and Patrick about taking the trash out and doing chores. Afterwards after you changed and got cleaned up, You ask us what's for dinner? Patrick and I would be like well that's always your decision not ours!!

I'll always remember you sitting in your chair in the living room, watching soccer, football, and basketball and we would always talk about who the best players are. You would talk to us about playing football in Wisconsin and how playing football up There was a lot tougher than Texas because how cold it was. I remember you would have all your work spread out on the kitchen table and Patrick and I would come in and start making noise and you would look at us and be like, "I'm working here." The last time I saw you, you said that you helped raised me and Christian while we were adolescents, so thank you for being a father to me while I was growing up.!!!

Thank you for all the great memories that we had you will truly be missed and I know that you'll be looking down on us from heaven!!!

Love,

David Dyches

David Dyches - June 18, 2025 at 08:14 AM

KD

“ *Kip, Kara & Eric Douglass, Keith & Diana purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Thomas Krautner.*



Kip, Kara & Eric Douglass, Keith & Diana - June 14, 2025 at
02:36 PM