



## Thomas "Tom" Ramon Sorrells

March 10, 1957 - December 31, 2020

Thomas "Tom" Ramon Sorrells, 63, of Petersburg, IL, passed away on Thursday, December 31, 2020, at Memorial Medical Center. He was born on March 10, 1957, in Rushville, IL, the son of Mervin and Glenna (Wear) Sorrells. He married Monica Jones on May 24, 1980, in Mt. Sterling, IL. Tom earned a bachelor's degree from Eureka College. He worked as a teacher at El Paso, IL for 1 year, and later served as a substitute teacher at Midwest Central (formerly known as Forman) for 3 years. He went on to teach at San Jose, IL for 4 years. Tom spent the majority of his career teaching Physical Education and Health at A-C Central School District for 28 years. Over the years, Tom was a devoted coach to many different sports teams where he taught, and also coached several years at PORTA Jr.-Sr. High School. Tom led the Chandlerville Junior High basketball team to the state tournament in 1991. He also coached junior high baseball and softball, as well as high school girls basketball and softball throughout his teaching career. He was a member of the Petersburg United Methodist Church. Tom treasured his grandkids, especially when it came time to watch them participate in their school and sports activities or spoil them. He was an avid Cardinals baseball fan and enjoyed traveling. Tom was a man of faith and loved spending time with his family.

Tom is survived by his wife, Monica; three children, Andrea (Chad) Ramm of Auburn, IL, Josh (Larissa) Sorrells of Beardstown, IL, and Abby (Kalvin) Simmons of Petersburg, IL; four grandchildren, Tucker and Barker Sorrells,

and Cooper and Carly Ramm; five siblings, Mervin "Butch" (Dee) Sorrells Jr., Stephen (Bonnie) Sorrells, Diane (David) Vermillion, Brenda (Wil) Sheppard, and Lora (Bill) Llewellyn, all of Mt. Sterling, IL.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents.

The family is being served by Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg, IL with plans for cremation. Graveside service will be held at Hersman Cemetery in Hersman, IL on Friday, January 8, 2021 at 2:00pm. Due to the CDC guidelines, we ask that everyone who attends the service wear a mask and practice social distancing.

Memorial contributions may be made to Menard County Jaycees Angel Tree, P.O. Box 52, Petersburg, IL; Auburn Youth Baseball Softball Association (AYBSA), P.O. Box 51, Auburn, IL 62615; Beardstown Little League at First National Bank of Beardstown, 300 Washington St., Beardstown, IL 62618. Please visit Tom's online obituary at [hurleyfh.com](http://hurleyfh.com) to leave condolences and share memories.

## Cemetery Details

### Hersman Cemetery

Hersman, IL

## Previous Events

### Graveside Service

JAN 8. 2:00 PM (CT)

Hurley Funeral Home - Petersburg  
122 West Douglas Avenue  
Petersburg, IL 62675  
(217) 632-2500  
<https://www.hurleyfh.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ Thomas "Tom" Ramon Sorrells

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ Josh and Family,  
Just read about your dad's death. So very sorry for your and your family's loss. May you always cherish the memories and time that you had with him and that will carry you through your grief. Peace be with you all.

Trevor Cottle - January 07, 2021 at 06:56 PM



“ So sad to hear of the passing of Tom. Our condolences to your family.

Wendy Livengood - January 07, 2021 at 11:53 AM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" Ramon Sorrells.



January 07, 2021 at 11:53 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" Ramon Sorrells.*



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January 07, 2021 at 06:58 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" Ramon Sorrells.*



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January 06, 2021 at 06:19 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" Ramon Sorrells.*



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January 06, 2021 at 05:16 PM

LK

“ Sorrells' Family.....Just thinking of Tom brings nothing but smiles to our faces. Tom always made us laugh.....always! He stopped by the house a few months ago and we had such a wonderful visit. We talked about the past, present and even planned some trips for the future together. Tom was so proud of his kids and adored his grandchildren. And, Monica, you were his one true love.....forever. Tom will always remain with us in our hearts and best memories of the past. Love and prayers to all.

*LeAnn & Ron*

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**LeAnn Kassing** - January 06, 2021 at 02:28 PM

EB

“ To the Family of Tom Sorrells,  
I am so sorry to hear the passing of Coach Sorrells. May you find comfort in all of the great memories you have of Tom. I will always remember our baseball and basketball games we coached against each other when Tom was at A.C. Central and I coached at Illini Central in the mid 90's. We stayed in contact when I moved on to coach at Williamsville and then New Berlin. Tom was always a pleasure to talk to and I always respected him. Then in 2018, we both attended an Eureka College Fundraiser at Bella Milano in Springfield, Illinois, and found out we both graduated from E.C. Rest in Peace Coach! You will be missed.

*Coach Buerkett  
Springfield, Il*

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**Eric Buerkett** - January 05, 2021 at 10:50 PM

EB

“ Eric Buerkett lit a candle in memory of  
Thomas "Tom" Ramon Sorrells



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**Eric Buerkett** - January 05, 2021 at 10:24 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of  
Thomas "Tom" Ramon Sorrells.



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January 05, 2021 at 09:22 PM

JC

“ So sorry to hear of a high school classmate's passing. With all my  
sympathy.  
Jayne & Mark Carlock

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**Jayne Carlock** - January 05, 2021 at 06:14 PM

JN

“ Prayers and our deepest condolences to the Sorrells family. Very  
sorry to hear of your loss. Please reach out if you need anything.

*Jeff Nelson  
and all of us from BSN-Springfield*

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**Jeff Nelson** - January 04, 2021 at 03:17 PM

KC

“ To Monica and family: We are very sorry to hear of Tom's passing. He was a good, caring, fun-loving guy. He brought a positive attitude and love of life with him in the classroom, on the coaching field and in his daily life. I can still hear his laugh! We had fun times with Monica and Tom in Manito, and later, we always enjoyed running into the Sorrells family at sporting events around the area. Tom will be greatly missed. We hope your happy memories will give you some comfort during this sad time.  
With love and prayers,  
Randy and Kathy Cihlar.

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**Kathy Cihlar** - January 04, 2021 at 01:37 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" Ramon Sorrells.



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January 04, 2021 at 12:05 PM

VW

“ Our deepest condolences on Tom’s passing to Monica and their family as well as the Sorrells and Jones families. Tom lived life to its fullest and will be missed by all who knew him.

Whether it was playing sports with him at BCHS, living in the same dorm at Eureka College, or being part of his wedding to Monica, he was always fun to be around. He had that infectious laugh which could make people feel better just hearing it.

He was dedicated to and proud of his family and positively impacted many students and players during his career as an educator/coach. Hold on to all the good memories!

Rest In Peace, Bartlett!

Van Wilson

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**Van and Ann Wilson** - January 04, 2021 at 10:30 AM

JN

“ My daughter had him for softball coach in San Jose. She broke her leg in two places sliding into home plate at practice. Mr. Sorrells carried her clear across two softball fields to get her to the road for the ambulance. He

went to Pekin Hospital with her. I remember he had a cookout at his house for the whole team. What a sweet man, both my daughters thought the world of him. Our prayers to all your family.



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**Janet (Burnett) Nichols** - January 04, 2021 at 01:51 AM

WM

“ So very sorry to hear about Tom. My deepest sympathies to all his family. He will be missed.

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**Wadine Mibb** - January 03, 2021 at 10:05 PM

SW

“ To Monica, children and families,  
To all of Tom's sibling's and families,



We are sorry to just learn of Tom's passing.  
Tom was always a pleasant and courteous  
guy throughout high school. May all your memories  
made with your family, friends and relatives provide you with  
constant reminders of the love shared with Tom.  
Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.  
Sandra & Chuck Walker

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**Sandra Walker** - January 03, 2021 at 10:00 PM

  
JohnandD  
Walter

“ Prayers for the family. Tom will be greatly missed! What a generous  
man with a heart of gold!

*John Walter*

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**JohnandDebra Walter** - January 03, 2021 at 08:10 PM

MY

“ Cheryl and I are very sorry for your loss, Monica. Tom did a great  
job supporting our youth with coaching and umpiring. He will be  
missed.

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**Mike Yingling** - January 03, 2021 at 05:02 PM

RL

“ I am so sorry for your loss—my blessings and prayers to the whole family!! 🙏🥹  
As with others—Tom is a **WONDERFUL** memory!! From supporting me in a union crisis to singing in the halls (you always knew it was time to go home...and you could make requests for the next day... at least I did... and he followed through)!! I will cherish that always!!!



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**robyn lovekamp** - January 03, 2021 at 02:25 PM

WH

“ So sorry to hear of Tom’s passing. I hadn’t seen him in years but I remember a cheerful and friendly guy who enjoyed his students. Praying for your family during this difficult time.

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**Wilma Hill** - January 03, 2021 at 01:51 PM

RF

“ Butch, Dee, Jason, Stephanie and Families, Remember the good times, those memories will always be in your hearts. We send our sincerest sympathy for the loss, our thoughts and prayers are sent.



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**Richard Witherow Family** - January 03, 2021 at 01:36 PM

KP

“ Tom was a good man who shared a love of baseball with me. I remember him grilling hotdogs at the varsity games while I kept the book and buying up most of my Cardinal memorabilia at my last garage sale. It was our bond. Prayers and hugs to Monica and the kids and grandkids. ❤️

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**Kim Perez** - January 03, 2021 at 12:44 PM



“ *Monica and family,*

*I am very sorry to hear of Toms passing and the shock that you are facing. I am wishing you wonderful memories and hope. I remember him coaching Allie and teammates during their early basketball years. I am sure that was not always easy. He seemed to always have a smile and a laugh.*

*Heidi Scaggs.*

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**Heidi Scaggs** - January 03, 2021 at 11:12 AM

RF

“ *Rick And Cindy Kunkel Family lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tom" Ramon Sorrells*



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**Rick and Cindy Kunkel Family** - January 03, 2021 at 10:51 AM

KS

“ *I am so very sorry to hear of Tom's passing. I have such wonderful memories of him coaching my daughter, Kristi, in high school basketball. He was more than a coach to those girls. Our schools would be lucky to have more like him. Josh and all the Sorrells' family, my thoughts and prayers are with you. Karen Squires*

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**Karen Squires** - January 03, 2021 at 10:47 AM

DO

“ *I have many fond memories of Tom from his Manito days. My sincere sympathy to Monica and family. Deborah O'Shea*

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**Deborah O'Shea** - January 03, 2021 at 10:28 AM

BP

“ *Monica and family so sorry for your loss. Our love and sympathy to you all at this sad time .*

**Bob and Pauline Perry** - January 03, 2021 at 09:39 AM

LH

“ *Larry And Mary Hundt lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tom" Ramon Sorrells*



**Larry and Mary Hundt** - January 03, 2021 at 09:24 AM

TD

“ *Monica and Family, we are so sorry for your loss. Our love and prayers go with you at this very difficult time.*  
*Gary & Terri DePatis*

**TERRI DEPATIS** - January 03, 2021 at 09:13 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of Tom's passing. Our thoughts are with the family.*

*Jake Glick and Haley Dixon*



**Haley Glick** - January 03, 2021 at 09:08 AM

KC

“ *Monica and family: so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Kris Cox*

**kris cix** - January 02, 2021 at 11:03 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" Ramon Sorrells.*



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January 02, 2021 at 10:57 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Tom will be greatly missed by many and touched so many lives .*



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**LouAnn Kesselring and Family** - January 02, 2021 at 10:51 PM



“ *So sorry to hear this. I know his teaching and coaching career was his life and his students learned so much more than sports from Tom. May you all hang on to the memories you all have. and God Bless all of you*



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**Vivian Gollhofer** - January 02, 2021 at 10:40 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Prayers. Peace be with you.*



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**Roger Graves** - January 02, 2021 at 10:39 PM

JH

“ *Very sorry to hear that Tom has passed. Our sincere condolences to Monica, her family, the Sorrells family and the Joneses. Our thoughts are with you all.*  
*John and Joan Hogan*



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**John Hogan** - January 02, 2021 at 10:19 PM

JS

“ *Monica, Andrea, Josh and Abby: Our prayers are with all of you. JD and Mary Stewart*

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**JD and Mary Stewart** - January 02, 2021 at 10:18 PM

AS

“ *I have fond memories of Tom as a senior participating in wrestling at BCHS and a great memory of Tom, Larry Orr and Brenda Jones going to the America Band concert at the Springfield state fair in 1975, I have not seen him in many years sadly, Al Scoggan*

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**al scoggan** - January 02, 2021 at 09:49 PM

JH

“ *So sorry to hear of Tom's passing. He was well regarded by students and his fellow teachers. I remember his ever present smile. Blessings to the family. Judy Hurdle*

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**Judith K Hurdle** - January 02, 2021 at 09:49 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" Ramon Sorrells.*



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January 02, 2021 at 09:41 PM



“ *Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers*

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**John, Becky and Parker Pruden** - January 02, 2021 at 09:37 PM



“ *Oh, my goodness...we are so very sorry for your loss. And it is a loss! May God hold you close and comfort you all beyond measure. Saying prayers for you all as well. I sat by Tom in chorus at BCHS. So now he's singing in heaven with the best. Hugs to you all.*

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**Dan and Marilyn Seckman** - January 02, 2021 at 09:33 PM



“ *Ellen lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tom" Ramon Sorrells*



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**Ellen** - January 02, 2021 at 09:17 PM



“ *Prayers and hugs to Monica, Josh, Andrea and Abby. Tom was a great guy and will be missed by many! Ellen Standish*

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**Ellen** - January 02, 2021 at 09:16 PM

GS

“ my favorite memory of mr. sorrells was him giving me a framed picture of himself for my 8th grade graduation. we always teased each other that we were one others favorite teacher/student. he'll be missed.

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**grace sinclair** - January 02, 2021 at 09:01 PM

MM

“ Monica and family and Sorrells siblings, Mike and I are sorry to hear of Toms passing. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Hugs to you Monica.



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**Mike and Cindy McNeff** - January 02, 2021 at 08:56 PM

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“ Sorry to hear about the passing of coach Sorrells. I'll never forget one of his famous lines for his basketball girls, "get on the line." That meant yet another or many more "suicide" drills. I'll remember him as a great man and coach.

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**Amy Sheehan (Melton)** - January 02, 2021 at 08:50 PM

KK

“ Kevin & Kathy Knight lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tom" Ramon Sorrells



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**Kevin & Kathy Knight** - January 02, 2021 at 08:32 PM

TR

“ *Our prayers are with you all*

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**trish and phil ruppel** - January 02, 2021 at 08:00 PM

ED

“ *Thinking of all of you at this difficult time.*



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**Eldon and Dena** - January 02, 2021 at 07:43 PM

RH

“ *I am so very sorry for your loss. I have only fun fond memories of our years in school together. He and my Dad also shared jokes and laughs. Prayers for your family during this difficult time. Roxie (Bauch) Huffman*

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**Roxie Huffman** - January 02, 2021 at 07:40 PM