



## Thomas S. Just

September 15, 1933 - December 31, 2024

Thomas S. Just, 91, passed away on Tuesday, December 31, 2024 at the Waters of Oak Creek with his family at his side.

Tom was born on September 15, 1933 to Joseph and Anna (nee: Post) Just. He was united in marriage to Lisa Parnau on April 5, 1986 in Racine.

After graduating from Washington Park High School, Tom later joined the United States Army, serving for two years. Sports were always a part of Tom's life including managing the Racine Lions baseball club and later coaching his sons' basketball teams. He was a proud marathon finisher, natural point guard, and lifetime Chicago Cubs fan. Tom enjoyed raising, training, and showing German Shepherd dogs, and loved listening to jazz music. He had a successful career in manufacturing, but as family always came first for him, he then decided to stay at home to raise their sons. Tom spent many hours volunteering at St. Edward's School with them. He enjoyed family trips taken to different parts of the world, including New Orleans (his favorite city!), Germany, Alaska, Hawaii, Africa, and Iceland.

Tom will be deeply missed by his wife, Lisa Just; sons, Zachary Just (Gabbie Becker) and Alec (Karie) Just; brother, Tim (Kathy) Just; niece, Kim (Michael) Torhorst; and other family members and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Anna Just; and daughter, Kelsey Alise Parnau Just.

A memorial service celebrating Tom's life will be held at Sturino Funeral Home on Friday, January 10, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. A visitation will be held from 2:00

p.m. until the time of service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made online to the Racine Public Library Foundation, Inc. or Racine Family YMCA Youth Sports.

Tom's family would like to extend a special thanks to Greta with Right at Home, Tawanna and the staff at The Waters of Oak Creek, and Aurora Hospice.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 10. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Sturino Funeral Home  
3014 Northwestern Avenue  
Racine, WI 53404  
(262) 632-4479  
info@sturinofuneralhome.com

## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Sturino Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Thomas S. Just*



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**Sturino Funeral Home** - January 07, 2025 at 10:19 PM

JG

“ *Such a nice guy to work with during our time as St. Ed's parents! So very sorry for your loss.*

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**Jen Gutierrez** - February 21, 2025 at 02:02 PM

CB

“ I recall the first time stepping into the batters box at Horlick Field in 1971 with Tom behind the plate and when he rang up the first strike with his LOUD BOOMING VOICE I almost walked back to the dugout. He was a great grade school ref for us 1966-68 and we always respected him as one of the most talented, fair and spot-on refs we had. I recall also in May/1972 standing outside the batters box at Horlick in the WISAA championship game waiting for St. Cat's star John Bodnar to finish his warm-ups when I glanced at Tom and he gave me a wry smile and said something like "This guy's got some real stuff today." Yep, we lost 8-1 but I did get an RBI single off of John and it was the only good memory of the day, but Mr. Just's comment was fair, accurate and yes, spot-on like he always seemed to be. He was an icon and he's been missed in local sports for quite a few years now but will always be remembered for being the Pro ref and ump of the Racine area officials. I will count on chatting him up in Heaven one day.

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**CRAIG BORGARDT** - January 16, 2025 at 05:59 PM

PH

“ Tom was a wonderful father and dedicated volunteer at St. Ed's helping us in the lunchroom and where ever else he was needed. I will always remember his smile and his recipe for chocolate mousse.

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**Pam Hargrove** - January 15, 2025 at 01:20 PM

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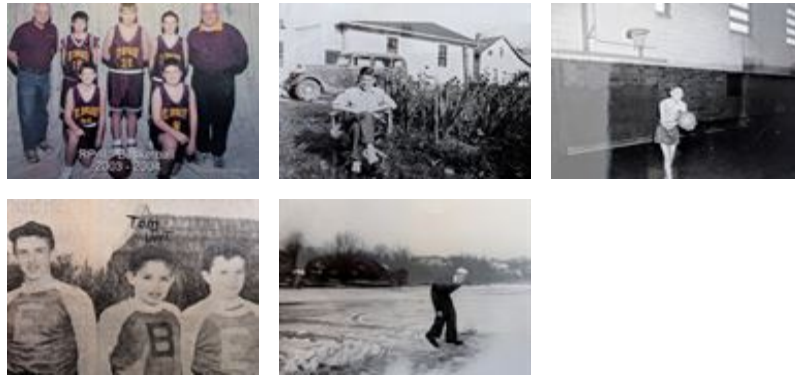
“ Sorry, Lisa, I missed this notice. Sending our condolences

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**Mickey** - January 12, 2025 at 06:16 PM



“ 53 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Sturino Funeral Home - January 11, 2025 at 03:26 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of *Thomas S. Just.*



January 09, 2025 at 03:08 PM



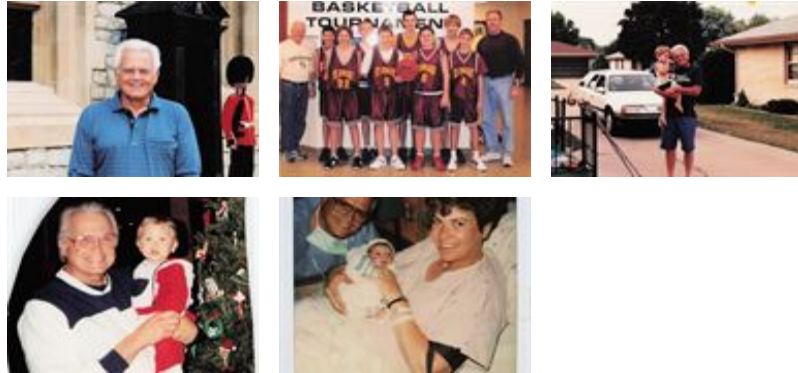
“ *United Way of Racine County* purchased the *Serene Retreat* for the family of *Thomas S. Just.*



United Way of Racine County - January 09, 2025 at 12:31 PM



“ 63 files added to the album Life Tributes



Sturino Funeral Home - January 07, 2025 at 04:48 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Thomas S. Just.



January 07, 2025 at 08:51 AM



“ Kim and David Stapelfeldt purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Thomas S. Just.



Kim and David Stapelfeldt - January 06, 2025 at 04:52 PM

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“ From: Kim and David Stapelfeldt planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Stanley Just.

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**Kim and David Stapelfeldt** - January 06, 2025 at 04:52 PM