

## Thomas A. Lajiness

March 24, 1934 - January 11, 2025

RACINE - Thomas 'Tom' Anthony Lajiness, 90, passed away on Saturday, January 11, 2025 at Hospice Alliance Hospice House in Pleasant Prairie. He was born in Monroe, Michigan, on March 24, 1934, the son of the late Gordon and Irene (nee: Schnorberger) Lajiness. Tom proudly served his country in the United States Army from 1954 to 1956. He earned his BS in Chemistry from the University of Michigan, and then went on to earn his PhD from Wayne State University. On August 26, 1961, Tom was united in marriage to Evelyn Doehrman, originally from Decatur, Indiana. He met Evelyn while working as a Chemist at Ethyl Corporation in Detroit, MI. Tom later spent most of his career at S.C. Johnson in Racine, as a Research Chemist working in Frank Lloyd Wright's Research Tower. He retired in 1992. Tom and Evelyn joined Holy Communion Lutheran Church in 1970, and he served on the church council in a variety of positions and ushered for many years. Tom enjoyed volunteering at Bong State Recreation Area, serving on the Bluebird Restoration Project and the Crane Migration Program. He also enjoyed fishing in Canada with friends from S.C. Johnson. After retirement, Tom spent time bird watching and painting watercolors. Tom and Evelyn often went to concerts at the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra. Surviving are his wife, Evelyn; son, Mark; brother, Vincent 'Dick' (Sue) Lajiness, as well as many other relatives and friends. Tom was preceded in death by his daughter, Sarah; sister, Nora (Russell) Theison; brothers, John 'Jack' (Gail) Lajiness, and Allen Lajiness.

A memorial service will be held at Sturino Funeral Home on Thursday, January 23, 2025 at 11 a.m. There will be a visitation at the funeral home from 10 a.m. until time of service. Tom will be laid to rest at Graceland Cemetery in a private ceremony.

Memorials to Holy Communion Lutheran Church and The Nature Conservancy in Wisconsin have been suggested by the family.

# Cemetery Details

## Graceland Cemetery

Racine, WI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 23. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Sturino Funeral Home  
3014 Northwestern Avenue  
Racine, WI 53404  
(262) 632-4479  
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## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Sturino Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Thomas A. Lajiness*



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**Sturino Funeral Home** - January 23, 2025 at 11:59 AM



“ *Sturino Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Thomas A. Lajiness*



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**Sturino Funeral Home** - January 17, 2025 at 09:15 PM

JM

*It was a pleasure to work with Tom on the Bluebird Trails at Bong Rec. Area for over 20 years. The data he submitted was impeccable and his insights into Bluebird behavior revealed his love of nature as well as his science background. Tom was a quality person and anyone who knew him is better off because of it.*

*John Meyer, retired Park Manager and volunteer*

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**John Meyer** - January 22, 2025 at 07:58 PM

BS

*Tom...Bob Stanton. Snowbird.Florida...much sympathy for you & family...  
Exercised with you& our SCJ brothers for many years at our fitness center at SCJ & JMBA..great comraderie, story's about the Bird watches..I'll always remember you giving me advice & inspiration to contact a Urology Specialist at Froedtert for advice not to go thru Radiation that was not needed & supported by Froedtert, as Racine Doctors advised ME TO DO..My Heart is with You. God Bless..*

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**Bob Stanton** - February 12, 2025 at 09:48 PM

SR

“ *Sandra R. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas A. Lajiness.*

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**Sandra R.** - January 25, 2025 at 10:29 AM

EG

“ *I am so very sorry to hear about Tom. He and shared many wonderful times at Bong while he volunteered. I particularly remember doing marsh monitoring with him in the canoe. He was a wonderful, intelligent, curious, funny and kind man. The world is a poorer place without him. I am so very sorry I can not make the service this week. I'll be there in spirit!!*

*Beth Goepfinger, naturalist*

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**Elizabeth Goepfinger** - January 21, 2025 at 04:23 PM

HR

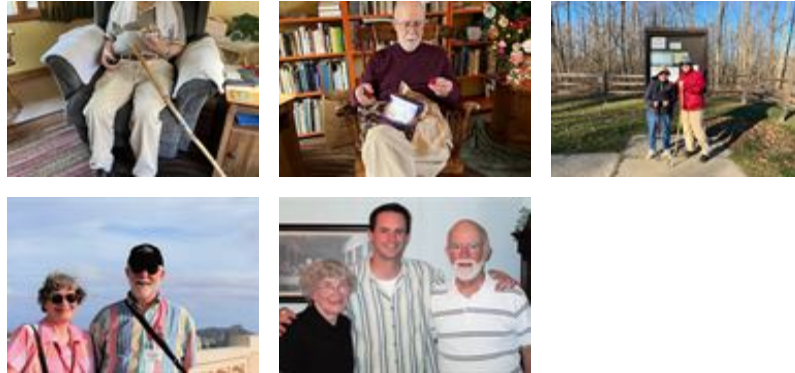
“ *My Condolences to you Evelyn, from Harold A Ralston, volunteer at the museum.*

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**Harold A Ralston** - January 19, 2025 at 12:36 PM



“ 111 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Sturino Funeral Home** - January 17, 2025 at 07:02 PM

RW

*My deceased husband, John Worrell, volunteered at Bong with Tom. They were best of friends. We occasionally did things as couples. Evelyn was always such a kind, pleasant person. Tom was very interesting and fun to be with as well. I'm sorry for his passing.*  
*Roseanne Worrell*

**ROSEANNE WORRELL** - January 19, 2025 at 10:39 AM

JO

“ *Tom has always been one of my favorite people. He and Evelyn have been my friends for almost 50 years. We enjoyed many lunches and dinners together over those years. We always had such interesting conversations. I always looked forward to spending time with them. I will really miss him.*

**Jacqueline Odders** - January 15, 2025 at 10:18 AM

PS

“ Tom and I once met for lunch at Donna’s Diner on Northwestern Ave, a little round building roughly half way between Johnson’s research tower and the biology center. This was the very beginning of our ROMEO lunch group. - Paul Sandvick

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**Paul Sandvick** - January 14, 2025 at 11:58 PM