



## Thomas Lee Lato

September 17, 1958 - January 15, 2021

Thomas Lee Lato, 62 of Crystal Falls, MI, went to be with his Lord on Friday, January 15, 2021, after a brain bleed and multiple strokes.

Tom was born on September 17, 1958, in Chicago, IL, to Paul and Erma Lato. He graduated from Loyal High School in Loyal, WI, in May of 1976. After the Lato family moved to the U.P. of Michigan, Tom received a Bachelor's Degree in Business from Northern Michigan University in Marquette, MI.

After many years employed in management positions for Shopko Corporation in multiple states, Tom returned to the U.P.; he married Theresa (Bortolini) Anderson and raised three children in Crystal Falls. He was part owner of Lato Lumber for 22 years with his brother Dan and had just recently retired from his position as President of Operations of the company. Tom was an active member of the community; he was a member of Guardian Angels Catholic Church and the Lions Club, and he participated in a variety of sports, including softball, golf and bowling. He also loved the outdoors and making memories with his loved ones.

He will be greatly missed by his 3 children: Timothy Lato of Crystal Falls, Michelle (Tony) Trepasso of Alpha, and Nicholas Lato of Crystal Falls; 3 grandchildren: Hailey, Logan, and Harper Trepasso; 3 brothers: Jim (Jane) Lato of Winter Haven, FL, Dan (Pat) Lato of Crystal Falls, and Gary (Sharon)

Lato of Crystal Falls; 2 sisters: Julia (Bruce) Natchke of Burleson, TX, and Linda (Allen) Kiekhefer of La Grange, KY; nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Paul and Erma Lato; brother, David Lato; sister, Jane Ringquist; brother-in-law, Greg Ringquist; and step-daughter, Stephanie Anderson.

Due to COVID restrictions, services will be held sometime in the spring or summer at the Nash Funeral Home in Crystal Falls.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Thomas Lee Lato online at [www.nashfuneralhome.net](http://www.nashfuneralhome.net)

The family has entrusted the Nash Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Crystal Falls with the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

JN

“ Gary, Dan, and Family.

*Sorry to hear about Tom's passing.  
He was a good man. Had many great times  
at Lion's functions. God Bless!!!*

*Joe Nash*

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**Joseph P Nash** - January 26, 2021 at 02:40 PM

 Lisa  
Timm  
Ringquist

“ So sorry for your loss. Sending prayers to the family.  
*Jim Ringquist*

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**Lisa Timm Ringquist** - January 24, 2021 at 05:23 PM

TM

“ *I will miss Tom greatly and cherish the fond memories i have with this kind wonderful man. From holiday dinners to just stopping in to say hello and he was always happy to talk and visit. I wish the world had more time with Tom. He was a kind and caring individual who i am very happy to haven gotten to meet. Im glad the last time I saw Tom i got to visit with him and chat about life and get a big hug. I know many will be missinghim. Rest easy Tom thank you for being a part of my life and bringing all your wonderful kids to this world so they too could be a part of my life.*

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**Torii Matthews** - January 23, 2021 at 10:54 AM

TC

“ Dan, Gary, and the rest of the family- I was sad to hear Tom passed away. Gone far too soon. Going to miss seeing that guy at Fisharee and at the lumber yard. Very sorry for your loss. Sending a prayer your way. Tom “Mini Mutto” Clark and family.

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**Tom clark** - January 20, 2021 at 09:47 PM

TG

“ Tom/Joy Grattan lit a candle in memory of Thomas Lee Lato



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**Tom/Joy Grattan** - January 19, 2021 at 12:57 PM

MS

“ Lato family,  
I'm heart goes out to you all in your time of sadness. Tom was a wonderful man and so nice. He always had a smile. I'm sure he is still smiling now looking down at all of you.

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**Michelle Smokevitch** - January 18, 2021 at 09:09 PM