



Thomas R. Bedtka

May 17, 1955 - March 30, 2026

Edmund – Thomas Roger Bedtka, age 70, passed away peacefully in his sleep on Monday, March 30, 2026.

He was born on May 17, 1955, in Dubuque, IA to Bernard and Caroline (Kahn) Bedtka. He worked as a union carpenter for 30 years.

His life passion was performing on the keyboard and sharing his music with others. It brought him great joy for decades, to know that his music touched so many. Though his keys now silent; the music will play on in our hearts. Now he can play that beautiful music with the angels.

In addition to his parents, Tom was preceded in death by his siblings Patty, Ron, Larry, and Linda Bedtka.

Tom is survived by the love of his life, Debra Sue Bedtka (Barker); his daughter Tracy Lynn (Adam) Schroeder of Albany, WI; his grandchildren Brandi (Phenix) Katt, Bailey Schroeder, and Dominic Schroeder; his great grandchildren Kain and Tabitha Katt; his surviving siblings Lucy (Ron) Britt, Diane (Don) Holz , Dave (Jeanette) Bedtka, Tammy Smith, Laura Frommelt.

No formal services will be held at this time.

A Celebration of Thomas' Life will be held on Saturday, May 16, 2026 from 12:30 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. at SWISS VALLEY PARK - 1st Pavillion, 13069 Swiss Valley Road, Peosta, IA 52068.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 16. 12:30 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Swiss Valley Park
13069 Swiss Valley Road
Peosta, IA 52068

Tribute Wall

SM

“ Oh dear..I am just seeing this 😞
Tom played his music at the Nursing home where I am employed
even as far back as the MCF. He was one of the most kind hearted
guys I've ever known. 🙏💔

Sue McVay - April 28 at 07:39 PM

SR

“ I was so sorry to hear of Toms passing. It was truly a privilege to get
to know him. He brought so much light and laughter with him—his
sense of humor and easygoing spirit made a lasting impression on
me.

*Please know I'm thinking of you and your family. I hope you find
comfort in the many smiles and memories he leaves behind.*

*With sincere sympathy,
Shelly*

Shelly O'Brien RN - April 22 at 10:17 AM

JS

“ Tom was a wonderful man and a great entertainer. The clients at
Cozy Corner all enjoyed having Tom play for them and he will be
sorely missed by everyone.

John Schroeder - April 02 at 11:33 PM

LO

“ Working and playing music with Tom was always a positive experience. His talent was immeasurable as was his passion for those he entertained. I miss knowing Tom might be somewhere close, I could enjoy music. -Lou

Lou Oswald - April 02 at 08:06 PM

DM

“ We are so very sorry to hear about Mr. Bedtka's passing. He sounds like an interesting, hard working guy. Although we didn't know him we are so sorry for your loss. Mrs. Deb our heart breaks for you but you know he is playing and entertaining everyone in Heaven. We are Heather's in-laws from Mississippi. Dennis and Deborah Miller. Keeping the family in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. RIP Mr. Tom



Dennis and Deborah Miller - April 02 at 01:26 PM

AP

“ I want to express my deepest sympathy to Tom's family. He was such A great man. For the most he enjoyed sharing the good fortune of his voice in performing for many folks. He was A regular at Grays Nursing Home, entertaining the Residents. When those days ended due to home closing, I made the effort to follow wherever he was performing. I'm sure he is in heaven singing with the angels. He will be missed.

Anna Pennington - April 02 at 08:38 AM

SM

“ I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Tom. He was a very funny caring and very talented man. I got to enjoy his singing many times at my years at Sunnycrest manor where he lit up the room and all the residents with his beautiful singing. Love and thoughts to all of Toms family. You are all in my prayers. Tom will be singing with the angels that are watching over all of you. Sheila Meyer



Sheila Meyer - April 02 at 08:16 AM

MJ

“ I was the activity director at the Mineral Point Care Center for many years. Tom would come and entertain the residents, they loved his music, brought smiles and happiness to their day!! He will be entertaining them in heaven as well. My sympathy to all the family. Marlene Jones

marlene jones - April 01 at 10:30 AM