



Thomas Gaston Skaggs

October 30, 1933 - March 28, 2025

Thomas Gaston Skaggs, 91 of St. Louis, MO, was born October 30, 1933 in St. Louis, Missouri to Gaston and Gladys (nee Gardham) Skaggs. He was united in marriage on May 12, 1956 to Marilyn Schmidt Skaggs who was the love of his life. Thomas is survived by his three daughters, Karen (Jim) Grillo, Lynda (Rod) Kniepmann, Cynthia (Thomas) Becker; four grandchildren Allyson (Luke) Dillon, John Grillo and (Jess Breen), Ryan (Jenny) Kniepmann, Andrew (Paige) Kniepmann and great-grandson Nicholas Dillon. Tom was a loving husband, devoted father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend to many. This love and devotion were one of Tom's greatest achievements in his wonderful life.

Tom grew up enjoying playing baseball and going to Fayetteville Arkansas to spend time with his grandmother. Throughout his life, he maintained a love for auto racing, duck hunting, the Civil War history, relishing international trips, cruises, and domestic travels with his family and his wife, Marilyn. Besides his family, Tom's biggest passion was the Indianapolis 500 race. He was a founding member of the "Gasoline Alley Gang", which included his close Indy racing friends. He spent his entire career at Famous-Barr in operations and opened many of their new stores throughout the years.

Tom was a wonderful provider for his family and enjoyed time spent with family and friends. His warmth, dedication, and love will be deeply missed by

all who knew him. He was preceded in death by his parents and loving wife of 68 years Marilyn Skaggs.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, April 2, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at CHAPEL HILL MORTUARY, 10301 Big Bend Road, Kirkwood, Missouri 63122. Funeral Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, April 2, 2025 at 12:00 p.m. at Chapel Hill Mortuary in Kirkwood, Missouri. Interment will immediately follow at Oak Hill Cemetery in Kirkwood, Missouri.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Stray Rescue of Saint Louis

<https://strayrescue.charityproud.org/Donate>

Cemetery Details

Chapel Hill Mortuary - Kirkwood

10301 Big Bend Road
Kirkwood, MO 63122
(314) 965-8228
info@stlfuneral.com
<https://www.stlfuneral.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 2. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

APR 2. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Interment

APR 2. 12:45 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ From Kathy, Chad, Laura, Jennifer purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Thomas Gaston Skaggs.



From Kathy, Chad, Laura, Jennifer - April 01, 2025 at 04:27 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Thomas Gaston Skaggs.



April 01, 2025 at 11:59 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Thomas Gaston Skaggs.



April 01, 2025 at 10:30 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Thomas Gaston Skaggs.

April 01, 2025 at 10:30 AM

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“ *The Gruender, Case, Illig families purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Thomas Gaston Skaggs.*



The Gruender, Case, Illig families - March 29, 2025 at 01:54 PM

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“ *The Gruender, Case, Illig families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Gaston Skaggs.*

The Gruender, Case, Illig families - March 29, 2025 at 01:54 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Thomas Gaston Skaggs.*



March 28, 2025 at 08:54 PM