



Thomas Anthony Prchal

March 7, 1930 - April 25, 2025

Thomas Prchal, age 95, of Storm Lake, Iowa died Friday, April 25, 2025 after living in his home for 68 years.

Funeral Mass will take place Friday, May 2, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Storm Lake. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Visitation will take place Thursday, May 1, 2025 from 5-7:00 p.m. with a KC Rosary at 7:00 p.m. all at Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake. In lieu of flowers, the family would like to direct memorials to St Mary's or BVRMC Oncology Department. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Thomas was born March 7, 1930 to Charles and Matilda (Riedmann) Prchal in Omaha, Nebraska. He attended school in Omaha, graduating from South Omaha High School in 1948. Tom was employed by Paxton and Gallagher in Omaha after high school as a Hardware Salesman. He served in the United States Army from March of 1951 until April 1953. Tom completed basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri then served in the 1st Cavalry Division and 8th Cavalry Regiment during the Korean War. Tom earned a Combat Infantry Badge and two bronze stars during his service. Following his time in the military, Tom resumed his employment with Paxton and Gallagher. In 2014, Tom took part in the Korean Honor Flight.

On May 1, 1954, Tom was united in marriage to Lorene Kayl at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Council Bluffs, Iowa. They were blessed with five daughters: Donna, Karen, Connie, Nancy, and Julie.

Tom and his family moved to Storm Lake, Iowa in 1956. In 1960, Tom began working for Wright and Wilhelmy until his retirement in 1995. He was one of their top salesmen for thirty years.

Faith was the cornerstone of Tom's life and he was an active member of Storm Lake St. Mary's Catholic Church. Tom was a member of Knights of Columbus for over 65 years. He was a fourth-degree member since 1970.

In Tom's earlier years, he served as commander of Am Vets and was a member of Toastmasters for ten years. He enjoyed fishing and camping with his family. Later in life, Tom loved volunteering, especially at the SOS store in Storm Lake.

Tom started golfing at Spring Lake Golf Course in South Omaha as a teen. He golfed well into his nineties at various clubs in Iowa and Arizona. He was an original member of the Lake Creek Country Club. His claim to fame is two hole-in-ones in his eighties.

He and Lorene loved traveling across the United States and Europe, most frequently to the Czech Republic as he truly embraced his Bohemian heritage. Polka dancing brought Tom great joy, and he enjoyed attending dances and festivals all over the Midwest. Tom and Lorene enjoyed wintering in Arizona for twenty years during retirement.

Tom was inquisitive and always open to learning something new. He was a great conversationalist and had friends from all over the United States. Tom never walked away without making a friend. Tom and Lorene also enjoyed

their couple's 500 card group, his Poker Club, cards with his golfing buddies, happy hours and meeting at Hy-Vee for coffee.

More than anything, Tom was very proud of his family. He loved to hear from every family member, including his daughters, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and his many nieces and nephews. He never hesitated to pick up the phone and call people himself. Tom will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Those left to cherish his memory include daughters: Donna Prchal of Roseburg, Oregon; Karen (Paul) Fitzpatrick of West Des Moines, Iowa; Connie (Bruce) Hoffman of Dubuque, Iowa; Nancy (Shane) Lenhart of Storm Lake, Iowa; Julie (John) Williams of Council Bluffs, Iowa; grandchildren: Erin (Don) Likens; Kelly (Keith) Harding; Erica (Nick) Blocker; Scott (Courtney) Fitzpatrick; Kaila (Steffen) Baumgarten; Allison (Wes) Hammers; Isaac Hoffman; Nathan (Ellie) Lenhart; Riley Lenhart; Ian Williams; great grandchildren: Jade and Camille Harding; Kiersten, Mackenzie and Coleson Blocker; Lux and Locklan Lenhart; Mason and Ellie Hammers, Owen Baumgarten, Henry and Elliott Fitzpatrick; sister-in-law: Ginny Prchal; nieces, nephews; cousins; extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lorene Prchal; parents: Charles and Matilda Prchal; son-in-law: Preston Thompson; great grandson: Henry Fitzpatrick; and siblings Charles Prchal, Dorothy Chromy, Ray Prchal, and Louis Prchal.

Cemetery Details

St Marys Cemetery

1238 600th St, Storm Lake
Storm Lake, IA 50588

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 1. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Storm Lake
1615 W Milwaukee Ave,
Storm Lake, IA 50588
(712) 732-1911
jensenfuneralhomes@gmail.com
<https://www.fratzkejensen.com>

Rosary

MAY 1. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

MAY 2. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church -- Storm Lake
320 Seneca Street
Storm Lake, IA

Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Thomas Anthony Prchal*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - May 01, 2025 at 01:32 PM

VP

This is so neat what a great life he lived indeed he will be missed I'm sure. Love Aunt Ginny

Virginia Prchal - May 03, 2025 at 12:56 AM

SM

“ *Steph Mickelson lit a candle in memory of Thomas Prchal*



Steph Mickelson - May 04, 2025 at 08:19 PM

DM

“ *Dave Merten lit a candle in memory of Thomas Prchal*



Dave Merten - May 02, 2025 at 12:36 PM

DO

“ I'm so very sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Donna - April 30, 2025 at 04:33 PM

FH

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - April 30, 2025 at 10:56 AM

DC

“ Dr. Don Crouch lit a candle in memory of Thomas Prchal



Dr. Don Crouch - April 29, 2025 at 11:48 PM

CR

“ Charles R. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Thomas Anthony Prchal.



Charles R. - April 29, 2025 at 01:53 PM

KM

“ Kay Marvin lit a candle in memory of Thomas Prchal



Kay Marvin - April 28, 2025 at 03:51 PM

MJ

“ Mike & Shelly Jensen lit a candle in memory of Thomas Prchal



Mike & Shelly Jensen - April 28, 2025 at 01:06 PM

WT

“ Wilbur & Karen Triplett lit a candle in memory of Thomas Prchal



Wilbur & Karen Triplett - April 28, 2025 at 09:58 AM

PF

“ Peg Flynn lit a candle in memory of Tom Prchal



Peg Flynn - April 27, 2025 at 08:47 PM

SN

“ Tom was a long time and faithful Knight Of Columbus. I always enjoyed my interactions with him. We played a lot of cards over the years.

He was a true and honorable family man who set a great example for a the younger members of our KC order and at St. Mary's parish, He and Lorene were a couple to be admired. Lives well lived!

Sheila and I send our condolences to the entire Prchal family and friends.

Steve & Sheila Neuroth - April 27, 2025 at 06:35 PM

MM

“ Mandy, Melanie, Jennifer, Leslie, Molly purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Thomas Anthony Prchal.



Mandy, Melanie, Jennifer, Leslie, Molly - April 27, 2025 at 04:11 PM

LF

“ Love the Lou Prchal Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Thomas Anthony Prchal.



Love the Lou Prchal Family - April 27, 2025 at 03:18 PM

JQ

“ Uncle Tom was the last of my Mom's brothers and he was special to all of us! His humor, his stories, his tours of Storm Lake, his cards (he would always put a little comment in a birthday or Christmas card), and his visits will remain with me my entire life! His love for his family was widely known throughout the entire house by every picture of every daughter, family, and grandchildren-he loved them dearly. We will miss you Uncle Tom-say HI to Lorene, Mom, and everyone you meet as you did on earth!! Prayers to the family for peace and comfort.

Jeanne & Mike Quinn

Jeanne Quinn - April 26, 2025 at 07:33 PM

JQ

“ Jeanne Quinn lit a candle in memory of Tom Prchal



Jeanne Quinn - April 26, 2025 at 07:24 PM

RV

“ We are so sorry to hear of Tom's passing. My parents, Bob and Betty Evenson, have known your parents for many years. They had a lot of fun times with them in Iowa and Arizona. Mike and I always enjoyed talking to them and Mike enjoyed golfing with Tom. Sending thoughts and prayers to your family.

*Mike and Rhonda Vauble
Bobs and Betty Evenson*

Rhonda Vauble - April 26, 2025 at 04:48 PM