



## Thomas J. Fox III

April 2, 1943 - September 18, 2022

After a long courageous battle with Parkinson's, Thomas J Fox III passed away peacefully Sunday at his home in Pendleton, Indiana.

He was born on April 2, 1943, to Thomas J Fox II, and Willa (Warneford) Fox. He graduated from Lawrenceburg High School and went on to earn his Bachelor's and Master's degree from Ball State University. Tom spent the bulk of his career as a Warthog at Franklin Elementary School in Anderson. His wit and sense of humor endeared him to many of his students and colleagues. He kept students engaged by making class interactive whether it was sending model rockets into the sky, playing the "map game" for atomic fireballs, or the occasional prison dodgeball match.

His retirement years were spent doing what he loved, landscaping. He took pride in creating lovely gardens at his home. He was a member of The Rock Steady Boxing Club, which specializes in training for Parkinson's patients. A special thanks to all of the trainers at Rock Steady Boxing, the training program gave him additional quality years. If you have a loved one dealing with Parkinson's, you should explore this program.

Thomas is survived by his loving spouse, Margaret (Blessing) Fox, children Desiree Tilford (Dennis), Tom Fox (Heather), John Fox, his sister Gayla Beck (Ray), his granddaughters Bailey Tilford, and Tamsin Tilford, and dear friend

Jerry H. Goehring.

He was preceded in death by his parents, daughter Jennifer Fox, brother Gould Fox and father-in-law Bill Stum.

A private celebration of life service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Jennifer C. Fox scholarship fund at the South Madison Community Foundation, 233 S. Main St., Pendleton IN 46064.

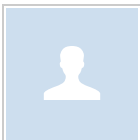
# Tribute Wall

 Steven  
Brewer

“ *Mr Fox was my teacher in the 5th grade at Franklin, the year before it closed and they sent us to Valley Grove. I always thought that Mr. Fox understood me better than most other teachers, and would relate to me. It meant a lot to a lost youth struggling with ADHD. He will be greatly missed, and never replaced.*

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**Steven Brewer** - February 18, 2025 at 02:02 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas J. Fox III.*



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September 28, 2022 at 09:37 PM

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“ *Mr Fox was my teacher in the 6 th grade at Franklin School in 1971. He was my favorite teacher of my time in all grades. He had the ability to make learning fun. He had a contest in which the 5 top social studies scores would go to a Cincinnati Reds game. I was able to be one of the students and 6 people piled into his car and we went to the Reds game. It was my first time at a major league game and we all had a great time. Mr Fox was also the basketball coach. I don't remember many wins but everyone had fun. It was him who named our team the Warthogs. I have good memories of Mr Fox and I am sure he was a positive influence on many kids over the years. My sympathy to the family for your loss. Wade Winkler, Clarksville, TN*

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**Wade Winkler** - September 24, 2022 at 03:54 PM

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*Thank you as he always enjoyed his Warthogs.*

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**Margaret Fox** - September 26, 2022 at 02:36 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas J. Fox III.*



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September 23, 2022 at 12:23 PM

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“ *Thanks for the memories, Mr. Fox!! Our deepest sympathies to the Fox family. With love from the "sisters Wehrly" as he called us... Jeanette, Stephanie and Sybraina.*

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**Stephanie Wehrly** - September 22, 2022 at 06:13 PM