



## Kent W. Tomlinson

June 18, 1963 - August 20, 2025

Kent Warren Tomlinson went to be with his deceased wife, Sherry and Jesus August 20th, 2025. He passed with family and friends by his side after a lengthy illness.

Kent was born May 15th, 1963 in Albuquerque, New Mexico to Gary Tomlinson and Margie Tomlinson. He went to Montessori school in Edmond, OK, before moving to Chicago where he went to elementary and middle school. He spent his 9th grade year in Oyubari, a village on the island of Hokkaido in Japan, developing a lifelong interest in Japanese culture. He was a talented visual artist and attended the High School for Performing and Visual Arts in Houston, Texas.

He was a woodworking craftsman throughout his life. He worked on large local projects with Crossland Construction and built smaller pieces in his home workshop.

In 2005, Kent married the love of his life, Sherry Mattox. They shared Sherry's son Alex, who they raised together along with many neighborhood children that they fostered informally. Kent and Sherry impacted many lives in their volunteer recovery work with Narcotics and Alcoholics Anonymous. They attended Columbus Christian Center and did mission trips with the church internationally.

Kent was a wonderful friend, father figure, grandfather, and mentor. He absolutely loved skydiving, his animals, and smooth jazz.

He is survived by his children Alex Karriman, Patrick Googins, Kelly Goggins, Kyle Olson, Kayla James, Kristen Ontoveros, and 8 grandchildren. Kent is also survived by his stepmother, Marian Tomlinson of Glen Ellyn, IL; mother, Margie Tomlinson of Mount Prospect, IL; sister, Kathy Tomlinson (Matthew Bastien) of River Falls, WI; brother, Newton Tomlinson of Downers Grove, IL; stepsister, Beth Harden (Harold) of Canton, MI; and step brothers, Richard Hamje (Jeanette) of Portland, OR, Steven Hamje (Nora) of Sarasota, FL, James Hamje (Heather) of Hopewell, NJ, and Larry Hamje of Cincinnati, OH; and many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Sherry (2018), his father, Gary (2023) and his stepsister Sarah Hamje (2022).

# Tribute Wall

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“ *With love, The Tomlinson Cousins purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Kent W. Tomlinson.*



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**With love, The Tomlinson Cousins** - August 27, 2025 at 04:14 PM



“ *My cousin. The oldest of our cousins. I'm not ready for this. I hope you and Sherry had a great reunion, and you and your dad are having a great time. I know your view now is better than anything you saw skydiving. And your seat for the Cubs has never been better.*

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**Jeremy Tomlinson** - August 23, 2025 at 07:10 PM