

Thomas Murray Ragnar

October 18, 1943

January 11, 2013 (69)

Rockford, IL



Chief Thomas Murray Ragnar, 69, of Rockford, died Friday, January 11, 2013, in Rockford Memorial Hospital. He was born in Rockford on October 18, 1943, the son of the late Harry and Pauline (Murray) Ragnar. On August 2, 1964, he was united in marriage to the love of his life, Vickie Lee Stanaitis.

He worked for 30 years in the purchasing departments of Roper Whitney and Ingersoll Milling Machine. Tom was

passionate about serving his community. He was elected Owen Township Clerk for 30 years, served as an usher at Faith Center for 30 years, and spent 49 years as a volunteer firefighter, EMT, and Chief of the Northwest Fire Protection District. When he wasn't responding to fire and accident calls, Tom spent his time with his family, working on his model railroad collection, woodworking, and fixing Jeeps. He was a 32nd degree Mason.

He touched many lives and will be greatly missed by all who knew him. He is survived by his loving wife, Vickie; children, Thomas (Ann) Ragnar, Timothy (Dawn) Ragnar, and Susan (Kenneth) Coleman; grandchildren, Katherine Ragnar, Michael, Nicole, Jay and Kenny Coleman, and Shireah and Cole Ragnar; great-grandchildren, Maliyah, Jamarco, Wayne Jr., Athavion, and Michael Jr.; sister, Barbara (David) Tanaglia; nieces, Stina and Anna Tanaglia; and special friends, Rick and Sandy Hamaker of Rockford and Ray and Debbie Kirn of Zeeland, MI.

Visitation will be from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Sunday, January 13th in Olson Funeral & Cremation Services Ltd., North Main Chapel, 2811 N. Main Street. The funeral service is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Monday, January 14th in Rockford's Faith Center, 4721 S. Main Street, with the Rev. Don Lyon officiating. Burial will be in Willwood Burial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorials in Tom's name may be made to the Northwest Fire Protection District, 3222 N. Central Avenue, Rockford, 61101; or Faith Center. To share a memory or condolence, visit <https://www.olsonfh.com>

Reference:

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