



Thomas Stephen Ruggles

March 3, 1960 - March 31, 2026

Thomas Stephen Ruggles, age 66 of Wellston, Ohio passed away on Tuesday, March 31, 2026 at the Riverside Methodist Hospital in Columbus, Ohio. He was born on March 3, 1960 in Dayton, Ohio to the late Joseph Beckett and Nathalie Ann Ruggles.

Tom was the youngest of six boys. He attended Liberty School, Scioto and graduated from Jackson High School in 1978. As a teenager he started working with his older brother Don finishing concrete and never truly finished after 50 years in concrete work. Tom became well known in the community as the Cement Man and for being one of the best at what he did. Tom was a man of faith and a devoted Husband and Father, loving grandfather and Great grandfather. He was there for the people he loved without hesitation. He helped raise his grandchildren Brooklyn and Brayden and cared for them as his own. He lived by Bible principles and felt like he should help any that he could. Tom really lived a simple lifestyle, he loved being outside, enjoying the sunshine, gardening and canning, baking and eating pies. He found humor in many things and viewed each day as a gift. He will be truly missed by all.

Thomas is survived by his loving wife, Brenda (Belcher) Ruggles; his children, Roger (Mayita) Ruggles and Matthew (Bradlee) Ruggles; stepchildren, Linda (Mike) Williams, Christopher (Kylee) Swann, and Amanda Swann; brothers, Dan (Tara) Ruggles, Don (Linda) Ruggles, Dave (Debbie) Ruggles, and Bob

(Susan) Ruggles; 13 grandchildren; 3 great grandchildren, with 2 on the way, brothers-in-law; Tom Belcher and Bill (Heather) Belcher, sister-in-law; Susan (Micah) Leedy, as well as several nieces and nephews.

Besides his parents, Thomas was preceded in death by his stepdaughter, Bethany Swann; his brother, Philip Ruggles; and his grandson Isaiah Anthony Ruggles.

Funeral services will be held at 11am on Saturday, April 11, 2026 at Mayhew-Brown Funeral Home with his son, Roger Ruggles officiating and burial in the CM Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 4-8pm on Friday, April 10, 2026 at the Mayhew-Brown Funeral Home. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.mayhewbrownfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

C. M. Cemetery

State Route 279
Oak Hill, OH 45656

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 10. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Mayhew-Brown Funeral Home
135 Broadway Street
Jackson, OH 45640
(740) 286-4161

Funeral Service

APR 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Thomas Stephen Ruggles.



April 10 at 03:57 PM



“ Bundy Elementary purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Thomas Stephen Ruggles.



Bundy Elementary - April 10 at 07:40 AM



“ Carl K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Stephen Ruggles.

Carl K. - April 09 at 10:36 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Thomas Stephen Ruggles.



April 09 at 02:55 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Thomas Stephen Ruggles.



April 08 at 04:48 PM



“ Rebekah Ruggles, Justin and Anderson purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Thomas Stephen Ruggles.



Rebekah Ruggles, Justin and Anderson - April 08 at 12:52 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas Stephen Ruggles.



April 07 at 08:12 AM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Thomas Stephen Ruggles.



April 06 at 06:25 PM



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“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas Stephen Ruggles.



April 06 at 06:01 PM



“ Tom was one of my greatest friends in school..we work together at the mushroom farm,and at times after work I would go with him and help prepare a place to get ready to pour cement, then another day after work I would help him finish the cement job for the customer.. he ask me to help. I was shocked the amount he would pay me on each job we did together..He was the best at every thing he did.. he help me out a lot in school with our home work. He was as smart as they was.. he won many spelling bees in school that I can remember allso.. he was like by every body and he was good to every body. I allways loved talking to his Dad and Brothers and his mom.. one of Tom's brothers allso work there at the mushroom farm allso.. they was all good boys just like Tom was.
I allways called him Tomcat the whole time I knew him..so I could go on and on about all the good things about Tomcat but it would be never ending special stories..
Rest in peace Tom and will see you again on the other side..
Prayers 🙏🙏🙏

Jeff williams - April 06 at 03:00 AM

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“ *My condolences. Tom was a good man with a kind heart.*

Walter Bagnall - April 03 at 12:54 PM

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“ *I remember Tom. Always had a smile on his face. Thoughts and prayers for the family.*



Darlene Ford - April 03 at 08:35 AM