



## Theodore Max Baumgartner

July 30, 1932 - December 16, 2022

Theodore M Baumgartner, 90, of Fort Collins, CO passed away peacefully, with his wife of 70 years by his side on December 16, 2022.

He was born on July 30, 1932 in Milwaukee, WI to Otto and Rose Wagner who both died in Ted's youth. He was adopted and lovingly raised by Mary Baumgartner. Ted married his high school sweetheart, Carol Kallas, on July 26, 1952 at Mother of Good Council Parish in Milwaukee.

A 1951 graduate of Milwaukee's Messmer High School, Ted earned an Associated degree from UWM, and later, a BS degree in Management from Cardinal Stritch College in 1986. He enjoyed a rewarding career in Manufacturing, Manufacturing Engineering and Management at Harnishfeger Corp, Louis Allis Corp, Logemann Brothers, Johnson Brass and Machine Co, and Allis Chalmers Corp. With the Allis Chalmers' bankruptcy, Ted was appointed Vice President of Operations responsible for liquidation of assets and redevelopment of the former Allis Chalmers properties into the West Allis Center, a commercial office and industrial complex. He obtained his Commercial Real Estate license and continued to manage the Allis Chalmers properties for the Whitnall Summit Company until his retirement.

A lifelong sports fan, Ted played semi-pro basketball and other sports, and later had the joy of coaching his children and grandchildren. He was actively

involved in his church and various civic organizations. He was a volunteer instructor for AARP Driving Program, and a proud member of the Gesangverein Concordia German singing society. Ted and Carol lived in Menomonee Falls, WI for many years, relocated to Sheboygan, WI upon Ted's retirement, and finally settled in Fort Collins, CO in 2021.

Ted's family was his greatest love and legacy. He is survived by his loving wife, Carol Baumgartner; son, Thomas (Julie) Baumgartner; and daughter, Judith (Brian) Lukach; grandsons, Timothy Baumgartner, Daniel (Jess) Baumgartner, Kevin (Sarah) Baumgartner, Stephen Lukach, and Maxwell Lukach; great-grandchildren, Elea and Tash Baumgartner, and Thea Baumgartner; and many other relatives and lifelong friends.

Ted was preceded in death by his son, Richard Baumgartner; biological parents, Otto and Rose Wagner; adoptive mother, Mary Baumgartner; sister, Tillie Hebel, and foster siblings, Lawrence Baumgartner, Francis Sommer, and Margaret Wilke.

A Memorial Mass will take place at 11:00 am, Friday, December 30 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Fort Collins. Ted will be interred at Greenlawn Memorial Park in Sheboygan, WI. The family would like to thank the staff of Colorado Visiting Nurse Association Hospice and Palliative Care for their compassionate care.

Donations may be made in Ted's memory to the charity of your choice.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Mass

DEC 30. 11:00 AM (MT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
300 W Mountain Ave  
Fort Collins, CO 80521  
<https://www.stjosephfc.org/>

# Tribute Wall

SB

“ *Deepest condolences to the family. I knew Carol when we worked together years ago and met Ted a few times. So sorry for your loss.*

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**Sherry Buettner** - December 27, 2022 at 11:09 AM

TG

“ *Dear Baumgartner family,*

*It saddens me to hear of Mr. B's passing. During my time in the Falls, I always enjoyed being in his presence. His upbeat attitude and interest in others is something I will always remember. He was gracious enough to say a few kind words during my father's memorial and I truly appreciated his comments.*

*In reading the comments by other neighbors and friends, it is a certainty that the world lost a great person in the passing of Mr. B. Sue and I will keep the Baumgartner family in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Sincerely, Tim and Sue Gissal*

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**Tim Gissal** - December 26, 2022 at 01:33 PM

JS

“ *What a great gentleman! Truly a wonderful addition to St. Dominic parish community when they moved to Sheboygan! My sympathies to the family. Judy Straus*

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**Judy Straus** - December 25, 2022 at 10:19 AM

NG

*What a great man kind gracious & always a smile a perfect example of what a man should be Rest in peace you will be missed*

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**Nancy & Carl Gahlman** - December 26, 2022 at 10:24 AM

JH

“ You will be missed Uncle Ted. You were a inspreration to all of the family. Rest in piece. Prayers to the family.

Janice Hebel - December 22, 2022 at 05:09 PM

GJ

“ Judy Lucach and family, so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. I will always remember him as such a friendly and interesting guy to talk to. It's hard to lose a parent no matter how old thy are. Good to see your family pop up on FB occasionally and see where everyone is. Take care and know I think of you guys every time I wander to & from Sheb to see kids & grandkids there .

Gerry Jochman - December 22, 2022 at 02:52 PM

CG

Judy so very sad to hear of your dads passing. May you cherish all the great memories. Rest in peace Mr. B

Colleen Geigel - December 24, 2022 at 06:37 AM

RP

“ We were fortunate to have Ted and Carol for neighbors during their time in Sheboygan. Always enjoyed talking with Ted.

*Russ and Mary Margaret Pilling*

Russ Pilling - December 21, 2022 at 06:22 PM

FS

“ Gesangverein Concordia of Sheboygan mourn the loss of a dear friend and former member of our choir. Rest in Peace, Ted, until we meet again.

Frederick Strassburger - December 21, 2022 at 03:12 PM

AM

“ *Judy and family, I'm so sorry to read of your dad's passing, but what a life well lived. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers at this time, love and sympathies.*

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**Amy Messner** - December 21, 2022 at 12:31 PM

MC

“ *To Carol and Family,*

*You have my deepest sympathy.*

*God Bless*

*Mary Cappelle*

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**Mary M. Cappelle** - December 20, 2022 at 08:51 PM