



Thomas R. Blad

May 21, 1942 - January 30, 2026

Thomas R. Blad passed away on Friday, January 30, 2026, in his home. He was born to John and Pauline (Shankland) Blad on May 21, 1942.

He grew up in Hamlet and graduated from Hamlet High School in 1960. Tom then went to Indiana State University, graduating in 1964 with a BS in Education.

In 1967 he married Sandra Kofoid, also from Hamlet. This marriage lasted 58 years until his passing.

In 1971 he earned his master's degree on education from Indiana University.

In 1974 he joined the Indiana State Police and served 27 faithful years. During this time, he was awarded the most prestigious Sagamore on the Wabash, Indiana's highest honor.

Tom also enjoyed playing golf. The reward for this was seven holes in one! He and Sandra also played golf in 48 states during their retirement.

He is survived by his wife Sandra; his brother John Blad; his nephew Tim Blad; and his niece Carrie (Blad) Brady.

Visitation will be from 3:30 to 6:00 CST Thursday, February 5, 2026, at the Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel. Funeral services will be at 6:00 CST also on Thursday, February 5 at the funeral home. Private burial will occur at a later time.

Cemetery Details

Fletcher Cemetery

700 E
Hamlet, IN 46532

Previous Events

Funeral Service

FEB 5. 6:00 PM (CT)

Rannells Funeral Home - Hamlet Chapel
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Tribute Wall



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas R. Blad.*



February 03 at 09:45 AM



“ *Tom was a classmate from the 29th recruit school of ISP. He was always a very nice gentleman. Condolences to the family and Tom will be missed. Rest in Peace Tom until we run across each other again someday. Retired Master Trooper P.E. # 2793. Joe Copeland.*

Joe D. Copeland - February 02 at 10:06 PM



“ *You are the best cousin/ brother to me thank you for what you helped me with Find all the golf family in heaven and Rest in Peace my love to Sandy and Reddie you will be missed*

Barb Abel - February 02 at 07:41 AM