



## Theodore "Ted" Roger Karling

March 7, 1966 - September 2, 2025

Theodore "Ted" Roger Karling, age 59, of Lawrenceburg, TN passed away peacefully on September 2, 2025

Ted was born on March 7, 1966, the second son of Louis R. Karling and Janice M. (Slaton) Karling. Ted is survived by his two daughters Emily and Corina, and their mother Delia Youell Karling. Also, his mother Janice, sister, Jen (Kevin) Wendt, Uncle, Scotty Slaton and many cousins, nieces and nephews and an insurmountable number of friendships. He was preceded in death by his Father, Louis, grandmothers, Grace and Martha, and older brother, Louis.

Ted was a National Honor Society scholar, three-sport athlete and musician. He attended his local Elementary school, Lincoln, in Maywood, IL and Walther Lutheran High School in Melrose Park, IL. His athleticism and academic record led him to attend Concordia University in Mequon, WI with many scholarships. He still holds the college Basketball records for Steals and Rebounds and played collegiate Baseball. After graduating with his bachelor's in business administration, he began his career and most currently was Foreman at Northwestern University, Chicago campus for over 20 years and was recognized for his Service Excellence in Facilities Management. Ted was an amazing drummer and was in many bands from Chicago to Milwaukee. Most of all, his passion in life was for his daughters. Emily and Corina. His

daughters reflect how he was a doting father, a wonderful, hilarious, loving human being. He taught them so many things like how important it was to always apologize for your part in a conflict. That early was on time and on time was late. Always treating others with kindness, even if they were jerks. He encouraged them when they were afraid or insecure. Always made them feel beautiful and strong and always ended conversations with "I love you". He loved animals, nature and music. Even on his darkest days, he was thinking of his family, connecting with them with funny memes, songs and videos to lighten the mood. He will live on in every song he loved, every colorful fall leaf that twirls to the ground, and every giant slow-moving turtle we come across in nature. He will live on in the lessons he taught our family and in the outpour of love he gave each one of us. He will live on in all our hearts and minds.

Memorial and Sympathy cards may be sent to the family.

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# Tribute Wall

SH

“ I was deeply saddened to hear about the passing of Teddy. In high school, agree with others that he was more than just a friend, he was a true leader of our class who set the tone for unity and respect among us all. Whether on the football field or in the hallway passing period, he led by example, and like his brother Louis, he was always encouraging us to get along and support one another. I believe it truly had a positive ripple effect for the whole school. Everyone loved them.

Some of my fondest memories are of the times we spent hanging out at the Karling house after games. Your family’s warmth and generosity—opening your home to all of us—created a space where friendships grew stronger and laughter was always present. It was clear how much family meant to Teddy and he lives on in all of you and like Louis will not be forgotten. Please know that my prayers are with you all during this difficult time. May you find comfort in the love that surrounds you and find peace in the promises of our faithful Savior.

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**Susan (Kreiss) Hasenwinkel** - September 20, 2025 at 11:26 AM



“ Teddy was a great friend, teammate and drummer in college, I wish I could have been in contact with him after we graduated!!!



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**Donald Madlik** - September 19, 2025 at 07:47 PM

HV

“ Ted was just the best. Every memory I have of him is a good one. He was a great friend. My sincerest condolences to everyone who loved him.

Hector Villarreal - September 19, 2025 at 07:32 PM

RH

“ Teddy and Louie Karling were great kids. They were also wonderful Christian's who always had a contagious smile and their unique personalities. The parents were always kind to us when we piled over after school. We felt at home at their home. We spent quite a bit of time with Teddy and his big brother Louie . We all had many many laughs together, shared a large amount of stories, and memories together . We had so many stories that you could write a book of them. The book would be called “Karlings” what makes one or “The Great Family” ....the story of the perfect family. Only good thought of grandma taking our money in poker or the Eagle Club in melrose park . Walther Lutheran was worth every penny my parents spent. I recently played there with my son in baseball and we lost but I walked to the Karling house and good felling we're still there. Shout out to all the Walther family and Teddy and Louie will be missed .signed Robert Herman God Bless

Robert C Herman - September 19, 2025 at 05:00 PM

MJ

“ Teddy was always so kind to me when I first came to Walther. I was very shy and uncertain because I was in a new school. A new state and Teddy took me under his wing and introduced me to people and always checked on me and made me feel like a little sister. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family. May God bless them and comfort them.

Melissa Johnson - September 19, 2025 at 01:46 PM