



## Thomas Andrew Kinsell

April 18, 1982 - March 29, 2024

Thomas Andrew Kinsell, 41, of Arlington, VA passed away peacefully surrounded by his mother, sister San and best friend Jon. He was born April 18, 1982 in Springfield, IL, the son of Jack and Pam.

He is survived by his parents: Pam (Jim) Wells of Springfield, IL and Lugene Kinsell of Jacksonville, IL. Several siblings: “Favorite” sister Suzanne “San” (Will) Simmons and Thomas’ favorite dogs Biscuit and Gravy of Sherman, IL, Patrick (Michelle) Tallman of Chatham, IL, Rachael (Steve) Rives of Greenfield, IL, and Tim Wells and Rodney of Peoria, IL plus several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, his brother from another mother Jon (Anitra) Klestinski and several close friends. He was preceded in death by his father Jack Kinsell, Grandpa Web and Grandma Winnie, Grandpa and Grandma Squires and sibling Tina Wells.

Thomas was known for his sense of humor, love for basketball and adventures. His adventures started off at a young age with camping, family vacations, and weekend trips to the Kinsell Family Cabin. It was not uncommon for Thomas and Grandpa Web to sneak off to town for a “newspaper” (ie breakfast at Hardee’s including a milkshake for Thomas). A few of Thomas’ greatest adventures as an adult include joining the Peace Corps. He served two years in Moldova where he taught English and Health to children. While in Moldova, he was joined by his father Jack and Favorite Sister San for three weeks for a Kinsell Family Reunion. The three of them traveled around Moldova, Turkey and Romania having the adventure of a

lifetime. He later entered the Federal Government workforce and lived in several locations. One of his favorites was the three years he resided in Puerto Rico. He was very fluent in Spanish and loved living near the beach. Thomas also enjoyed vacations to Colombia with his friends and hiking. His most recent adventure included a family vacation in Hawaii. Thomas had a love for adventure, hiking, chicken nuggets, Smoothie King and the Kinsell family drink, a rum and coke.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A private celebration of life will be held at a later date.

# Tribute Wall

IF

“ *Mi querido Thomas, Dios te tenga en la gloria, un excelente ser humano, fue mi estudiante de español y gran amigo por años, un hombre inigualable, me acompañó por muchas etapas durante mi migración con las conversaciones, te extrañaré mucho, Dios te tenga en la gloria por siempre y mucha fuerza a tu familia y amigos, un ángel más.* ”

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**Irma Flores** - July 23, 2024 at 06:25 AM

FA

“ *In Memory of Thomas Andrew Kinsley*

*I met Thomas Andrew Kinsley in the summer of 2022, and from the very beginning, it was clear that he was a special person. We spent time together, hanging out and enjoying each other's company. Thomas was a great guy – fun, easygoing, and incredibly easy to talk to. His friendly nature made it effortless for us to get along.*

*Thomas had a way of making those around him feel comfortable and welcome. His sense of humor and warm personality brought joy to everyone he met. We shared many great moments together, and those memories are something I will always cherish.*

*It is with deep sadness that I learned of Thomas's passing this year. I hadn't spoken to him in a while and only found out today after talking to someone from our class in 2022. I wish I had had the opportunity to speak with him one last time before learning of this heartbreaking news.*

*Thomas's passing is a great loss, and he will be deeply missed by all who knew him. I am grateful for the time we shared and will always remember him as the wonderful, fun, and kind-hearted person he was.*

*Rest in peace, Thomas. You will always be in our hearts.*

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**Farrah** - June 07, 2024 at 03:39 PM



Lorimar  
Barrientos

“ *Thomas era mi estudiante de español, y mas que eso era mi amigo, cuando no tuve noticias de el como habitualmente lo hacía, supe que algo había pasado, lo siento tanto por toda la familia, una gran persona Thomas, estaba emocionada por conocerlo personalmente y hoy mi corazón esta destrozado*

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**Lorimar Barrientos** - May 28, 2024 at 11:53 AM

RI

“ Hello, family and friends of Thomas,

*I had the pleasure of knowing Thomas for several years. We spent approximately a year and a half in an online men's group, sharing about ourselves, getting to know each other, and striving to enhance our lives and emotional well-being. Thomas and I forged a meaningful friendship, engaging in numerous discussions about personal growth, self-improvement, and envisioning brighter futures. Our time together culminated in a retreat in Joshua Tree, California, in the Fall of '22. It was a joyous occasion to meet face-to-face after our long-standing virtual interactions.*

*It deeply saddens me to witness how swiftly his battle with cancer brought an end to his journey. In honor of Thomas and the cherished moments we shared, I'd like to offer a few photographs from our memorable trip. May he rest in peace. Aho, Brother Tortuga.*

*With condolences,  
Ryan Irby*



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Ryan Irby - May 07, 2024 at 04:58 PM

TL

“ I met Thomas when he first joined the Potomac Service Center. He was a very kind and gentle person. He always made the team laugh when we were under pressure and was willing to do whatever it took to get the job done. I am grateful for the opportunity to have met him and will always remember his thoughtfulness, fun loving spirit, and inspiration. He made a very lasting impression. Sending my thoughts and prayers to his friends and family.

*Tina Lauver*

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**Tina Lauver** - April 19, 2024 at 03:06 PM

BS

“ Brandon S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Andrew Kinsell.

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**Brandon S.** - April 18, 2024 at 08:31 AM

PE

“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



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**Pedro** - April 17, 2024 at 12:31 PM

MG

“ I never met Thomas, but my colleague in another state had sung his praises to me. I was randomly thinking of Thomas just a few days before his passing, and submitted a leave donation request. By the following Monday though, I was notified he was no longer on the list of recipients for leave donations and my donation had been cancelled. I knew immediately he must have passed, and was so saddened for his family and friends. Thomas made a great impact on his work peers, his agency, the American public, and noncitizens. Imagine someone in another state, who never met him, caring about him. That's the kind of person he was--he inspired the people around him to be their best, and share his example. My sincerest condolences to his family...

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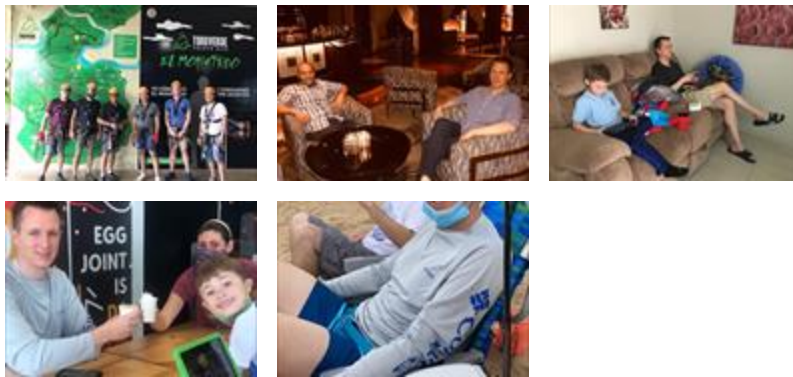
**MG** - April 17, 2024 at 10:12 AM

JN

“ Despite the loss of a brother, it's important to cherish the good memories... Thomas was family, and for me and my family, it's been a difficult process 😞, knowing that my brother from another mother won't be here. But I am grateful for all the experiences and moments shared with him.

Thomas was such a joyful person, intellectual, and had a sense of humor that was truly remarkable and unforgettable. He gave my son the best nickname, "Jay Dizzle", and his memory will always remain alive in our hearts.

Thomas, thank you for being a part of our lives and for leaving your mark. You will forever be remembered and cherished. ✨  
#InMemory #CherishedMemories #ForeverInOurHearts  
#ThomasLegacy



Jose Nunez - April 09, 2024 at 07:46 PM

PE

God, I miss him!

Pedro - April 17, 2024 at 12:32 PM

MP

“ *Thomas, such a sweet and kind person. I only knew you for a short time, and only as a work peer. Each time I spoke with you on the phone, you answered as if you were smiling and happy in life. You've certainly left a powerful impression on me for always being there and always being a joy to work with. You will certainly be missed. Prayers for peace for your family!*

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**Mellanie Patterson** - April 09, 2024 at 02:52 PM