



In Memoriam 2025

Designers build on the creativity and hard work of those who came before. TTGDA would like to recognize those in the tabletop industry who we lost last year. We are deeply grateful for their contributions, and are diminished by their loss.

Alan Emrich

January 7

Designer of many games including A House Divided, Nemo's War, and the Totaler Krieg Series.
Coined the term "4X". Founder of Victory Point Games.

Howard Andrew Jones

January 16

Writer of Pathfinder novels

Jon Giordano

February 9

RPG Designer for Trihammer Games

Rodger MacGowan

February 22

Renowned war game artist for Avalon Hill, GMT Games, and others. Iconic covers include Panzerblitz, Squad Leader, and The Russian Campaign

Randall Lemon

February 24

Writer for RPGA/Polyhedron

Giles Garniet

February 27

Publisher: Ubik, Edge

Ernie Gygax

February 28

Writer/Designer/Playtester for Dungeons & Dragons. Eldest son of Gary Gygax

Jack Greene

March 13

Designer of Bismarck and other naval wargames. Charles S. Roberts Hall-of-Fame inductee

Paul 'Fat Bloke' Sawyer

March 27

Editor of White Dwarf Magazine. Co-founder of Warlord Games

Tom Shaw

June 15

Designer of Stalingrad, Blitzkrieg, Football Strategy, and others. President of Avalon Hill, and Founder of The General magazine.

François Froideval

June 19

RPG Designer for TSR. Editor at Casus Belli Magazine

Tim Pollard

June 27

Designer/Editor/Writer for Games Workshop

Scott Haring

July 1

Designer/Editor of Dragonlance, Car Wars, and Heroquest Expansions, Steve Jackson Games and TSR

Andy 'Cosmo Joe' Watkins

July 14

Artist at Studio 6D6

Alfred Leonardi

July 16

Designer and Originator of “Games in a Book” including Ace of Aces and Lost Worlds series

Alan Hassenfield

July 29

CEO of Hasbro

Karen McLarney

August 8

Partner at Guardians of Order

William ‘Bud’ Baird

August 10

Designer for Call of Cthulhu, Bud’s RPG Review

Mark Painter

August 12

Artist/Art Director for TSR and Wizards of the Coast

Matthew Street

August 15

Artist for Games Workshop

Darryl Elliott

August 24

Artist for White Wolf and Others

Daniel Estes

September 24

Content Creator on Rose Estes’s (Endless Quest game books) work

Rob Weiland

October 13

Journalist at EN World

‘Crazy Lady’ Melissa Morello

October 24

Co-owner, Iron Wind Metals

Burt Meyer

October 30

Designer of iconic toys including Mouse Trap, Lite Brite, and Rock 'Em Sock 'Em Robots

Pete Knifton

October 30

Artist for Games Workshop

Julian Mayot

November 18

Founder, Blue Orange Games

Tim Kask

December 30

First Employee at TSR, First Editor at Dragon Magazine

We have made every effort to be accurate and inclusive. If anyone should be added to this list, or additional information included, please let us know and we will update the document.