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Thomas Lynn Ewing was born to Pauline and Robert Ewing on April 11, 1946 in Titusville, PA. He was the 5th of 8 children. He attended school in Pleasantville, PA. While at Pleasantville High School he discovered a love and talent for basketball and was introduced to carpentry by his shop teacher, Jim Kantor. During one of his shop classes, Mr. Kantor was showing his students how to lay the foundation of a house when Tom inquired why they would ever need to know that...

On 12/7/1965 Tom enlisted in the United States Air Force and served until 7/4/1969. During his service in the Air Force he was stationed in Thailand for part of the Vietnam War. Tom's experience serving our country through this time shaped much of his life as it did for many service men and women. He developed a deep love for his country and support for fellow veterans and service members. Upon his return to the states, Tom moved from PA to Orlando, FL where he worked in carpentry and was part of the construction teams of Walt Disney World and Sea World. In 1974 he met a beautiful, blonde, Vacation Bible School teacher Nancy Albertson. They were married Jan 4th 1975. Tom and Nancy had 2 daughters, Elizabeth and Jennifer. In 1976 Tom completed construction of the first family home in Orlando. (Thank goodness he learned how to lay that foundation). In 1978, Tom and Nancy decided to leave Orlando and purchased 60 acres in Russellville, TN where Tom built the 2nd family home. In 1981 Tom graduated Summa Cum Laude with an Associate of Science degree from Walter State Community College, while simultaneously running his custom cabinet shop out of his garage. He also served during this time as assistant director of Operation Survival, a program for at risk youth. Tom continued his education at the University of TN-Knoxville. There he introduced his wife and daughters to UT football. He graduated from UT with high honors, receiving his BS in Education in 1984. He completed his Master's Degree in 1986 also at UT. During this time, Tom began working with IASA, later becoming TSA-Technology Student



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Association. During his time with TSA, he supported youth interested in industrial arts, technology, and leadership. For 24 years Tom traveled all over the country for the State, Regional and National TSA conferences. He developed and hosted the Technology Bowl, one of the most popular events in TSA history. Tom owned and operated Oakwood Custom Cabinets in his shop on AJ Hwy in Morristown, TN. Tom continued to mentor young people over the years, always encouraging pursuit of higher education and leadership. As empty nesters, Tom and Nancy moved back to Florida. He was diagnosed with Lewy Body Dementia in 2015 and after some planning, he and Nancy moved to a retirement home in Germantown, TN to be near their daughter Jennifer and her family. Tom passed away in his home on June 23rd, 2020 with the love and care of his wife Nancy, their daughter Jennifer, and the support of Hospice.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his sisters Joanne, Connie and Anita; brother Rod; along with a host of other family members he loved very much. He is survived by his wife Nancy, daughters Elizabeth (Dan) and Jennifer (Chad), and his grandkids Stella, Josh, Ella and Emma who were his pride and joy. He's also survived by his sisters Nancy (Steve) and Cindy, brother Tim (Michal), and a slew of his in-laws, nieces and nephews whom he loved and cared about deeply. Tom always said "family takes care of family" and he lived that out all his days with love, compassion, patience and kindness. He will be greatly missed.

The family will receive relatives and friends on Monday, June 29, 2020 from 12:00 pm until the time of the Celebration of Life Service at 1:00 pm which will be held at Getwell Church, 7875 Getwell Road in Southaven, MS.

The family requests that attendees wear red, white and/or blue in honor of Tom's military service. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Cure PSP, an organization that studies dementia. For more information on donations please visit the link below:

<https://www.psp.org/iwanttohelp/ways-to-give/>




Events

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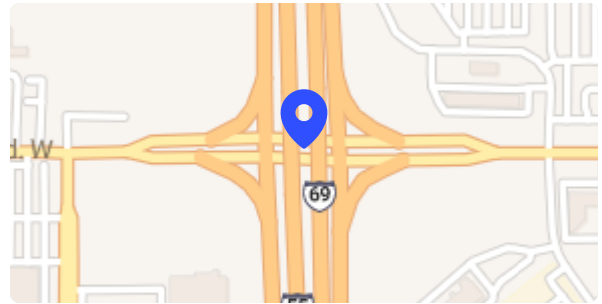
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Visitation

 **Monday**, June 29, 2020

 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM CT

 **Getwell United Methodist Church**
Southaven MS

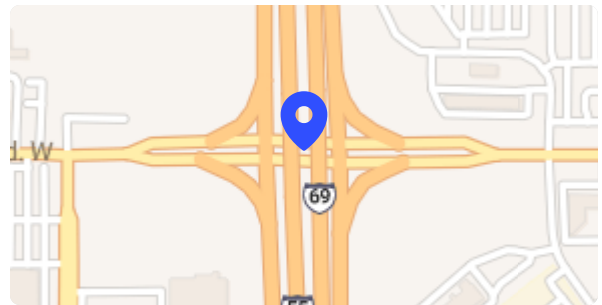


Celebration of Life

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MC

Marian Culbertson posted:

That was a beautiful loving service and it was my joy to be there with you all. Tom will live on in all of us through the things he taught us and the things he did and said. God bless your family.

June 29 at 10:03 AM

MM

Mary Mcdaniel posted:

Nancy, David and I were so sorry to hear about Tom's death. You both meant so much to our Orlando LBD group. We remember Tom's warm greetings and hugs along with his gentle humor. When we met at the BD conference, you both became special to us as models for living the Lewy journey. We have missed you. Tom's obituary provides more insight into what a special man he was. Please add our condolences and wishes for peace in this time. Mary and David McDaniel

June 29 at 8:59 AM

NM

Nancy Meyer posted:

Dear Nancy and Family, We extend our heartfelt sympathy to you and your family. May God surround you with His love, comfort and peace. We know that Tom was a loving Christian, and we were so fortunate that we got to know him. Love, Nancy, Richard and Melody Meyer

June 29 at 8:18 AM

BF

Betsy Falconi posted:

Nancy - thinking of you with sympathy and condolences. I was so interested to see that Tom grew up just across the Delaware River from where I live! I hope you and your family are well in this strange year. We have had our daughter and her family (who normally live in Decatur, GA) living with us since March in order to have more space and help with child care so they could keep working remotely (both are professors). It has not been quiet or boring with our 4 and 6 year old grandkids here! We are lucky to have this special time together, but it has not been easy. Best regards, Betsy Post Falconi

June 28 at 5:00 PM

BC

Barbara Craig posted:

So sorry to hear the news about Tom. My prayers are with you. We all love you. Barbara Craig

June 28 at 3:49 AM



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Celeste Petrunak posted:

We feel so fortunate to have been blessed to know Tom for so many years and will cherish the wonderful memories of his smile and his laughter. Tom's hugs spoke volumes! They were full of love and compassion. Once you received one of his hugs - you could feel that love and he would give you a hug like that every time he saw you. This man always brought a smile to our faces when we saw him! Nancy and family - we are so sorry for your loss. We know the incredible Faith you have and pray that you find peace knowing that Tom has been granted the gift of eternal life. We can only imagine the hugs he has given, since his arrival in Heaven. Sending you our love, Celeste Petrunak & Jeff Ostheimer

June 27 at 2:40 PM



Blessings Sue And Bob sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Ewing family.



June 27 at 9:41 AM



Gayla Consiglio sent a Sweet Liberty to the Ewing family.



June 26 at 3:27 PM



John And Sonja Thomas posted:

Prayers for you, Nancy, and your family. We have fond memories of you and Tom here at Church of the Lakes in Orlando.

June 26 at 8:27 AM



Steve Poort posted:

The warmth and genuine love for others he exhibited was evident in his smile. I loved him as a brother and was proud to call him my friend. Steve Poort

June 26 at 5:57 AM



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CK

Charline Kennedy posted:

Tom and Nancy were a bright spot in our LBD support group. His loving spirit encouraged all of us. Tom brought joy to both Jack and me. R.I.P. Love, Charline

June 26 at 4:12 AM

TC

Tonya Childress posted:

Tom Ewing was an amazing gentleman that is a huge part of the village that aided in raising me into the woman and professional I am today. Words cannot express the impact he had on my life. I will never forget him and the other individuals that invested financially and emotionally to making me into the "Tonya Vandergriff" I was and always will be. We shared many years, roads, cities, and TSA memories that I will always cherish. God blessed so many in TN TSA and national TSA with this special soul. I once asked Tom how I could repay him for all he did for me. He asked that I pay it forward with the future students I have the opportunity to impact. I have thought of that often and will continue paying off my debt by honoring his memory and supporting all my students in any capacity I can towards success.

June 25 at 6:19 PM

PW

Pat Word posted:

I am so sorry about Tom. Sending prayers for comfort and peace for all of you

June 25 at 2:51 PM

LC

Linda Cantwell posted:

Nancy, Elizabeth and Jennifer, The Cantwell's send much love and many prayers to your family. We have many great memories of our time together at Trinity! Remember "God loves you and so do I".

June 25 at 1:06 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Thomas by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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