



Thomas Grisham

January 19, 1945 - October 9, 2010

A memorial service for Thomas L. Grisham, 65, of Tyler, will be held Thursday at 6:00 pm at the Stewart Family Funeral Home with the Honorable Judge Randall Lee Rogers and Rev. Eric Barton officiating. Visitation is scheduled for 5:00 pm, one hour prior to the service, at the funeral home. He died October 9, 2010, in Albuquerque, where he was attending the International Balloon Fiesta. Tom was born January 19, 1945, in Quanah, Texas, to James Marvin and Ruby Ivy Grisham. He was a 1963 graduate of Quanah High School and a 1967 graduate of Texas A&M University, where he majored in chemical engineering. He worked in the chemical industry for many years before forming his own wastewater treatment company. Tom was passionate about food and cooking, and -- ever the chemist -- often made changes to recipes in order to improve them. He loved to travel, including to Fiji, Greece, Mexico, Panama, and particularly Costa Rica, where he enjoyed whitewater rafting and hiking. Closer to home, he enjoyed working in the yard, spending time on his boat, entertaining friends and family, being with his pets, and watching football, especially the Aggies and the Vikings. He is survived by his beloved wife of 22 years, Lorie; daughters Julie Grisham (Andy Sernovitz) of Austin and Jill (Bob) Ralian of Milwaukee; sons Robert (Amber) Grisham of Tyler and Ben Grisham of Marshall. He was a proud Granddad to eight grandchildren: Charlie, Ivy, Henry Thomas, Maximilian, Violet, Abby, and twins Samantha and Rebecca, who were born just a few weeks ago. He is also survived by his mother-in-law Frances Lowman of

Milwaukee, brothers Jim (Anne) Grisham of Odessa and Kenneth (Shirley) Grisham of Albuquerque. In lieu of flowers, the family is asking that donations be made in Tom's name to the Children's Miracle Network at Trinity Mother Frances Hospital, a charity that was very important to him. (<http://www.tmfhs.org/tmfbody.cfm?id=136&fr=true>)

Tribute Wall

EH

“ My thoughts and my prayers are with you all on this sad occasion. Thomas was a delightful boy and I thought a lot of him. My deepest sympathy.

Evelyn Davidson Hodges - October 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

WF

“ Our deepest sympathies for your loss. May your fond memories of Tom, love and happiness comfort you during this difficult time, and may your heart be freed from sadness in due time.

Wayne Lowman and Family - October 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

NB

“ We are sad with the news about Tom. Our prayers are with you now and in the coming days. May God give you peace and strength as you go through this time.

Neva Beeter - October 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LO

“ I didn't know him well, but I enjoyed hearing his devotional at the last family reunion. He seemed like a good man. I know he will be greatly missed. Our sympathy to the family and friends. Louella and Glenn Meyers

Louella(Baker)Meyers - October 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with all of the Grisham Family. I had the pleasure of meeting Tom in 2008 at the family reunion. A fun and engaging person, had a great time spending time with Tom & his family. Truly a loss for all who knew him, he will be missed.*
Mike, Kris, Lauren & Cody Baker

Mike Baker - October 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

EE

“ *I spent many good times with Tom and his family when we were growing up. Tom, the adult was just as much fun in his quiet, unassuming way.*

I am so glad we got to enjoy the "Cousins Reunion" together this last few years.

Lori, children & grandchildren - just remember that you had a strong, loving & dependable husband, father & grandfather.

We will miss him.

Our love, Ed & Nancy

Ed & Nancy Etchieson - October 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Our deepest condolences for the the loss of Tom. I have nothing but the fondest memories of Tom, and remember very well the time the Grishams were our close neighbors in Cedar Falls/Waterloo. My memories of Tom our as a smiling enthusiast, optimistic, confident, and fun loving man. I remember fondly my first exposure to real Texas chili in the Iowa Winter and Tom's lecture on the evil of adding beans to Chili. Tom had one of the most infectious smiles I have ever seen and I that is how I will remember him, grinning that sly, grin. He will be sorely missed.

--Rob Blech

Rob Blech - October 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ Lorie and Family,

I am so sorry for your loss. I had the pleasure of knowing Tom when I was young. I loved hanging out at the lake with him. I can remember the countless hours spent with him pulling us on skis and tubes. He was a great man!

I lost my father, Bobby Myers, a year ago the past July. My Dad and Tom had a great time hanging out at the lake together also. They were the Fireworks Kings! They loved to put on a firework show!

Tom and my Dad are Heaven now rejoicing! Heaven has two perfect angels!

May God bless you during this very difficult time!

Lots of Love and Prayers for you and your family!

Toni Myers Williams

Toni Myers Williams - October 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ We have many fond memories of Tom. He was a fun loving guy and enjoyed getting everyone involved in his projects. He will not be forgotten.

RON & RAYNELLE BLECH - October 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Lorie,
I know your heart is broken. What a wonderful and fun person Tom was. You are in my thoughts and prayers. If you need anything, please let me know.
Love, Michele, Hannah, and Taylor

Michele Renee Boivin - October 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM