



Thomas Wayne Utz

December 9, 1945 - August 23, 2022

Thomas “Tom” Wayne Utz, a man after God’s own heart went home Tuesday morning, August 23, 2022. Born in Tyler, TX on December 9, 1945 to Leo D. and Katherine Louise Pride Utz. He continued a long family legacy of Tylerites that spans 5 generations.

Tom was an overcomer and embraced the Seabee attitude and motto “Can do!”. He survived the Vietnam War, leukemia caused by agent orange, back surgery and two hip replacements. His life was one of hard work and grit, the same can also be said for his passing.

Like Jesus, Tom was a carpenter, a true jack of all trades. As a home builder, he was an active member of the Tyler Area Builders Association for over 40 years, even serving as president in 1980. Countless leaned on his knowledge and wisdom. “Better call Tom” is undoubtedly a common expression among those who knew him. Tom and his wife Kathy of 56 years were active members of Flint Baptist Church. Above all, Tom was a servant of the Lord till the very end. Witnessing to those in Jesus name by both words and actions. He gave selflessly in every way. He was a loving husband, father, and grandfather. He loved his family reverently and sacrificed so much for their well-being and future. The impact Tom has made on the lives he has come in contact with cannot be overstated.

Tom was preceded in passing by his parents, Leo and Katherine Utz, his brother, Leo "Toby" Roy Utz and sister, Barbara Nell Utz Smotherman.

Tom is survived by his loving wife, Kathy Power Utz; his daughters and sons-in-law, Angela Utz Smallwood and Johnny Smallwood of Tyler, and Donna Utz Head and Arthur Head of Lake Sam Rayburn; along with his four grandchildren, Patrick Thomas Smallwood, Ashley Kathleen Smallwood, Colton Head and Kaley Head.

Pallbearers will be Johnny Smallwood, Arthur Head, Patrick Smallwood, Colt Head, Byron Utz, and Mike Newburn. Honorary pallbearers will be David Smith, Rex Power, Rod Craig, Richard Brady, and MCB 133 Seabees.

Visitation is scheduled from 5 - 7:00 PM, Friday, August 26th at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy, Tyler, TX 75703. Funeral will be held at Flint Baptist Church at 10:00 AM on Saturday, August 27th, 11131 FM 2868W, Flint, TX 75762.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Kingdom Life Academy, 2804 Garden Valley Road, Tyler, TX 75702 or Agent Orange Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, 3033 Wilson Blvd., Suite 300, Arlington, VA 22201.

Cemetery Details

Private Graveside Service

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 26. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75703
(903) 581-2008

Service

AUG 27. 10:00 AM (CT)

Flint Baptist Church
11131 FM 2868
Flint, TX 75762
<https://www.flintbc.net>

Tribute Wall



“ *Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Thomas Wayne Utz*



Stewart Family Funeral Home - August 26, 2022 at 12:11 PM

DM

“ *So glad to have known and loved Thomas as a cousin and a friend. We will miss him very much.*

Daryl & Ellen Melton - August 27, 2022 at 09:56 AM

CA

“ *Our prayers are with The family and friends of Tom at this time Tom was truly one of a kind and it has been an honor and privilege to be in his friends and knowing him many years he will be sorely missed*

CHARLES ASHCRAFT - August 27, 2022 at 07:35 AM

KW

“ Our prayers go out to Kathy and her family. Tom was an amazing man. I had the privilege of working with Kathy at Smith County and I know how much they love each other. My heart goes out to Kathy and their girls and the grandchildren. My parents Wayne and Nina White asked me to send their condolences as well. They were in Tom and Kathy's Sunday School class and they knew Tom to be a wonderful Christian man.

Kelli, Wayne and Nina White

Kelli White - August 26, 2022 at 08:07 PM

DD

“ Thomas was a great friend and a customer as well. He will dearly missed I have known Thomas since 1976. We always had a great friendship. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. Doug Dotson.

doug dotson - August 26, 2022 at 02:41 PM

 De Fugster

“ De Fugster lit a candle in memory of Thomas Wayne Utz



De Fugster - August 25, 2022 at 04:40 PM

 De Fugster

Tommy James

De Fugster - August 25, 2022 at 04:41 PM

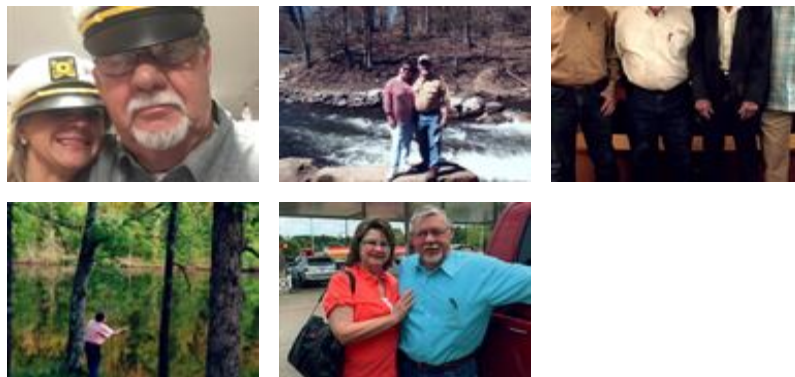
NG

“ Tom was a dear friend and we loved and respected him, he was the backbone of our Sunrise Sunday School Class he never met a stranger and was always ready to help anyone. we will miss him but he will always be in our hearts. Naomi Garner

NAOMI GARNER - August 25, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ 211 files added to the album Life Tributes



Stewart Family Funeral Home - August 25, 2022 at 03:31 PM

LV

“ Linda Voyles lit a candle in memory of Thomas Wayne Utz



linda voyles - August 25, 2022 at 11:51 AM

KG

“ Have had the extreme pleasure of being a friend of Tom's for 30 years. He always stopped by my office to say hello or discuss latest trip in the RV. Tom would stop by and get coffee in our breakroom that may have been sleeping for 5 hours! Tom will be sorely missed. Kathy I know that this came on very suddenly and unexpected. My prayers for you, the "girls" and your family. Kevin Garrison

Kevin Garrison - August 25, 2022 at 10:23 AM

DH

“ Tom was a loyal customer and true friend for many years. Sending love to Kathy & family.
Charles & Debbe Hill

Debbe Hill - August 24, 2022 at 09:28 PM

TS

“ We have been blessed to live next door to Kathy & Tom Utz for the past 21 years. My nickname for him was "Daddy Tom" because he treated us always like family!! He will be so missed, but we have no doubt he is with his Lord & Savior and we will see him again. With love, Tina & Mack Saxon

Tina Saxon - August 24, 2022 at 08:10 PM