



Thomas L. Kovanda

September 4, 1955 - July 20, 2017

Thomas Lee Kovanda, 61, of Grand Island, died Thursday, July 20, 2017, at Bryan Medical Center West in Lincoln.

Funeral services will be at 11:00 a.m. Friday at Saint Mark's Pro-Episcopal Church in Hastings with Dean Catherine Scott officiating. Inurnment will follow. There will be no visitation.

All Faiths Funeral Home is entrusted with serving the family.

Tom was born on September 4, 1955 in Burwell to Keith and Shirley (Anderson) Kovanda. He was a 1973 graduate of Lincoln East High School, and graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 1978 continuing on to receive his law degree in 1981.

He moved to Grand Island in 1981 and joined the Anderson Law Firm, where he practiced for 33 years.

He is survived by his wife, Mary, son, Joe, and daughter, Katie, all of Grand Island; mother, Shirley (Richard) Scheer of Lincoln, brother, Dave Kovanda of Connecticut, sister, Sara Kovanda of Lincoln, and many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Keith, stepmother, Pam, and brother, Kim Kovanda.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the family to be designated at a

later date.

Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas L. Kovanda*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *Mary, Joe and Katie:*

I was a good friend of Tom's in law school and always had fun with him. He really had a good sense of humor. Working in Houston since law school I had lost touch with Tom and I am sorry not to have seen him the last few years. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family and I a truly sorry for your loss.

Orval Marlow II

Orval Marlow II - July 30, 2017 at 12:13 PM



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Jim Wagoner - July 27, 2017 at 10:57 PM



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Jim Wagoner - July 27, 2017 at 10:56 PM

JW

“ *Tommie Lee's passing created a huge void in my life. He is a fabulous friend, a confidant, a memory maker,....and we created a ton of outrageous mischief. I don't take any of it back! He left behind a very courageous & talented family,..."Honey" aka Mary - albeit she has some ties to the Colorado Buffaloes - a gracious & charming lady; Katie the little spit-fire daughter; Joe, a mystery waiting to happen with a ton of personality & Louie - the only Kat on earth who will beckon to your call! (remember to check the oil, kids)*

Although my whiskey costs are now half than before, I miss him terribly & would gladly buy him a Jug for another day!

So here is a whisky toast to you my great friend,.....Straight up, two cubes of ice.

Tom, if there is a heaven kindly jokey me a spot,.....I'm not far behind you.

I love you man!

Wags, Georgie & the Weenie heads.

Jim Wagoner - July 27, 2017 at 10:18 PM

LI

“ *To David and Family, I'm sorry you lost Tommie. I know he will be missed.*

-Lin

Lin - July 26, 2017 at 07:58 AM

KS

“ *Mary, Joe and Katie,
My thoughts and prayers are with you. Tom was a great guy, I only have good thoughts about him. I'm sorry I won't be able to attend the memorial, God will embrace and welcome Tom to eternal life, he will be missed greatly. Kurt Stacey*

Kurt Stacey - July 25, 2017 at 07:41 PM

CS

“ *Dear Mary, Joe, and Katie,
I will always remember all four of the Kovandas--one of the most amazing Seedling Mile families I've ever had the privilege of knowing! Joe and Katie, I know both of you better than I knew your father, but the way you treated everyone with the utmost respect, the way you were willing to stand up for what was right even when it wasn't what was easiest, and the way you both embraced new challenges and loved learning were characteristics your parents instilled in you. I know your mom and your dad have always been so proud of you, and the way you choose to live your lives is keeping your father's spirit alive. I am sorry you had to say goodbye to him, and I hope knowing that you are cared about will help in some small way.*

Camie See

Camie See - July 24, 2017 at 01:33 PM

MC

“ *From Michael and Jeanne Cronin. Our thoughts, prayers and best wishes to all the family at this time of your deep loss.*

Michael and Jeanne Cronin - July 23, 2017 at 05:41 PM

BH

“ *Tom was always a pleasure to be around. Loved Scuba diving and having fun. He will be missed but leaves great memories!!*

brian hamilton - July 23, 2017 at 08:20 AM