



Thomas Wayne Pribnow

September 21, 1975 - August 1, 2024

Thomas “Wayne” Pribnow, 48, of Kearney previously of Grand Island, passed away on Thursday, August 1, 2024.

Mass of Christian burial will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 8th, at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery.

There is a visitation from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday at the church.

Thomas was born September 21, 1975, at Albion, NE, the son of Tommy and Mary “Donna” (Mailender) Pribnow. He attended school at Wolbach, NE, graduating from Wolbach High School, class of 1994. On June 4, 2005, he married Caryl C. Mankle. They were longtime residents of Grand Island, moving to Kearney when the Veteran’s Home moved there.

For nearly 20 years, Thomas was employed by Central Nebraska Veteran’s Home. He loved working there in the dietary department. He was known as “Tom da Bomb” by the younger crowd whom he enjoyed immensely. He also enjoyed his parttime job at Raising Cane’s, which was where he could “raise cane”!

Thomas loved being outdoors, running marathons, riding his bike and nature in general. He was also a fan of reading nonfiction and spent many hours at the library.

Those who cherish Thomas’ memory include his wife, Caryl; sons, James (Mari) Mankle and Jacob (Sophie) Pribnow; parents, Tommy and Donna Pribnow; brothers, Steven (Christi) Pribnow and Ed (Sheila) Pribnow and

sister, Dee (Devin) Ball.

He is also survived by his parents-in-law, Nick and Gloria Mankle and brother-in-law, Christopher Mankle (Melinda Mattson).

Memorials are suggested to the family to be designated at a later date.

Cemetery Details

Westlawn Memorial Park

3826 West Stolley Park Road
Grand Island, NE 68803

Previous Events

Visitation

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

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church
518 W State St
Grand Island, NE 68801-3552
(308) 384-0532

Mass of Christian Burial

AUG 8. 10:00 AM (CT)

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church
518 West State Street
Grand Island, NE 68801

Tribute Wall

JO

“ Tom and I worked together at the Veterans' Home when it was here in GI in the Dietary Dept. If God had not had other plans for Tom, he would have retired from the Veterans' Home ... LOL He loved it there, and all the Members. He was always laughing at something or smiling. Rest in peace Tom. Joleen Carrillo (Kamper)

Joleen - September 07, 2024 at 12:15 AM

CS

“ I worked with Tom at the vet's home for awhile in dietary. He was always willing to do what was asked. And he did it with a smile. May God bless you and your family.

Carolyn Schroll - August 12, 2024 at 11:09 PM

MN

“ Our deepest sympathies Tom, Donna, and family and to Carly and family. I first met Wayne when he worked at Amigos, then was also lucky enough to see him some times when I visited my brother at the Kearney Vet's Home. He was a super nice guy and always fun to talk to! So sorry to hear of his passing--he will be missed. - Mary Nicholas and Leland Studley -

Mary Nicholas - August 11, 2024 at 05:08 AM

JS

“ My mom and I would like to express our deepest condolences to Caryl and family. Prayers and hugs to you 🙏❤️🙏



Julie Sisson - August 08, 2024 at 05:48 PM

RF

“ I worked with Tom at the Vets home in Grand Island and I cant remember ever seeing him when he wasn't smiling and happy. He was one of the nicest most positive people I've ever met He truly inspired me to be a better person, like he was. The world lost a good person with Toms passing.

Roger Fisher - August 08, 2024 at 09:11 AM

MA

“ Wayne was a classmate of mine from 1994. Hard to believe its been 30 years! We were a small class in a small school and I feel like we all got along well. Wayne was quirky but always sweet and had a smile on his face. I was very sorry to hear about his accident. My deepest sympathy to the family.

Mary (Rankin) Addy - August 07, 2024 at 07:22 PM

BP

“ Tommy P as I called him everyday at work. During Covid period we had mass shortages all over in multiple departments. I volunteered to start working extra in Dietary. Tom and I formed a great friendship during that period as Tom trained me on how it is done correctly. Tom was a very special friend. One day after returning from his accident, I asked him if he would like a ride every day no matter what time. Tom with a great big smile said no thank you. I love riding my bike and I am safe. The one thing we will miss is this... He was always busy serving or helping someone with a smile! That is unique.. I always found that him always asking about others is a great trait. I often shared with him how cool that part of him is. He often would blush and say thanks, Brandon. He and I talked about life, raising kids especially boys, my daughter's singing and sports daily. Tom always asked me about my son he called Giant and what sport he was in and how he did at the meet or on Friday night football. Tom was a fan of a great many things and quite knowledgeable of many topics. What really makes Tom so special and Tom da bomb is that he was always happiest seeing others get recognized or see success. The one thing Tom always was so proud of was that the members finally got a Fishing Tournament. He thanked me and the Recreation team for making this a reality.



Now with the Family's approval. I plan to change the name of the CNVH Fishing Tournament next June to be forever known as the Thomas Pribnow Memorial Fishing Tournament.

Thank you for the memories my work brother Tommy P Love ya Man!

Brandon Pierce - August 07, 2024 at 12:40 PM

KW

That sounds like a great plan

Kimberly Witt - August 07, 2024 at 03:19 PM

VK

“ 🙏 Caryl, so sorry to hear this 😞 Blake went to school with James
👤 and worked with Gloria and new Nic for over 25 years .very
cheerful 🙏 hugs 🙏 🚗

valerie kyriss - August 07, 2024 at 12:09 AM

FF

“ From your Cane's family purchased the Peaceful
White Lilies Basket for the family of Thomas
Wayne Pribnow.



From your Cane's family - August 05, 2024 at 11:34 PM

DJ

“ Desi Judd lit a candle in memory of Thomas
Pribnow



Desi Judd - August 05, 2024 at 07:59 PM



“ Joy Hull lit a candle in memory of Thomas
Pribnow



Joy Hull - August 05, 2024 at 07:55 PM

SN

“ Tom was a reflection of Christ Jesus. His laugh was heard throughout the halls of the Veteran’s Home. I was privileged to work with Tom in Dietary Dept. I retired a couple years ago & would visit at the Vet’s Home & almost every time Tom and my paths would cross. He was always bragging about his family & so loved his boys. I saw him on Tuesday before & he reminded me that his sons now were married & had good wives to take of them. I don’t worry about them anymore he said. It deeply saddens me because he was so young & had the love for the vets as well as his coworkers which will be truly missed. One day we will see Tom again. I pray for the Peace of the Lord surround the family & friends. Tom was my friend!

Sandy Nicklasson - August 05, 2024 at 08:49 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas Wayne Pribnow.



August 05, 2024 at 06:26 AM

KW

“ Kimberly Witt planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Wayne Pribnow.

Kimberly Witt - August 05, 2024 at 06:26 AM

GP

“ Greg and Lynne Pizzini purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Thomas Wayne Pribnow.



Greg and Lynne Pizzini - August 04, 2024 at 08:43 PM

GP

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Greg and Lynne Pizzini - August 04, 2024 at 08:43 PM

JT

“ Janet Tibbs lit a candle in memory of Thomas Pribnow



Janet Tibbs - August 04, 2024 at 08:03 PM

JT

“ Donna, Tommy & Family, So Sorry for the loss of Wayne and my third cousin. He always had a smile on his face. And fun to be around. May God be with you at this difficult time. Rest in peace Wayne.

Janet Tibbs - August 04, 2024 at 08:02 PM

HE

“ *sorry for your loss*



Hector - August 04, 2024 at 05:15 PM

CK

“ *I will never forget Tom’s laugh, which rang out wherever he was. He was such a joy to be around, always smiling, always friendly. He was so dearly loved by all he worked with at the Veterans Home. I retired from the Social Work Department before they moved to Kearney. But again, I will never forget what a joy he was, and what joy he spread to everyone he met.*

Cindy Kelley - August 04, 2024 at 04:17 PM

KI

“ *Kim lit a candle in memory of Thomas Pribnow*



Kim - August 04, 2024 at 03:32 PM