



Thomas "Tom" J. Bourbonnais

January 2, 1947 - May 28, 2017

Thomas "Tom" Bourbonnais, 70, of Dannebrog passed away at his home on May 28, 2017.

Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 3, 2017 at K's Corner: 102 E Roger Welsch Ave. Dannebrog, NE.

Tom was born on January 2, 1947 in San Francisco, CA, son of Thomas and Idabelle (Miller) Bourbonnais.

Tom is survived by his children, Jacqueline (Mike) Bourbonnais-Pregler of Crockett, CA, Charles (Chandra) Bourbonnais of Canada, Gen Bobier of Canada, TJ Bourbonnais of Canada, Jade (David Stockhousen) Giotta of Felton, CA, Rain (Micheal Azevado) Giotta of Fresno, CA, Zachery Giotta of Santa Cruz, CA; three grandchildren; sister-in-law, Mika Bourbonnais of San Mateo, CA; along with numerous extended family and friends.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents, wife, Karen, and brothers, Tyron and Charlie.

Tom was raised in the San Francisco Bay area and attended school. Even after he moved away from San Francisco he loved to visit and show his friends and family around town. Every time he visited with friends or family he always went to his favorite restaurant, the Belltower.

In 1964 Tom enlisted in the U.S. Navy, serving during the Vietnam War. He was honorably discharged in 1967. Following his time in the service, Tom returned to California living in San Francisco/Bay Area also in Dannebrog for a time years ago.

Tom worked for many years as a carpenter in the San Francisco Bay Area even in Hawaii; in around 1983 he became the organizer for the Carpenter's Union.

For the last 15 years, Tom has lived in Nebraska to enjoy a slower pace in a peaceful place.

Tom was a avid gun collector and he always had a plan for the next car he was going to buy and fix up. Tom was a gifted artist, he drew cars, planes portraits and much more. He was a dedicated motorcyclist, even keeping his bike at the foot of his bed till the end. Tom adored his family and loved to visit to spend time with his daughter, Jacqueline and granddaughter, Makenna. He was a man of many opinions and could, at times be ornery and stubborn, but truly was generous and caring to all of his family and friends.

Memorials are suggested to the Wounded Warrior Project.

Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas "Tom" J. Bourbonnais*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *Hello. I was just remembering Tom and decided to look him up on google. Sorry to read about his passing.*

I first knew Tom in 1973, from a mass meeting of carpenters at the SF Cow Palace. It was a hot meeting, with lots of carpenters shouting and demanding action. I was a young carpenter, seated all the way back in the top rows. Suddenly, I heard the guy on stage say, "um, brother, please sit down." I looked around and saw this carpenter in cowboy boots and a cowboy hat standing in the aisle demanding to speak. When he refused to sit down, a dozen "sergeants at arms" surrounded him, planning to make him sit down. At that point, all _____ broke loose. I was standing on my chair shouting at the top of my voice, "let him speak!" So, what they did was adjourn the meeting, and dozens of us rushed the stage and spoke into the mike.

That carpenter standing in the aisle? That was Tom!

I also remember going to a carpenters general convention in Chicago. I had been planning to run for general president, and my life was being threatened there. Tom let me stay in his hotel room for my safety.

Anyway, those are my memories of Tom. Sorry that he's gone and that we never got in touch after that.

John Reimann - January 25, 2018 at 04:27 PM

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Thank you so much for this memory it was very much my father to stand up and get his say.

Jacqueline Bourbonnais - December 26, 2022 at 08:12 PM