



Thomas "Tom" Rodehorst

January 16, 1958 - March 8, 2021

Thomas "Tom" Rodehorst, 63
Kearney resident

Tom Rodehorst, 63 of Kearney passed away Monday, March 8, 2021 at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha. Funeral services will be 11:00 am Monday, March 15, 2021 at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney. Visitation will be 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Sunday and one hour prior to the service all at the funeral home. Interment will be held at a later date.

Memorials are suggested to Compass Nebraska at www.compassnebraska.org/?form=gobeyond or Kearney Area Humane Society at www.kearneyanimalshelter.com/donatenow. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

Thomas Allen Rodehorst was born January 16, 1958 in Amarillo, Texas to James and Leola (Gavin) Rodehorst. The family moved many times as a result of James' service in the U.S. Air Force. Growing up, Tom lived in numerous places like Washington, D.C., Newfoundland, Canada, and Okinawa, Japan. He graduated high school in Chattanooga, TN and then moved to Kearney, NE. He began working at Skelly's Gas Station where he

met Brenda Mast. Tom was the romantic type. He would always leave a card or write a sweet little note, letting Brenda know he was always thinking of her. They were married February 16, 1980 at the First Baptist Church in Kearney. To this union two beautiful children were blessed.

Tom was a devoted husband, father, and employee. He worked at Systems Undercover in Colorado for several years, commuting from Kearney each week. For the past 25+ years he was employed by Insulation Systems of Grand Island where he was a Project Supervisor. Tom worked on many major construction projects in the Kearney area.

Tom and Brenda had attended Kearney eFree and Kearney First Baptist Church. They served as Sunday school teachers for many years. Tom had a servant's heart and was especially attentive to the needs of children. His weekends were spent attending his sons' and grandkids' athletic events, going hunting and fishing, and catching up on work around the house. He loved listening to music, reading about politics, history and religion, and was an avid Husker football fan. Tom had a wonderful sense of humor, dry and sarcastic at times, but always loved a good joke. He was wonderful at explaining things, re-explaining, and occasionally explaining what was just re-explained, making sure one would fully comprehend what he was trying to convey, no matter how many eye rolls were received from his sons.

Family was most important to him. His Facebook profile reads simply, "Husband, father, pappy, son, brother, uncle, nephew, cousin, friend!" He was unapologetic in showering his grandchildren with gifts for their birthdays and Christmas. He was exceptionally thoughtful and generous to those he loved.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife Brenda Rodehorst of Kearney; sons, Ryan (Rutheah) Rodehorst of Kearney, and Drew (Julia) Rodehorst of La Vista, NE; grandchildren, William, Anna and Leo Rodehorst, Kamila and

Kasyn Rodehorst; brothers, Ronald (Lupe) Rodehorst of Kearney, and James (Pam) Rodehorst of Wichita, KS; sisters, Sharon Rodehorst of Pensacola, FL, Karen (Richard) McCollum of Pensacola, FL, Kristi (Tom) Morales of Chattanooga, TN; as well as several nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and siblings Robert Dean and Anneliese.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **14.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

MAR **15.** 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Thomas "Tom" Rodehorst



O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations - March 15, 2021 at 04:37 PM



“ Thomas "Tom" Rodehorst

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ I first met Tom on a church bus and then when school started we went to high school with together. Tom was liked by everyone who knew him. He had a personality that made friends easily. My thoughts and prayers go out to all of his family and friends.

Reba Hart Hamby - March 16, 2021 at 08:59 AM



“ What else would you send to China for you nieces and nephews?



Karen McCollum - March 14, 2021 at 05:52 PM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" Rodehorst.*



March 13, 2021 at 05:24 PM



“ *From The Girls & Kristi purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Thomas "Tom" Rodehorst.*



From The Girls & Kristi - March 13, 2021 at 12:55 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" Rodehorst.*



March 13, 2021 at 12:44 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" Rodehorst.*



March 12, 2021 at 11:33 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray* was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" Rodehorst.



March 12, 2021 at 04:34 PM



“ *Serene Retreat* was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" Rodehorst.



March 12, 2021 at 03:02 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden* was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" Rodehorst.



March 12, 2021 at 02:52 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" Rodehorst.



March 12, 2021 at 02:51 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" Rodehorst.



March 12, 2021 at 04:09 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" Rodehorst.



March 12, 2021 at 02:40 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" Rodehorst.



March 12, 2021 at 12:03 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" Rodehorst.



March 11, 2021 at 09:48 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" Rodehorst.



March 11, 2021 at 09:17 AM



“ While I didn't know Tom very well, I saw the joy he brought to his wife's face everyday. I will remember all of the sweet pet names he called Brenda and all of the times he brought her (and us) Eileen's cookies at work. I remember thinking, on many occasions, what a beautiful couple Brenda and Tom make, and how my wish for my own daughter is that she will find a love like theirs, filled with lots of laughter, joy, teamwork and perseverance. I am sad that his family and friends are not able to be with him in this earthly life anymore, yet am also glad his eternal life in heaven has begun.

Kiphany Hof - March 10, 2021 at 02:58 PM



Troy & I give our condolences to you & your family. We are truly saddened for your loss.

karen Volz - March 11, 2021 at 02:17 PM



Bren and family, Please know our thoughts are with you in your sadness. May wonderful memories of happy times bring you peace.
Joe and Jana Green

Jana Green - March 11, 2021 at 07:45 PM



Sorry for the loss of Tom. Condolences to you and your family. Keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers.

Donna Giesenhagen - March 13, 2021 at 11:34 AM