



Tom Renfro

May 17, 1952 - August 29, 2014

George Thomas “Tom” Renfro, 62, longtime resident of Muskogee County, passed away early Friday morning, August 29, 2014, surrounded by his family. Tom was born May 17, 1952 in Muskogee to John Edward and Margie (Riggs) Renfro. Tom was next to the youngest of five children born to John and Margie. Tom grew up and attended Muskogee Public Schools and graduated from Muskogee Central High School in 1970. After high school, he attended OSU Okmulgee, where he earned an Associate’s Degree.

Tom’s professional career included working for Texas Instruments and Prestolite. In 1976, he opened Renfro Electric in Muskogee. Under Tom’s leadership, Renfro Electric has grown to two locations and has over 35 employees. Tom’s business ethics and leadership has made Renfro Electric into one of Oklahoma’s most respected Electrical Contractors.

On October 14, 2000, Tom had his first date with Karen Allen. Karen had worked for Tom during the summers when she had time off from teaching school, and she remembers how much she admired his business ethics and how honest he always conducted his business affairs. Tom and Karen were married on June 30, 2007 in Muskogee at First United Methodist Church.

They recently renewed their vows on June 30, 2014 at First United Methodist Church in Fort Gibson. They celebrated over 7 years of marriage together.

Tom’s family remembers him as a man who loves his family. His children and grandchildren had a very special relationship with him. He was an active Father and Grandfather. They remember how important it was to him that his

family succeeded. His brother-in-law, Dennis, kindly recalled about how Tom had helped his son and how grateful he was for Tom's help. His brother Jerry remembers that Tom was very generous and would always help someone in need. His family also recalls what a sports enthusiast Tom has always been, especially with long distance running, cycling, and golf.

Tom was an active and faithful member at Boulevard Christian Church for many years. He served in many areas of the Church including the Youth Ministry, the Maintenance Committee, and the Ushering Committee. His daughter Alison remembers how involved Tom was in traveling to the C.I.Y. youth trips.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials may be made to the Mission Fund at Boulevard Christian Church, 1700 W. Shawnee, Muskogee, OK, 74401.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Tom is survived by his wife, Karen Allen Renfro of the home; his sons, Bradley Renfro and wife Kimberly of Fayetteville, Arkansas and Mark Renfro of North Little Rock, Arkansas; his daughters, Ashley Fuller of Kansas City, MO and Alison Renfro of Muskogee; his step-sons, Sean Allen and wife Laura of Tulsa, OK and Matt Allen of Muskogee; his step-daughters, Kelly McCollom and husband Trevor of Broken Arrow, OK, and Diana Howe of Wagoner; his grandchildren, Zachary, Emma and Madeline Renfro, Annberlynn and Logan Fuller, Hunter and Gauge Jackson, Easton and Westin McCollom (twin brothers due in October 2014); his siblings, John E. Renfro Jr. and wife Evelyn of McAlester, Carolyn Hill and husband Dennis of Fort Gibson, Jerry Renfro and wife Lynn of Muskogee, and Rodney Renfro and wife Arnetta of Muskogee; his father-in-law, Monroe Reece of Tulsa; his sister-in-law, Nancy Smith of Santa Rosa, CA; very close neighbors and friends, Paul and Kara Shook, Tom and Kris Jones, and Deb and Darius Taylor all of Fort Gibson; numerous nieces and nephews and other family members and friends.

Memorial Services will be Tuesday, September 2, 2014, at 11:00 A.M. at

Boulevard Christian Church, 1700 West Shawnee, Muskogee, with Minister James McCracken officiating. Honorary pallbearers will be Grieg Songer, Bob Moore, Ed McGrath, James Hess, Toby Jackson, Jonathan Jones, Steven Hill and Tammy Genn.

Funeral services are under the direction of Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory, 1830 North York Street, Muskogee, OK. Condolences may be made to the family online at www.cornerstoneofmuskogee.com

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

Boulevard Christian Church
1700 W. Shawnee
Muskogee, OK 74401

Tribute Wall



“ *Tom Renfro*

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *I am sorry to hear of Tom's passing. May God bless your family during this time.*

Gary Kilgore - September 10, 2014 at 01:34 PM



“ *Prayers to the family.*

Dee Dunn - September 08, 2014 at 07:37 PM



“ *Karen,
I am so sorry for your loss. May God bless and give you comfort and peace. Sometimes life seems too hard to bare. Remember you don't have to be strong and you have the right to grieve as long and in anyway your heart needs.
Lyn Moore*

Lyn Moore - September 08, 2014 at 01:48 PM

JH

“ I was greatly saddened to hear the news of the passing of my high school best friend, Tom Renfro. We forged a true friendship amidst the trials and tribulations of growing up. He grew up to be one of Muskogee's leading citizens, which was no surprise to me. He had a very big heart, aiding friends and family alike (including my family in their time need without question). He will be sorely missed. I regret not being able to attend tomorrow's memorial, but send my heart-felt condolences to his family. Justo Hernandez

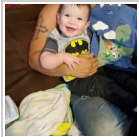
Justo Hernandez - September 02, 2014 at 06:45 PM

PA

“ The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. -Psalm 34:18

*Love and Prayers,
Patches*

Patches - September 02, 2014 at 10:11 AM



“ KAREN u an your family are in my prayers

Sharon Perryman Walker - September 02, 2014 at 12:02 AM

LG

“ Tom was a great example of a Godly man! He will truly be missed!

Larry D. Garner - September 01, 2014 at 10:16 PM

LG

“ Tom was a great example of a true man of God!!

Larry D. Garner - September 01, 2014 at 10:06 PM

JT

“ Tom was a loving father and grandfather. We will miss you!!!! John and Jill Tipton

Jill Tipton - September 01, 2014 at 07:01 PM

DN

“ I am truly sorry to hear that Tom has passed. Another good man left too soon. Lots of good memories from the early days in Muskogee. Father to my two great nephews Brad and Mark. I know you will be missed by all Tom and please God, we will see you again someday. R.I.P. from the David and the Naramores in Ireland.

David Naramore - September 01, 2014 at 11:43 AM

LA

“ Tom was supportive to Karen's children & their families. he always told me stories about his children and grandchildren. He was such a family man. He was always willing to help Sean and I with anything. Such a great man and such a great loss. But I know we will see him again.

Laura Allen - September 01, 2014 at 08:05 AM

MC

“ We remember him as a fine, kind and generous man who was always so full of energy and good humour. He will be sadly missed by many.



We know that words can give little consolation to relieve grief but we should like you to know that we too will be grieving for him.

In deepest sympathy

Mavis and Jorge Casarrubia

Mavis casarrubia - August 31, 2014 at 07:16 PM

KS

“ We grew up together. His sister Carolyn was my best friend. Back in the day we played all day in the Summer usually around our neighborhood or at the park on 24 the Street. We went to church together and every Wednesday night I ate supper with them.....pinto beans and cornbread.....and we always had chocolate cake.....they really needed one more child to feed! I married their cousin and moved to South Carolina so I lost contact over the years. He was a good kid and as I read he was a good man. May God bless your family during this sad time. Kaye Smith Anderson S.C.

Kaye Smith - August 30, 2014 at 07:03 PM

LK

“ May God be with you Karen and the whole family during your loss.
Prayers
Jacob Linda and Rocky King

Linda,Jacob Rocky King - August 30, 2014 at 12:12 PM

JT

“ *A good man and a good neighbor a great father and grandfather that will be missed by so many. I know the place you are at this minute is so much better, because everything is perfect there. I'll see you again one day and then we will both be perfect. I know you have one up on me because you are perfect now, but I will be too you rascal.*



John Tipton - August 30, 2014 at 06:56 AM

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