



Thomas B. Justus

May 25, 1955 - March 28, 2014

Thomas Benjamin Justus, 58, of Muskogee, Oklahoma left his earthly vessel behind to join his Savior in heaven on Friday, March 28, 2014, at his home surrounded by his family and friends after a lengthy, hard fought battle with lung cancer.

Tom was born May 25, 1955 in Pontiac, Michigan to Floyd A. Justus and Charlotte C. Bennett Justus. When he was sixteen, his family moved from Lake Orion, Michigan to Sallisaw, Oklahoma. Tom married Sherrye L. Asher on October 12, 1974 in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. They made their home in Muskogee for most of their married life.

Although Tom left high school during the 11th grade, he went on to get his GED and attended Connors State College. He was employed by Git-N-Go for ten years and Love Bottling Company for twenty-five years, where he held many positions, with Production Manager being the final position before his retirement.

Tom loved riding motorcycles and was a member of the GWRRA until he could no longer ride a motorcycle. He also enjoyed cruises, camping, fishing, hunting, and helping others. He was a wonderful family man and loved spending time with his children and grandchildren.

Tom became a Christian at the age of 13 while attending Indian Wood Baptist Church in Lake Orion. Most recently, he had been attending New Life Center in Muskogee. His favorite scripture was "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of

truth.” II Timothy 2:15

Tom was a member of the Noon Lions Club in Muskogee for several years. While a member, he was chosen as “Tail Twister of the Year” for District 3-0. Most will remember him for his “Chicken Checker” stories.

Tom is survived by his wife of 39 years, Sherrye Justus, of the home; daughters, Cynthia L. Mariano and Jacob, Brandy C. Moore and Gary Carter; son, Jessie D. Justus and Maegen Millstead, all of Muskogee; grandchildren, Laynnye Duggan of Tulsa, Jonathon Moore, Samantha Moore, Jayccye Mariano, Jacob Mariano, Abbigail Carter, Kendrea Ebbale, Donald Ebbale, Diana Gaytan, Olivia Shiew, and Julie Shiew, all of Muskogee, Matthew Ritchey of Crawley, Louisiana, Sean Hayes and Seth Hayes of Jenks; siblings, Floyd A. Justus and Denise of Tustin, Michigan; Cindy Justus of Pinckney, Michigan, Michelle Justus of Muskogee, Tracy and Deanna Asher of Broken Arrow, Carmen and Sandra and Ferrino of Texas, Bill and Nedra Verge of Union, Missouri; several nieces, nephews, and one onery min-pin, Pepper. Tom was preceded in death by his parents, Floyd and Charlotte Justus; brother, Andrew C. Justus; sisters, Mary Ann Justus and Deby Shiew; and granddaughter, Tommi Lynne Mariano.

If only three words could be used to sum up Tom’s life it would be, “Tom Loved Everyone!”

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the “Justus League—Relay for Life” c/o American Cancer Society, BancFirst, 501 N Main, #64, Muskogee, OK 74401.

The family would like to thank River Cross Hospice, New Life Center, Philip and Deb Morris, Damon and Malinda Boston, Dr. Tracy and Deanna Asher, all the members of the medical teams, both in Muskogee and Tulsa.

Tom’s going home service will be at 1:30 p.m., Saturday, April 12, 2014 at New Life Center, 4025 Gibson Street (Gibson Street & Muskogee Turnpike) with Pastor Philip Morris officiating.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 1. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home & Crematory
1830 North York Street
Muskogee, OK 74403
(918) 682-1500

Visitation

APR 2. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home & Crematory
1830 North York Street
Muskogee, OK 74403
(918) 682-1500

Family Visitation

APR 3. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home & Crematory
1830 North York Street
Muskogee, OK 74403
(918) 682-1500

Memorial Service

APR 12. 1:30 PM (CT)

New Life Center
4025 Gibson St
Muskogee, OK 74403

Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas B. Justus*

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *Spam and Fritos i love you uncle Tom*

Jen Lantz - April 16, 2014 at 08:54 PM



“ *Tom`s love and devotion to his family was returned in full measure. I don`t remember seeing any other father or grandfathr who was more loved and respected than him. His family is strong and will help each other through this difficult time. Their faith in God ande the knowledge that they will be together again will be a comfort. Bill and I send our love.*

Love, Nedra

Nedra Verge - April 10, 2014 at 09:23 AM

CT

“ We are saddened by the loss of such a wonderful and caring man. Tom was known for his dedication and devotion for his wife, Sherrye, children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, friends, and strangers in need. Tom availed himself to anyone who needed a helping hand or a kind word and would always do what he could to make life better for others. Tom's wife, my little sis Sherrye, is devastated yet reflects strength and courage as she reaches out to comfort the family with her selfless and giving heart. When I spoke of the 39 years of marriage they shared, Sherrye's comment was, "Yes, but I wanted 100". We wish that had been the outcome after Tom's long battle but trust in the promises of God, knowing that His plan has brought comfort and peace to Tom and will, in time, guide Sherrye as she navigates a life whose course has changed. He will be her strength and Tom will forever live on in the memories of the numerous people who loved and cared for this good family man. Our hearts go out to you and know that, in time, God will help to show you the way~ all the time with Tom in your heart and in the eyes of your children and grandchildren. Love, Carmen and Sandy Ferrino, Houston, TX.

Carmen and Sandy Ferrino, Houston, TX - April 09, 2014 at 03:05 PM

JA

“ We will miss Tom at Relay, but we will all continue relaying in his honor and will finish the fight to end cancer. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Jaime (Muskogee Relay For Life)

jaime - April 08, 2014 at 11:59 AM

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Sherrye - April 08, 2014 at 11:53 AM

SJ

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Sherrye Justus - April 07, 2014 at 12:29 PM

TN

“ It was such a pleasure taking care of Tom. I enjoyed hearing of the milestones and the Joy of him thinking of his next cruise. He was always meeting me with sarcasm at which I enjoyed. Before I would leave he would always say " did you get everything". I couldn't live anything down, but it was all endearing and we enjoyed our visits. We both knew how to laugh at my silliness. I know this is a tough loss for the whole family. I'm thinking of you all and knowing that Tom is cruising the heavenly oceans without limitations this time. Prayers for peace and comfort are with Sherrye and the family. I enjoyed you all and your close nit family.

Tracy

Tracy Drabek (home health nurse) - April 04, 2014 at 02:56 PM

CD

“ I am very sorry for the loss of your dear loved one. May the personal memories the family and friends have be a source of comfort, and may the promises that God gives be your source of strength and hope. Have absolute confidence that none of God's promises will fail even in the smallest detail, and that all of them will be fulfilled in his appointed time. (Acts 24:15; Rev. 21:4; Psalm 37:9-11)

Cheryl D. - April 03, 2014 at 09:02 AM

KD

“ Thoughts and prayers are with you and your family Cindy!! We love you!

Kim Doengi
FFO HOME

Kim DOengi - April 01, 2014 at 10:01 AM

MJ

“ *Yall are in my prayers!*”

Michelle Jenkins - March 31, 2014 at 10:40 PM

TR

My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Terri Justus Rios - April 01, 2014 at 01:10 PM