



Thomas Allen Duran

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Thomas Allen Duran, 69, of Pittsburg, KS went to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on Jan. 31, 2021 after a long, courageous battle with Covid Pneumonia.

He was born to Philip and Frances Duran in Gunnison, Colorado. They preceded him in death. He graduated from Gunnison High School and went on to earn his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Pittsburg State University.

He was a Professor of Communication at Labette Community College for 20 years. He truly found his passion in teaching and loved his students and coworkers.

Another passion of Tom's was his relationship with Christ and 26 year involvement with his home church, Lighthouse Tabernacle. He was a member of the worship team, playing guitar while his wife, Marsha, played the piano and was the savvy tech guy. He was also an Elder in the church and loved teaching and sharing the Gospel. He was married to his wife, Marsha, for over 40 years. He loved traveling back to Gunnison, Colorado with her and their family, where they would visit family and friends and fish for trout in the rivers in his hometown.

He loved playing the guitar and almost always had one in his hands. He also enjoyed golfing, drawing and woodworking, but what he enjoyed the most was spending time with his family and especially his grandchildren. He always had projects going with them and was so proud of them.

He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1971-1975 and later in the Army Reserves and Air National Guard from 1989-1997. He was a proud veteran of the Vietnam War and the Gulf War.

He is survived by his wife of the home, daughters Candice Duran Shepherd and Katie Duran of Pittsburg, KS; granddaughter Caedence Shepherd and grandson Zachary Thomas Shepherd, whom he shared his birthday with; sisters Joyce Sanchez, Darla Duran, Judy Cabral (Poncho), Teri Caldera (Miguel), Cathy Mendez



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(Steven Espinoza) and Anita Espinoza; brother Kenny Duran; step-parents John Espinoza and Mary Duran; Brother-In-Law Tim Hunt (JoyLynn); Sister-In-Law Mary Hunt-Hansen; and many nieces and nephews whom he loved dearly.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, February 6th, 2021, at 11:00am at Lighthouse Tabernacle, 604 S. 200th in Pittsburg, KS. Masks will be required. The service will also be live-streamed on the Lighthouse Tabernacle Facebook page.

In lieu of flowers, memorials for the grandchildren's education may be sent to Bath-Naylor Funeral Home, 522 S. Broadway, Pittsburg, KS 66762.



Events

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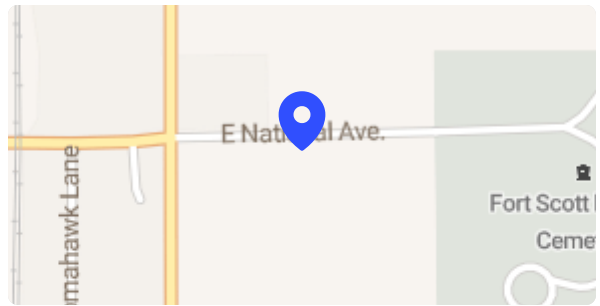
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Cemetery Details



Fort Scott National Cemetery

900 E. National Ave., Fort Scott KS 66701



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Tribute Wall

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SA

Shelli Maior-Allen lit a candle in honor of Thomas.

I'm deeply saddened to learn of Tom's passing. Always a kind, friendly neighbor. My sincere condolences to Marsha, Candice, Katie and family. Prayers for your comfort in the days ahead. Shelli Maior-Allen

February 22 at 5:49 PM



CW

Chris White lit a candle in honor of Thomas.

February 6 at 12:02 PM



LN

Larry Norris posted:

Marsha, Candice, & Katie, So sorry to hear of Tom's passing. He was a great guy I had the pleasure to work alongside in ministry. I remember he had a zeal for playing the guitar and writing songs, but most of all, loved to share the gospel. He was a gifted teacher who used his talents for the Lord. May God comfort you at this time, and overwhelm you with His peace. We will see him again one day soon; what a reunion that will be! Prayers to you and your family. Larry Norris

February 5 at 12:25 PM

DR

Deatrea Rose posted:

To the family, I knew Tom from working with him at LCC. He always had a smile on his face and no matter when I saw him, he would ask me about my family and wanted to know how they were doing. I will miss seeing his smiling face and his caring personality. You all are in my prayers. Deatrea Rose

February 4 at 7:22 AM

PW

Paula Weidert February 6 at 4:49 AM

Dear Family, I was on the hiring committee at LCC for Tom, before that he had been an adjunct instructor. I will miss him greatly and am so sorry for your loss. I know he loved you all so much and pray that you will be comforted in the fact that you will see him again. Paula Weidert

CM

Connie And Joe Manns February 4 at 12:09 PM

We had known Tom for about 35 years. The girls went to school with our kids at George Nettels and all the way through high school. Tom was such a wonderful guy! We enjoyed visiting with him through the years. He always had a smile on his face. He will be sadly missed by all! Our love and prayers go out to the entire family. Sincerely, Connie and Joe Manns.



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Thomas by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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