



Thomas M. Cowan

August 29, 1953 - July 3, 2019

Thomas M. Cowan, age 65, of East Dundee passed away on Wednesday, July 3, 2019 at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago. Tom was born on August 29, 1953 in Elgin and was one of two sons born to the late Stanley & Mica Cowan. Tom was a lifelong resident of the area and 1971 graduate of Dundee Community High School. Prior to retirement, Tom was a loyal and valued employee of Information Resources in Chicago for 23 years and retired as Director of Marketing Research. While in high school, Tom was a member of the Dundee Scots Marching band. Later, he became a member of the Vanguard Drum & Bugle Corps. He was an animal lover and an avid supporter of many area animal rescues. Tom was also a very proud lifelong member of the Democratic party. He is survived by his wife of 21 years; Candace L. "Candy", their children; Peter (Sharon) Castillo, Amy Porter and Karen (Fiance' Jonathan Mavros) Castillo. His former son-in-law and friend; Ted Porter. His granddaughter; Hailey, his brother; Robert (Nancy) Cowan and his nieces; Mica and Dana. In addition to Dave and AnnaMarie Koesche and Randy and Lois Montgomery, Tom is survived by other countless good friends, he is also survived by his two beloved canine companions; Mama & Maggie. At Tom's request he will be cremated. Memorial Visitation will be held at Miller Funeral Home, West Dundee on Saturday, July 13, 2019 from 2:00 P.M. until time of Memorial Service at 4:00 P.M. Inurnment will be private. Casual attire is requested. Please omit flowers, a memorial has been established in his memory in care of his family.

Events

JUL **Memorial Visitation** 02:00PM - 04:00PM

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Miller Funeral Home

504 W. Main Street, West Dundee, IL, US, 60118

JUL **Memorial Funeral Services** 04:00PM

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Comments



“ So sorry to hear of Tom's passing. We were great friends through our elementary and junior high years. I lived right down the hill from him on Barrington Avenue. I remember when Tom and his family moved into their house. His parents were always so welcoming to me and made me feel at home.

Tom and I had great times together as kids. I remember exploring the gravel pit behind our house (before the apartments were built) and catching a snake, which we kept as a pet for a few days. We made home-made bottle rockets with match heads. We always seemed to have some project that we were working on.

I moved to West Dundee in sixth grade, so we didn't see each other as much, but we still remained friends through high school. Tom always saw the humor in every situation, and I can still hear his chuckle.

I'm so glad that he found Candy and became a family man. He had a lot to share with the world, and I'm sure that he was a great husband and dad. My condolences to his family.

Dan Friend

Dan Friend - August 03, 2019 at 07:38 PM



“ With deepest condolences to family and friends, we'll truly miss a great and fun guy!

Thomas & Kathryn Martin
Beverly Hills, FL

thomas - July 13, 2019 at 04:24 PM



“ They say that the older you get, the more you become like your parents. I can only wish to be as great a man as Tom was. I'll miss him incredibly and Hailey needed him. Rest In Peace

peter - July 13, 2019 at 11:30 AM



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candy Cowan - July 08, 2019 at 10:46 PM



“ The first time I saw Tom was at the Dundee Theatre premier of Bullitt in late '68. He and a couple others were cutting up and the theatre manager gave chase to them. The audience laughed.

In every encounter with Tom over the next fifty years I laughed. He was that funny. He made senior year at Dundee High a prolonged comic episode. His father's Chrysler New Yorker became our private ship of fools.

In recent years his care for animals in need inspired me. He had become calm and subdued with age, but the mirth was always there ready to come out. He came to see me when I was very sick and isolated. I'll miss you Tommy.

Bob Taylor - July 08, 2019 at 11:44 AM



“ A Very Cool Dude... Quick with a Smile, Always willing to Help.....

jim hutchings - July 07, 2019 at 08:25 PM



“ I met Tom Cowan before I met Bob. Back in the 70's - when my dear friend lived in Dundee very near to the Cowan's. Tom became a good friend of the Bailey's, and it was through Lex that I met him. We hung out at 510 Barrington and we partied at Tom's little cabin somewhere in that area. He was kind and funny. Lex became fast-friends with Mica, being Yugoslavian, and with Stan, who loved everyone. And because I was from Minnesota, I just had to meet the son from Minneapolis (Bob). The rest is history. I'm glad I met Tom Cowan before Bob ... I didn't need a big brother to tell me how great his little brother was. I already knew. The Cowan family leaves big shoe prints around Dundee. I'm so proud to be part of the family.

nancy cowan - July 06, 2019 at 07:18 PM



“ I met Tom on the eve of his 40th birthday. I had placed an ad in the Chicago Sun Times personal column (back then we did not have internet dating and the papers ran personal ads for singles) and Tom answered it. We talked for hours on the phone before we met on Aug 28, 1993. It was love at first site. We were together ever minute from that day. I had 3 children ages 13, 15 and 18. Tom stepped in and became the father figure my children never had. We had a romance equal to a fairytale. I had never been on a vacation until I met Tom and because he traveled so much for work, I was able to join him. At this point I had been working 3 jobs to raise my kids. Several months later I sold my house and moved in with him with my kids. We married in Maui on 7/4/98. We were best friends, lovers and companions. We liked everything the other did and rarely quarreled and when we did, Tom always found a way to "accept my apology". My kids loved him so much. They always went to him with their problems or questions and he always took time to guide them the right way. We took family trips to Florida and Wisconsin and every minute with him was one laugh after another. One story I would share (when we both professed our love for each other) was that I was still living in Franklin Park and traveled out to be with him on weekends. I did not drive the tollway, but learned to drive them just to see him (or take Rt 72). Every time I arrived I would have to run to the bathroom as soon as I got here. He thought that was hilarious. But the one time I ran to the bathroom he had taken a 24 pack of toilet paper and took one roll out and put a huge sign on the single roll and labeled it "HIS" on the remaining 23 rolls the sign said "HERS". Tom, thank you for giving me the best life ever. My friends say our marriage was like a fairy tale, I agree. You saved me. and Thank you for answering my ad.!

candy Cowan - July 08, 2019 at 09:39 PM



“ Dear Candy, This is a beautiful tribute to Tom.
Marlene

Marlene Sweeney - July 12, 2019 at 06:23 PM



“ You found your prince, and Tom found his princess. Beautiful story. I can remember you telling me when you met him, how happy you where then and how happy you remained from that moment on. True love.

Virginia Albin - July 13, 2019 at 06:27 PM



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Amy - July 06, 2019 at 11:39 AM