



Thomas Rex Lampman

March 18, 1937 - November 24, 2021

Thomas Rex Lampman, age 84, passed away peacefully on November 24, 2021 in Laughlin, NV.

Tom was born March 18, 1937 in Omaha NE, the middle of four children to the late Willard and Thelma Lampman. He Graduated from South High School in Omaha, NE. He was blessed with three children, Dave, Kathy and Steve. Tom married Patricia Jacobsen on December 20, 1958 and shared 45 years of loving marriage until Patty passed away in 2003. Tom joined the Navy in 1956. His three brothers also joined the military and during their overseas travel, Tom even met up with one of his brothers in Italy. Tom received an honorable discharge when his service ended September, 1961. Tom's career began driving trucks for Hunts, Northwestern Bell and US West. He logged thousands of miles and received several awards for accident free miles. Besides truck driving, Tom was also the caretaker of a property in Elkhorn NE where Patty and he raised their children. Their house on the property was heated with a wood fire and Tom enjoyed taking the kids out to cut firewood. He always helped make the hard work fun with a campfire and hot dogs. Tom was an avid gardener, planting huge gardens filled with corn, potatoes and all kinds of vegetables. He was also known for his love of karaoke and singing all things country western. Once all the children were grown, Tom and Patty moved to Waterloo, NE and remodeled an old school house into their home. After Patty passed away, Tom eventually sold the house and would winter in

Laughlin, NV where he would stay in his mobile home and would come back to Nebraska when the weather turned warm. He enjoyed traveling and made many friends down in Laughlin. He was also blessed with a great Nebraska friend and companion, Jodeen Thompson, and they shared 18 happy years together.

In addition to his parents and wife, Tom was preceded in death by his brothers Willard (Bus) Lampman and Kenneth Lampman. Tom is survived by his children; Dave (Carol) Lampman, of Art, TX, Kathy (Kirk) Yates, of Gretna, NE, Steve (Marcia) Lampman, of Weston NE; grandchildren Anne and Tommy Lampman, and Samantha Yates; brother Fred Lampman. Memorials may be directed to the Nebraska Humane Society.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 17. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Reichmuth Funeral Home-Elkhorn
21901 W. Maple Rd.
Elkhorn, NE 68022

Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas Rex Lampman*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *I worked with Tom at the phone company. He was quite a guy.. Your family is in my prayers.*

Sandi Larson

Sandi Larson - December 17, 2021 at 08:45 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Thomas Rex Lampman.*



December 17, 2021 at 11:58 AM

DL

“ My grandfather cut the lawn for a rich man who had a really nice house north of Center St. and an even nicer piece of ground on the SE corner of Hwy 92 and the Elkhorn River. There were two homes on the property, the 1880's log cabin and a turn of the century farm house. The owner was looking for a family to live in the farm house and take care of the place; my grandfather suggested his daughter's family would be interested.

The 135ac hilltop was an amazing place to grow up. Primarily woods, the land provided our family endless opportunities of hunting and fishing, with an equal requisite amount of hard work. The greatest blessing had to have been our neighbor farmers; the Rohwer, Ostranky, and Donahoe families shared their work ethic with the re-homed family from the city.

We drove tractors, walked beans, cleaned out hog sheds, baled hay, cut firewood, weeded the garden, fed the livestock, fixed the fence, and many other chores.

Our father was a long haul trucker for Hunts before hiring on with Northwestern Bell, delivering telephone equipment between Omaha and Des Moines. When not driving he was responsible for the keeping up of the landlords cabin, yard, and swimming pool. We all got a turn at all of it. You learn to wash your feet before entering the pool when you are the one that has to clean it.

Our lives are often guided by the recent actions of those around us. In this case, things drastically changed when our mom passed away 18 years ago. But thankfully our rural foundations were already cast long before.

Our father tried so many different things; we kids couldn't help but grow up with a touch of fearlessness. Our father was definitely different things to different people. He carved out a rural setting for us that few other families ever experience. For me, he was a story teller and an example, but most of all he was there when we were young.

D Lampman - December 06, 2021 at 02:40 PM

DS

Our family visited your family there. Cousin Debbie

deb SILVESTER - December 12, 2021 at 07:34 PM

DA

“ *What an awesome tribute to your dad/grandpa...I worked with Tom at Ma Bell in the Western Electric Service Center at 67th & F st. He gifted my little sister a white German Shepard, telling her he could be part wolf lol she named him Sam & that dog ate steak when her family ate hamburger!! He was her baby & she loved him so very much! I was always thankful to Tom for that, as Sam brought Susie many loving memories, however most people were afraid of him!! He was mean as the devil but very protective of our family members.*

In 1984 after the Bell System broke up we moved to the old Shasta Pop warehouse on 76th & F...OMG what a mess that place was...it was there that I had the North mail route and Tom was running the Sioux City route. He always let me know when I was tardy returning to the warehouse so he could get the mail going out loaded onto his truck...I told him I was not taking lunch or breaks as it was & I couldn't drive any faster without getting a ticket...my problem he said, but always with a smile in his voice!

*Tom was certainly a hoot to work with for nearly 20 years...who knew he liked to sing! I loved working with him and he will be missed...Love & prayers to each of you... Donna Augustine-Cardella
PS I'll try to find a picture of SAM!!*

Donna Augustine-Cardella - December 04, 2021 at 10:11 PM

DS

“ *Your Dad and Mom use to go down to my Dad's farm with you kids. Tom was my cousin. Those are good memories. Back when the whole family got together.*

Debbie Meisinger Silvester

deb SILVESTER - December 02, 2021 at 11:06 AM