



Thomas Louis Roach

May 18, 1959 - June 4, 2015

Thomas Louis Roach was born on May 18, 1959 in Rock Rapids, Iowa to the late Nicholas and Betty (Rath) Roach. He grew up in Rock Rapids where he attended grade school and graduated from Central Lyon High School in 1978. Tom graduated from Iowa State University in 1983 with a Bachelor's Degree in Business and received a Master's Degree from the University of Minnesota. As a young boy, Tom participated in football, baseball, basketball and track but his passion was football. He was awarded the MVP in the Iowa Shrine Bowl Game in 1978. Tom still holds the high school track record for the 100 yard dash. Plus he was inducted into both the Central Lyon High School and State of Iowa High School Hall of Fame. Tom played football at Iowa State University.

Tom married Teri Benson on July 2, 1983 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Rock Rapids, Iowa and they were blessed with three children: Tyler, Trevor and Tara. Tom and Teri have lived in Ames, Iowa; Des Moines, Iowa and Minneapolis, Minnesota before settling in Omaha, Nebraska.

Tom has held various sales positions most recently in the medical appliance field. His passions continued to be football and following his children's activities which also consisted of a lot of football. He started ElkhornSports.com as a means to broadcast many of the sporting events of the Elkhorn High Schools. Tom is remembered as a smiling, happy man who

was a devoted husband and father. He was an avid fan of Iowa State, Nebraska, the Northwest Missouri State Bearcats and the Cincinnati Bengals. When asked how he was, he would often reply "Compared to what?"

Tom passed away unexpectedly on June 4, 2015 at his home in Elkhorn, Nebraska at the age of 56 years and 17 days. He was preceded in death by his father Nicholas. Tom is survived by his wife Teri; sons Tyler and Trevor; daughter Tara all of Elkhorn; mother Betty Roach of Rock Rapids, IA; brothers Matthew (Debra) of Cedar Rapids, IA and Joseph (Jennifer) of Minneapolis, MN; sisters Sally (Daniel) Hartley of Salix, IA and Teresa Roach of Yorba Linda, CA;

Tribute Wall



“ *I miss you*

Tara Roach - February 02 at 05:33 PM



“ *Thomas Louis Roach*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *My condolences to the Roach family on Tom's passing. We will be praying for you as you deal with the sudden loss.*

Dean Clasen - June 10, 2015 at 11:33 PM



“ *We are sorry for your loss, he was a wonderful basketball and baseball coach. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Our deepest sympathy.*

Wayne & Cheryl Knoell - June 08, 2015 at 10:52 PM



“ *We were very surprised to hear about Tom's passing. I played football at Iowa State with Tom under Coach Earl Bruce & Tom was a good player with a lot of heart. He had a great sense of humor. Our deepest sympathy to the family.*

John & Susan Meis - June 08, 2015 at 10:36 PM

SH

“ Teri & family,
I am so sorry to hear of Tom's passing. You will be in our thoughts
and prayers.
May your memories sustain you and your faith help you heal. God
Bless!

Sue Timmerman Hinsch - June 08, 2015 at 10:01 AM

JW

“ The good ones always leave us too soon. Tom's passing shocked
us all. Please accept my condolences and know your entire family
will be in my thoughts and prayers.

John Wiarda - June 07, 2015 at 10:28 PM

RR

“ Teri and family
We are sadden by Tom's passing.
You are in our prayers and thoughts
Rod and Linda Rath

Rod and Linda Rath - June 07, 2015 at 07:47 PM

SB

“ To Teri and the entire Roach family . . . I am so surprised and sorry
to hear of Tom's sudden passing. I have such great memories of
Tom at Iowa State - so proud to be an important part of the football
team, the gathering, excitement, and pride of the entire Roach
family each game day, the mischievous twinkle in Tom's eye as he
teased people, his fantastic smile, and his close relationship with
Teri and his family. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. --Sue
Body

Sue Body - June 07, 2015 at 07:36 PM

KF

“ We were so saddened to hear of Tom's passing. We really enjoyed spending time with him during the Bearcat Basketball days. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Ken Jasinski Family - June 07, 2015 at 07:02 PM

KR

“ To all the Roach family. I am so sorry for your loss of a husband, father, son and brother. I was one of Teresa's friend's at Iowa State. All of you are in my prayers.

Kathryn Carlson Reeves - June 07, 2015 at 04:18 PM

KP

“ Teri and the entire Roach family; As a member of the Central Lyon Class of 1978 we all have fond memories of sending time around Tom and appreciate the mark that he made in the lives of others. He was a confident but sensible person that cared about others and was fun to be around, either in school or in our southside Rock Rapids neighborhood. He was taken away much too early but made a real difference in life with the years that he was given.

Kendall Pals - June 07, 2015 at 02:44 PM

DW

“ Dear Teri, and all Roach Families.
Please accept our sincere condolences at this sad time.
We can only echo all the kind things that have been mentioned, by others, before us.
Sincerely,
The Wylands

Donn Wyland - June 07, 2015 at 01:02 PM

HD

“ Teri and Roach family:
I was extremely saddened to hear the news of Tom's passing. He was an outstanding CL teammate in not only football, but also basketball and baseball. Tom had an infectious smile and personality. There are many memories that I cherish of Tom during high school as a teammate/competitor. Thoughts and prayers.
Hugh DeBerg, CLHS class of 77

Hugh DeBerg - June 06, 2015 at 06:51 PM

JK

“ To the Roach family,
Was very saddened to hear of Tom's death. He was a very special classmate at Central Lyon, he always had a smile and positive attitude! May God comfort you in this difficult time.
Jane (Metzger) Klotzle

Jane Klotzle - June 06, 2015 at 05:26 PM

BD

“ Condolences to you Teri and to the entire Roach family. I hold many positive memories of Tom and his family while growing up in Rock Rapids. He surprised me with an e-mail this past March. His humor showed in his words and I will remember that feeling of connection for many years. brad

Brad DeBerg - June 06, 2015 at 04:24 PM

SS

“ Tom,
It was always a positive conversation the past five years as we shared stories of how proud we were of our kids. I will miss those talks. You have a wonderful family and you will be missed buddy. Hope to see you again some day.

Scott Stark Sr., Toni and Scottie

Scott Stark Sr. - June 06, 2015 at 01:00 PM

JC

“ So sorry to hear about your families loss Teri. Our prayers are with you and your family. He sounded like an amazing man, husband and father from what you said about him.

Jeremy & Jeanie Cox - June 06, 2015 at 10:13 AM

PL

“ Dear Terri and family,

Deb and I just want to express our sympathy to you and your family. It is always difficult to find the right words to comfort. But as we thought of Tom, you cannot help but think of his unique laugh, the way he would smile at you, and how he always enjoyed hearing from his friends. He had that ability to take a negative and turn it to a positive, the "Tom" logic. Know that this has to be tough, but when we think of him, you cannot help but smile.

Love and in our prayers Pat & Deb Lenihan

Pat Lenihan - June 06, 2015 at 08:30 AM

RL

“ *Terri and family,
We are out of town and so saddened to hear the news of Tom's death. Please know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. Celebrate the amazing man that he was and hold those memories close to your heart.
With sincere sympathy,
The Larmores*

Rick and Cheryl Larmore - June 05, 2015 at 10:50 PM

LB

“ *Teri and Family -

Very saddened to hear of Tom's passing. Our sympathies to all of you at this very difficult time.

Hugs -

Bart & Les Boese (Raddle)*

Leslie & Bart Boese - June 05, 2015 at 08:39 PM