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Thomas Edwin Kruse was born in Napoleon, Ohio, on July 22, 1956, to Edwin and Carolina (Von Seggern) Kruse. Tom was the youngest of seven children: Ernie, Darlene, Marietta, Vernie, Lori, Dan, and Tom. As a youth, he worked hard on the family farm in Freedom Township. He often mentioned hoeing beans for five cents a row, and they were long rows! He attended St. John Lutheran School for grades one through eight and was confirmed at St. John Lutheran Church in 1970. He graduated from Napoleon High School in 1974, and still maintained contact with many of his “old” classmates. Tom then attended Northwest Technical College to earn his drafting degree. On August 21, 1976, he married Becky Knipp, whom he met in fifth grade. They just celebrated their 46th anniversary. They have three children: Justin Leo, Katharine Nicole, and Adam Thomas, who died in 2007. Tom and his family moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma, in 1980, to pursue his drafting career; he worked for Dresser Engineering for many years. He stayed in the tank industry for his entire career. At the age of 55, he began his own company, TEK Solutions, which has been a very successful business. Tom enjoyed traveling, from Hawaii to Alaska, the Grand Canyon to Florida, and even visiting France and Germany. He attended many Nascar races in Michigan and Texas with his brothers and friends. Chef Tom’s barbeque skills are beyond compare. His Hasty Bake feasts are well known and appreciated from Oklahoma to Ohio and will be missed by many. Tom loved watching his Ohio State Buckeyes defeat their opponents. And he loved to dance; he was an excellent polka dancer. People always remarked about Tom’s quick wit, his sardonic sense of humor, his superb memory, and his willingness to help any friend in need. Becky will sorely miss Tom’s extraordinary foot rubs. Tom and Becky truly enjoyed their leisurely Sunday drives exploring Oklahoma in his shiny red Corvette, Ruby. His beloved nieces and nephews, and their children whom he loved to spoil, will surely miss their Uncle Tommy. He cherished all those kiddos so very much, and he still



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does. Above all, Tom loved his large family, near and far. Tom will be buried at St. John Lutheran Cemetery, Freedom Township, Napoleon, Ohio, and his heart will be home.

To view the webcasting of Thomas Kruse, funeral service click the link
<https://webcast.funeralvue.com/events/viewer/78406>

The funeral service will be at 10:00 AM, Friday, September 9, 2022, at Floral Haven Funeral Home Chapel.




Events


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Funeral Service

 **Friday**, September 9, 2022

 10:00 AM CT

 **Floral Haven Funeral Home Chapel**
6500 S 129th E Ave., Broken Arrow OK 74012





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September 9 at 3:51 AM



Becky Kruse October 9 at 8:09 AM

Thank you, sweet friend. Today is October 9th, one month after you posted your lovely words, and I am just reading this today. It has taken me this long to work up the energy to view this page. Yes, Tom better save us both a very long, very energetic polka!!! Hominy, hominy, hominy...



Diane Etter September 9 at 11:02 AM

Just look at his picture, see that smile, and you know the man. I have missed the dancing, laughing, arguing and joking with Tom since I moved away. Quick vacation visits were never enough. I am very happy now for all of those who will get to share those things with him forever. Tom, keep saving another dance for me. Love you Becky, Kate and Justin. You're always in my heart.



Judy Doyle posted:

I will always remember Tom with that big bright smile and love of fun with friends and family. He was so special and will be missed immeasurably by so many. My prayers for his family.

September 8 at 4:19 PM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Kruse family.



September 8 at 2:51 PM



Rama Challa posted:

Becky, Justin, and Kate, please accept my deepest condolences. Tom was a good friend and a great colleague. Passionate about his work, detail oriented in nature, schedule driven and epitomized perfection. I enjoyed the passion and drive & his sense of humor. We spent many hours arguing and had a few beers later and laughed it off. He will be missed.

September 8 at 11:21 AM



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Tarsco Construction sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Kruse family.

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Deb Armstrong posted:

Tom enjoyed his life more than anyone I believe I've ever known! And yes, his memory of people, names, places & things always blew me away. My heart hurts for you Becky so much, but I pray that your sweet sweet memories console you greatly. Deb Armstrong

September 8 at 3:41 AM



Cynde Mcallister posted:

Our deepest sympathy. Know that you are in our prayers. Much Love, Gary & Cynde McAllister

September 8 at 3:33 AM



Jan Stover posted:

My heart breaks for your loss Becky, Justin, and Kate. No one will ever compare to Tom's larger-than-life personality! Im so glad we have such wonderful memories to hold on to. Sending prayers to all the family and friends that feel the loss of such a special person. May he now enjoy eternal rest with The Lord.

September 8 at 2:47 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Kruse family.

September 6 at 5:06 PM





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Memories only last if you share them

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



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