



“Tom” Roy Thomas Rhinehart

March 25, 1941 - October 25, 2015

Roy Thomas “Tom” Rhinehart, born March 25, 1941, to Roy Melvin and Mary (Manley) Rhinehart, in Coffeyville, Kansas. Tom passed on to his Heavenly Home and to be with his Lord and Saviour, Sunday, October 25, 2015. Tom attended Coffeyville Schools. He married Dana Dannatt in 1961. to this union they had two children: Chris and Julie. Tom grew up in the country on a farm, doing all the things boys love to do with his brothers and sister. Tom and his brothers loved hunting, fishing and playing tricks on their big sister, Ann. He had many friends growing up. Tom like sports, loved music and to sing in the church choir and quartet. He loved working with his hands, gardening, biking, excercising and traveling, both in the United States and out of the country, but most of all loved his family and always put them first. Tom will be dearly missed by his son Chris and wife, Kristri Rhinehart, of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma; daughter Julie and husband, Alan Mathis, of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma; grandchildren: Amanda, Lindsey, Andrew, Emily and Katelyn; one great-grandchild: Jayden; one sister: Ann Findley of Coffeyville, Kansas; two brothers: John and wife Laura Rhinehart, of Claremore, Oklahoma, Gary and wife Pat Rhinehart of Tulsa, Oklahoma; and numerous nieces and nephews. Tom is preceded in death by parents: Roy and Mary Rhinehart; one stillborn brother: Lowell Edward Rhinehart in 1946; one brother-in-law: Herb Findley and grandparents. A celebration of life service will be held 12:30 p.m., Monday, November 2, 2015, in the Floral Haven Home Chapel, in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Tom’s name and honor to the American Cancer Society.

Comments



“ My Dad was an Extraordinary “Stand Up Man.” He was our ROCK, the CenterStone of our family—in particular, for myself, my daughters and his most beloved Great-GrandSon Jayden; who was the Love of Dad’s life. Dad had many passions that included writing, cooking, traveling abroad, biking along the creek turnpike trails, and playing Frisbee golf in the parks. He was an avid enthusiast for a healthy lifestyle and had a very carefree, gentle spirit about him. His final months with us he was still out on the trails and spending time mentoring his “Baby Boy.” My Dad was the “Go to” for our ALL-Girl household. He wore several hats — one of my favorites was his “Mr. Tool Time” hat when he helped me remodel my house —always asking me for a “new project to keep him busy”. I did indeed keep Dad busy! He also sported the “Taxi Cab” hat quite well — always there to help me get the girls picked up from school, their jobs, football games. In addition, he transported TWO generations of Broken Arrow Tigettes to practices and endured endless giggling chatter from a backseat full of girls. For the girls and myself we will miss his “Ultimate Rescuer” hat— for every rescue imaginable from flat tires, dead batteries, car repairs, wayward critters, pet emergencies, to scary snow blizzard rescues! Any time someone was sick — he was the first one on your doorstep with a “get well” package full of chicken soup, meds and kleenex. In closing, I will dearly miss the conversations I had with Dad, discussing all kinds of topics from politics to recipes, the Grandkids, traveling and just LIFE. Dad selflessly stepped up to the “Man Plate” when I needed him. Dad taught me to see the opportunities within the challenges and for that, I will be forever grateful for his gentle guidance, endless support and CALM demeanor in any storm. Dad was always our biggest encourager and encouraged all of us to “Reach for Our Dreams” — always stressed how there is a Great Big World out there to explore —Time and time again, Dad was ALWAYS there for us—and ALWAYS with a hug and a SMILE Love You Dad ~Julie

Julie - November 23, 2015 at 02:38 PM



“ Lit a candle in memory of "Tom" Roy Thomas Rhinehart

Susan Montague Smith - October 28, 2015 at 04:29 PM



“ Rest in Gods care. Love you.

Linda Bynum - October 27, 2015 at 08:08 PM



“ Sent a gift in memory of "Tom" RoyThomas Rhinehart

Linda Bynum - October 27, 2015 at 08:05 PM