



Thomas Ardell Moe

March 30, 1949 - January 8, 2015

Thomas Ardell Moe, 65, Bismarck, died January 8, 2015, at his home after a two-year battle with cancer, surrounded by his family. A memorial service will be held on Tuesday at 10:30 AM at Church of Corpus Christi in Bismarck with Rev. Paul Becker officiating. The family will be receiving visitors from 5:00 – 7:00 PM on Monday at Parkway Funeral Service, 2330 Tyler Parkway, Bismarck, where a vigil service will begin at 7:00 PM. Cremation has taken place. Thomas "Tom" was born on March 30, 1949, at Powers Lake, ND, the son of Ardell and Mavis Jackson Moe. He grew up and attended school in New Town, ND, and graduated from New Town High School. He went on to attend ND State University, graduating with a degree in pharmacy. On July 2, 1971, he married Marlene Righenholt in Fargo, ND. Tom was employed with SuperX Drugs at several locations in Indiana and Illinois. In 1975, he moved to Bismarck and started his own business, Northbrook Drug, which he owned and operated for almost 40 years. Tom enjoyed hunting, fishing, trapshooting, and playing pinochle. He also spent time bowling in several leagues and was instrumental in starting the Bismarck youth traveling program. Tom and Marlene enjoyed their cabin on Lake Sakakawea for many years and more recently, their home in Arizona. Tom's greatest joy was spending time with his grandchildren. Tom was a lifetime member of the Elks, the Knights of Columbus, and the Pharmaceutical Association. Tom is survived by his wife, Marlene of Bismarck; two children, Dr. Jason Tonya Moe of Mandan, and Stephanie Moe of Seattle, WA; four grandchildren, Hannah, Olivia, Joshua,

and Tyler, all of Mandan; his parents; Ardell and Mavis Moe of New Town, ND; his siblings, Tim Arliss of Bismarck, Teri Lee Larry Locken of Phoenix, AZ, and Todd Janelle of Williston; and many nieces and nephews. The family would like to thank Dr. Edward Wos and Sara Doll of Sanford for their care of Tom. Another special thanks to Tom's pharmacy patients for their loyalty through the years.

Tribute Wall

JS

“ Tom and I did business together. I was one of his suppliers. He always talked about his children and his wife. He was so proud of all of you. I will miss my long, and I mean long, conversations with Tom over the telephone. It always led to politics, which was always fun. You had a great father and husband, but you already knew that. I will miss him.

Jamie Sivertson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ Brooke Lilly Tom was family. He and Marlene were some of the very few friends my parents had. they had a williston connection. everyone knew the krause's that was my family too. tom was never rude to his customers. he treated them all like family. When Marlene and tom came out to Isabel to see my parents it was fun my mom did not like the interlopers out there ruining her weekend but the moes were always welcomed. the present seems to be filled more with childhood memories i will always miss that man and marlene

Brooke Lilly - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ I had the pleasure of working with Tom at Northbrook Drug. I got to know Tom quickly and he wasted no time nicknaming me "nuisance." I will always remember him as a kind hearted man who always had the best interest of his patients at heart. He was an outstanding pharmacist and I was lucky to have known him. Rest in peace Tom.

Kate Ringsak - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SU

“ Marlene, Jason & Steph, Bernie and I are so sorry for your loss. The good 'ole' days at Happy Acres, Lake Sakakawea will always be remembered, raising our kids and sharing a beverage & just watching the kids on their jet skis during those lazy days of summer when we could sneak away to the lake! Tom was always smiling and happy whenever we saw him, even at Northbrook-we always chatted about the lake for sure. But we also had another thing in common-we took our dogs to 'grandma & grandpa's' for dog sitting every day while we trotted off to work, we had it made and the dogs were great company for the grandparents! That is a great picture of Tom on the obituary. Many Blessings going your way, Sue Feland

Sue - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ Even though we knew Tom was gravely ill, it was sad to read that he had passed and yet we know he is more comfortable now. However, he always had a nice thing to say, a smile for the day, or just a quick friendly gesture whenever we saw him, even up to the end. his professionalism will be missed along with his great personality and friendship. Our thoughts and light are sent to you, Marlene, and your family.

Glen and Sandy Hyland - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ We are so sorry for your loss! You are in our prayers!

Dakota Pharmacy - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CK

“*Marlene and Family: The Moe Family and the Krause Family go way back. As the granddaughter for Art Krause, the connection goes way back to the New Town Drug Store. When Marlene joined Q&R Lab and was working with my mother, Bev Lilly, another connection happened. We will always remember Tom's bright, smiling face looking over the drug counter at the store and his willingness to share a story or joke. We will be eternally grateful to Tom and Marlene for getting my parents back into bowling. It helped my mother get out and have a reason not to focus on her Parkinson's Disease. We know that cancer is a terrible disease and it takes our loved ones way too soon. My dad, Gene Lilly, loved going into the store and just 'shooting the bull' with Tom. It helped him forget his own cancer, even if it was just for a little while. In his own special way, Tom provided the town of Bismarck with a local 'hometown' drug store with personal service and attention to each and every customer. He was carrying on the tradition of the New Town and Williston pharmacies that were started so long ago by our own fathers and grandfathers. When you came into Northbrook Drug, you were an individual with an individual illness. You got to know Tom and his staff personally and you felt special and appreciated as a customer. When we left Bismarck, we lost that special touch and personal service when we encountered the 'big box' pharmacies. Thank God for Tom Moe and how he touched so many lives with his presence. Perhaps they are not stars up in the sky, but rather the eyes of our loved ones looking down on us, letting us know that they are okay.'"*

Celeste Lilly and Bert Kosobud - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the Moe family during this difficult time. I had the privilege of getting to know Tom by taking care of him in the clinic and administering his chemotherapy. He always had a smile on his face and even when he felt horrible he continued to make jokes. He even had a special shirt he wore on his chemo days. I enjoyed caring for him and will never forget him. I will keep him and his family in my prayers.

Jenna Powell RN - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SZ

“ Marlene, Jason, and Steph and family, we so wish we could be with all of you at this time. We were blessed to be friends of Tom and will so miss his smile, wit, humor, and laugh, and just the fun times we had together. He was such a gift to all that knew him. Sending prayers for peace for Tom and strength for all of you to get through this very difficult time. God Bless. Stan and Donna Zimmerman

Stan and Donna Zimmerman - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MO

“ Know that our thoughts and prayers are with you, Marlene and family, during this sad time.

Mike and Kathy O'Keeffe - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ So sorry for your loss. I have wonderful memories of the Moe family. Tom lived a life to be celebrated. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Joayne Olson McQuillen - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ I was saddened to learn of Tom's passing as I read the paper at my Mom-in-laws this morning. I am so sorry, Marlene, and want you to know that you are in our thoughts. I remember Tom as a gawky kid in my seventh grade class, a self assured and handsome young man at those "gatherings" held in that little house in North Fargo when we all attended NDSU, and then that proud and happy young husband and father after you two were married. Blessings on you and your family this difficult day. Carol and Skip

Carol Willett/Skip Fritsvold - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ The Duane and Cindy Sandvick family express our sincere sympathies to the Tom Moe family. I'll remember Tom for his time and contributions to the Bismarck / Mandan youth scratch bowling program in the program's formative years. Thanks Tom! Forever a bowler.

Duane Sandvick - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ Too soon. Too young. Marlene, it seems like just yesterday that you and Tom met at NDSU and you were dragged into the New Town circus of friends. I know he was absolutely smitten with you then, and when I saw you both several years ago at our New Town High School reunion in Bismarck, he was STILL smitten with you. He was so full of vim and vigor that it's impossible to imagine him gone. I am so saddened for your loss. I will be thinking of and praying for you and the whole Moe family. With deepest sympathy,

Leslie Ventsch, Chicago - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ My husband, Dale, and I met Tom and Marlene through our son, Jeff Rodriguez. We were fortunate enough to stay with them in Idaho when their daughter, Stephanie, was running in an Ironman race there. We so enjoyed spending time with them and the whole family. Tom was so warm, with a wonderful sense of humor, and it was obvious to all he was very proud of his daughter! Since then we only were able to have some telephone contact, but he was so easy to talk with and always wanted everyone to be happy. I will miss him and wish we had more fun times - we really connected with the family. Our prayers and love go out to Marlene, Stephanie, Jason and the rest of the family. Jane Dawson

Jane Dawson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MO

“ Our hearts go out to the Moe family. You will be in our prayers. The Elbowoods staff

Mona - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Clarence J. FischerMy sympathy to Marlene and family at this sad time. Tom was a caring man who will be missed, not only by his family, but by all whose lives he touched in his own unique way. I have known Tom since the day he opened Northbrook Drug and always appreciated his advice and counsel. He always made time to just visit. May he rest in peace in the arms of our loving Lord.

Clarence J. Fischer - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ We enjoyed having Tom and Marlene at Happy Acres on Lake Sakakawea for many years. My heartfelt sympathy to Marlene and all the family. Sorry I cannot make it to the services, but my thoughts and prayers are with all of you!Carmel Sailer Hettich

Carmel Hettich - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ As a classmate of Tom's, I am so sad to hear of his passing. Our class had a good time at our '60's' class reunion a few years ago. Hold on to the memories.

Denise Grantier - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Back in the 70's when Tom and I were in pharmacy school at NDSU he help me work through a most difficult situation which turned out to be life a life changing experience. A change for the better. His friendship was loyal, his compassion deep and his insightfulness knew no bounds. He was a pragmatic man with whom you always knew where you stood. I was lucky to have known him and all the richer for it. Warm regards to Family and Friends.

Craig Carney - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ I knew Tom for years- playing basketball and baseball against the Newtown team- starting in 5th or 6th grade- so it was a pretty good rivalry! I was fortunate to know him even better as a pharmacy classmate at NDSU. Tom was a wonderful, caring person and I know he will be missed by all whose lives he touched in his practice and his community- but most of all by his family and close friends. You are all in our prayers as you mourn his passing.

Jim Normark - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ *Moe family: Life seems empty, hearts are troubled. God hears our prayers. Marlys, Britton , Brett and Kayla Wanner.*

Marlys Wanner - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ED

“ *Earl Dennis - I knew Tom for many years as I was employed with Coca-Cola for 37 years and had many dealings with Tom over those years. I liked Tom and always found him to be cordial and great to work with. My last contact with Tom was a few months ago at Sanford infusion center. He was there with his daughter Stephanie whom I had the pleasure of meeting. Tom will be missed by many. My thoughts and prayers are with the entire Moe family.*

Earl Dennis - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ *My condolences to the family...he will be missed.*

Pat Phillips - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

HS

“ *Sorry to hear of Toms death. He definitely was a 2nd father to me during high school. Your in my thoughts and prayers.*

Heidi SchockMoore - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ *We were very sad to hear about Tom's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.*

Larry Weigums &Greta Gutknecht - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Truly enjoyed Tom's wit and savvy for a couple of decades and know we will see him again, as a blessing to many and an inspiration in stature and friendship. Shall raise a toast ^ !Diana Doug Hoffman

Doug Hoffman - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ Tom was one of the nicest guys I have known. When I was in high school he gave me a job in his pharmacy and was very instrumental in my decision to become a pharmacist. Praying for his family.

Gary Barker - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KJ

“ Tom was a lifelong friend and I will miss him dearly. I have many memories of Tom in our years growing up together in New Town and playing sports. Most recent memories include the fantastic Super Bowl parties he and Marlene hosted at their home. Rest in Peace Tom, I will miss you.

Ken Johnson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ To the family of Tom Moe, Gary and I are sorry to hear of Tom's passing. During our living in New Town we were acquainted with the Moes. Tom was a very nice and caring man. We will remember him and all of you in our prayers in the coming days. Sincerely Gary and Joan Smith.

Joan Smith - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM