



Tom Hoffer

August 11, 1965 - October 16, 2012

Tom Hoffer, 47, passed away October 16, 2012, at his residence in Bismarck. A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, October 24, at 11 a.m. at Parkway Funeral Service, 2330 Tyler Parkway, Bismarck with Pastor Jeff Olson officiating. There will be no visitation as cremation has taken place. Tom was born August 11, 1965, to Morrice and Sherry Rettinger Hoffer at St. Alexius Medical Center in Bismarck. Tom graduated from Gaithersburg High School in 1984. Tom continued to further his education and graduated from Culinary Arts School in Washington, D.C. Tom owned and operated Northern Plains Cable Company. He also worked as a chef on the east coast for several years, and at various restaurants in Bismarck-Mandan. Cooking was his true passion. He won several cook-off awards for his ribs and chili. He had many trades and could fix or build anything. Tom enjoyed spending his spare time hunting, fishing, participating in demolition derbies, working on cars, and watching the Washington Redskins and NASCAR. He also loved spending time with his nieces and nephews, teaching them how to shoot guns, throw a fishing line, and making ice cream floats. He had the highest respect for our Military and all who served. Tom is survived by his daughter, Kate Hoffer, McDaniel, MD; his parents, Sherri Baker and Raymond Baker, Las Vegas, NV, and Morrice Hoffer and Mickey Hoffer, Bismarck; brothers, Rocky Hoffer, Bismarck, Julian Kalmbach, Nampa, ID; sisters, Carrie Gary Winsor, Las Cruces, NM, Lyssa Baker Adrian Zmed, Las Vegas, NV, and Tanya Brent Huber, Bismarck; nephews, Noah Hoffer, Jordan Hoffer, Bismarck, and

Timothy Alvarez, Nampa, ID; and nieces, Makena and Mayce Chartraw, Gracelyn Huber, Bismarck, and Cristina Alvarez, Nampa, ID. Additionally, Tom leaves behind his maternal grandparents, Rett and Bonnie Rettinger, Las Vegas, NV; uncles Rich Rittinger, Las Vegas, NV, and Jeff Tucker, Austin TX; aunts, Debbie Bob Kirkpatrick, Chandler AZ, Glenice Stuker, Pahrump, NV, Annetta Rudland, Bismarck, Sandy Gonzales, Bismarck, Kim Dennis Paasch, Bismarck, Bev Tonander, Bismarck, Kathy Bob Junghans, North Oaks, MN, and Terri Stoller Bill Corkill, Bloomington, MN; plus too many cousins to mention, who will miss him dearly; and his longtime special friend, Chris Selby. Tom was preceded in death by his grandparents, John Hoffer, Edna Sperry, Ruby Alice Baker, and Marie Stoller; his aunt, Janice Schotl; and beloved pet, Niko.

Tribute Wall

KA

“ *I miss you dad! Love you, Kate*

Kate - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ *So sorry to hear about Tom's unexpected passing. He was a gem and we will certainly miss him on this side of heaven. May all of you feel God's mercy and grace during this time of sorrow. God Bless.*

Sheila Werner Wallace - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ *Today you are going to meet the Lord. I just know you won't be alone Russ and Dustin will be at the gates of heaven to meet you. Tom we Loved you so much as a friend can't stop thinking about you and how much you will be missed by so many. To Tom's parents thank you for giving us all the wonderful gift of knowing Tom for the time he was with us. Bless you all. RIP Tom you will always be remembered.*

lois keller - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KJ

“ He lit up a room when he entered with his smile & charisma. He was respectful & fun. He knew his shortcomings. He could make each person he was with feel special. He won't be remembered because he invented something that changed the world, or ran a marathon in record time, or became president. He will be remembered because he made time to make a child feel special. He will be remembered because of the deep love he had for each of his family members. He will be remembered because he was a master chef. He carried the weight of the world on his shoulders, but seldom asked for help with the load. He was handsome, beyond his own realization. He lived a simple life, although, he was not a simple man. He gave freely of himself, although he did not have an abundance of worldly goods. His moms stood by him, loved him unconditionally, & kept their arms wide open to embrace him. They will remember their tender-hearted, funny, precious son, Tom-our Tom. We entrust him into your hands Lord...

Kathy Junghans - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Tom was always a great cook. My condolences to you.

Marcie Gunsch - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ My condolences to Tom's family and friends. I was sad to read of his passing. I worked with Tom many years ago at the Sunset Inn in New Salem. He was a hoot! A lot of fun to work with. Handsome and polite is what I remember. RIP Tom.

Diane Sailer - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to Tom's family and friends. The few times my paths crossed Tom he was always kind and positive. After reading Tom's obituary ...he did leave a beautiful legacy behind. May he be resting in peace now with the Lord.*

Kelly Reisenauer - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ *Morris and family: We were saddened to read of Tom's death. You are in our thoughts. Bill and Lou Ann.*

Bill Hoffer - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ *Tom you were a very special person in our family. There were days I was upset with you, but many more days I loved you and wanted to hold you in my arms. You were the most polite and respectful man I ever knew, and you were always willing to help me with anything and everything. Thank you for making each and every one in our family feel special in their own way! I will dearly miss you, until we meet again. You are finally free from all your pain and struggles. I know you are in a better place. To my best friend and sister Mickey, my brother-in-law Morrice, my nephew Rockey, my goddaughter Tanya and her husband Brent, and their families, I want you all to know how much I love you and I am always here for you no matter what you need.*

Kim Paasch - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ I will miss all the special times that Uncle Tom and I had together. He taught me gun safety, and how to shoot all my airsoft guns, He even made targets out of scraps of wood for us to shoot at! We went to many movies together and played video games. It made me feel special when he asked me to spend his birthday at his house with him last year. I love you and will miss you very much! Your Buddy, Taryn

Taryn Paasch - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ I remember when Uncle Tom cooked for us and it was delicious. I will miss him at all the family gatherings!

Tatum Paasch - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Morrice, Mickey and family my heart goes out to you all at this most difficult time. We keep you in prayer and thought in the days to come knowing that our Lord and Savior is with you all the way.

Julie Hoiby- kuhn - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ Aunt Mickey, Uncle Morris, Rocky, & Tanya, I'm so sorry for your loss & for your pain right now. Know how many people love you & are keeping you in our prayers for peace. I will be thinking of you all on Wednesday. I love you all so much!

Rebecca Gonzales - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CZ

“ I am so sorry for your loss. It was an honor to have called you a friend. RIP my friend. You will be greatly missed. Love, Maynard & Cyndi

Cyndi & Maynard Zueger - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends of Tom. He had so many fun stories at family gatherings. He will be missed by so many.

Kevin Reisenauer - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ what a great friend. Tom was always good to me and never had an unkind word. My heartfelt sympathy to the entire family. For some reason I was just thinking about him the other day guess there was a reason for that now. Tom you will be greatly missed by Dan and myself. Sad you are gone but glad you aren't in any more pain and not suffering any more. Love You and God Bless

lois keller - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ didnt know tom for a long time but in the time I knew him I enjoyed him I liked visiting with him when I was at the apts. He will be greatly missed

sharon linderkamp - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM