



Thomas Frost Carriger

January 3, 1960 - February 13, 2012

Thomas Frost Carriger, age 52, of Johnson City died unexpectedly at his residence Monday, February 13, 2012. A native of Elizabethton he was the son of the late Thomas McDonald and Cathryn Frost Carriger. He was an avid golfer and a car enthusiast. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by grandparents, Tom and Pearl Carriger and Dr. W.G. and Elsie Frost and two aunts, Elizabeth Regas and Margaret Neas. Survivors include two sisters, Diane Miller and husband Gary, Jonesborough and Marilyn Carriger and her caregiver Robbin Gibson and family, all of Elizabethton; an aunt, Peggy Carriger and her special friend Al Hubatka, Cary, NC; an uncle, Bill Regas, Knoxville and two special children, Jessee and Kaleb West, both of Elizabethton. Several cousins also survive.

Memorial service for Thomas Frost Carriger will be conducted at 3:00 P.M. Sunday, February 19, 2012 in the Sunset Chapel of Hathaway-Percy Funeral and Cremation Services with Mr. Derek Cornett, minister officiating. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 2:00-3:00 P.M. Sunday prior to the memorial service or at the residence of his sister Marilyn Carriger, 400 West G Street, Elizabethton at other times. Private burial will be held at Happy Valley Memorial Park.

Those who prefer memorials in lieu of flowers, may make donations to Haven of Mercy Rescue Mission, 123 West Millard Street, Johnson City, TN 37604 or to their favorite charity of choice.

Cemetery

Happy Valley Memorial Park

2708 Elizabethton Hwy.

Johnson City, TN, 37601

Comments



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tonie sams - February 19, 2012 at 05:14 PM



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kaleb schuettler - February 19, 2012 at 03:51 PM



“ 30 years of memories, some good, some not so good, but all apart of the unforgettable experience of having the privilege of having Tom as a friend. He is the type of friend that would give you the shirt off his back, buy a new one, and then turn right around and give that one too you if you needed it. Tom and I did a lot of things together during that 30 years.

Back in 2003 Tom and I went to Sugar for some snow skiing after work. First thing we did was hit the lodge for some soda pop and hot chocolate. Tom talked me into going to the top for our last ski run. We got to the top and he let me go first. Such a nice guy. Well I took off and made it down about 300 yards and all of a sudden here comes Tom down the mountain at twice my speed yelling and laughing. He came up on me and that son-of-a-gun took a hard right and RAN RIGHT OVER THE TIP OF MY SKIs. He wiped us both out, end over end. You could tell by the way he was laughing, after his head popped up out of the snow, that he enjoyed every minute.

Then there was the time we went camping in the national park after a summer rain with the women we loved. I went to the road to break off some dead branches (at least I thought they were dead) and Tom pushed over some trees (root ball and all) for some firewood. I may have helped him with that....cannot remember. We built a fire that lit up the heavens and had fun all night long. We were awakened by the park ranger the next morning. We all poked our heads out of our tents and all we could see were all these root balls and branches with leaves. Tom and I got a free ride down to the magistrate for some additional discussion and some good 'ol NC retribution. We deserved this.

Then there was the bottle rocket fight in his apartment that was terminated by the local authorities. Many thanks to the local authorities.

Tom would always joke about the size of my nose, something about I was always walking in the shade!! Well, I cautioned him that his tongue was going to get sunburned if he did not stop talking so much!! He loved to talk....

I was always amazed during our college days during exam week when I would study day in and day out and Tom would not even crack a book. He would wake up on the day of his test, read the summary, take the test, and make an "A". Amazing.

Then there was the time we went riding up Fire Tower Road in the snow and I got stuck going up hill and finally came to rest in a ditch. Well Tom, with all his wisdom, informed me since I have front wheel drive I should somehow turn my car around and back up the hill. About that time Tom positioned himself behind the car, lifted it up by the bumper, and slowly walked the back end around. He loved telling that story.

He is the only man I ever knew that took a Taxi from Michigan to East Tennessee...amazing...only Tom would do that...that makes me laugh.

30 years of wonderful memories..

Rest my Brother.

Keith
kalexrom@gmail.com

Keith - February 19, 2012 at 07:53 AM



“ Tom, I sure miss you brother. Not the same. Keith

Keith A. Cromwell - August 21, 2012 at 07:57 PM



“ Tom, you will be missed! We hold a special place in our hearts for friends and your place in my heart brings joy. Bless you and yours!

Sandy Knight - February 18, 2012 at 10:26 AM



“ This is Bill McFeature... first and foremost..... my prays go out to Tom's family and affirm Tom's peace and relationship with his heavenly father. I wanted to share that Tom was a close friend of mine and the McFeature's family during are college days and thereafter...intelligent and compassionate to all whom he attempted to care and assist for when others were dealing with crisis/problems. I want to leave everyone with this shared experience.... I remember Tom telling me back in 1999 when he drove me to my wedding and wished me and my to be wife (Cindy) the best in life. Tom always placed his desires and needs second to others. This really sums up who Tom was by heart and soul. Tom..... may heaven rain upon you for being the compassionate soul you truly were. Tom's family..... I pray you find peace within your loss.

In Faith and Hope,

Bill and Cindy McFeature
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Bill and Cindy McFeature - February 18, 2012 at 09:58 AM



“ We will miss you tom, you were a great person

Jim and Tonie Sams - February 17, 2012 at 09:50 PM



“ I am so so sorry for your loss!.....my thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Tonia Garland - February 17, 2012 at 07:57 PM



“ Tom was a great person and words can't describe how dearly he will be missed. It brings enormous pain to my heart that he had to go at such an early age. When I had first heard the news I couldn't believe it was true, but when reality hits, it hits hard.

-Good bye Tom, I will always Remember and Love you.

William Kaleb Schuettler - February 17, 2012 at 07:05 PM



“ We are sorry for your loss and are praying for you. Please let us know if we can serve you in any way.
Calvary Baptist Church
225 Holy Lane
Elizabethton, Tn 37643
423 542 5033 e/Mail office@calvaryonline.net

Blessed are those who mourn,
For they shall be comforted
Matthew 5/4

James Cathelyn - February 17, 2012 at 07:29 AM



“ Marilyn and Diane, I heard about Tommy and wanted to let both of you know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.
Jimelle Slagle Reeves

Jimelle Slagle Reeves - February 18, 2012 at 07:02 AM



“ I was deeply saddened to hear about Tom. Words cannot heal the pain of losing someone so dear. May God give the family and friends the strength to overcome the pain. Tom will never be forgotten and will live in our hearts forever.

Remembering with you the life of someone so dear,
The McFeature Family

Terri McFeature - February 18, 2012 at 08:18 AM



“ I knew Tommy for 35 years. We went to High School together. He had a huge and giving heart, he never said "no" to anyone who asked anything of him, from borrowing his car to the last dime in his pocket. He was not a selfish guy or a guy who flaunted who he was or what he had. He loved life and wanted everyone around him to enjoy life too, so he gave and gave. We lost contact after High School until about a year ago, and in the past year he would call me, when he needed to talk. We had many long conversations and he would always thank me for listening, and apologize if he was bothering me, he was never a bother, I tried to encourage him, I hope I did. I hope everyone who knew him, will remember him as I will. A giving, sharing, caring, intelligent, thoughtful guy who gave it all.
Kim

Kim Crawford - February 18, 2012 at 05:42 PM