



Thomas A. "Tom" Layman

February 17, 1957 - August 7, 2016

Thomas A. "Tom" Layman, 59, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri died Sunday, August 7, 2016 at Wappapello, Missouri. He was camping with his friends and family at the place he loved dearly.

He was born February 17, 1957 in Dyersburg, Tennessee to John Ronald and Betty Jane Reid Layman.

He and Rhonda Darlene Williams were married November 18, 1982 in Memphis, Tennessee.

Tom was a graduate of Dyersburg High School and University of Tennessee at Martin. He was a member of Alpha Kappa Psi Fraternity.

He and Rhonda moved to Cape Girardeau 24 years ago from Paris, Tennessee and previously lived in Dyersburg.

Tom was self-employed as "Tom the Handyman."

He was a member of Cumberland Presbyterian in Dyersburg and Lion's Club of Paris.

Survivors include his mother, Betty Jane Layman of Dyersburg; wife,

Rhonda Layman of Cape Girardeau; son, Matt Martin of Cape Girardeau; two daughters, Jessica (Brandon) Greason of Liberty, Missouri and Sarah Layman of Cape Girardeau; brother, Terry (Stephanie) Layman of Jackson, Tennessee; four grandchildren, Matthew Martin, II, Tate and Hayes Greason, and Marlow Fisher; and a niece, Kelsey Layman of Jackson, Tennessee.

He was preceded in death by his father, John Ronald Layman.

A celebration of life will be held Tuesday, August 9, 2016 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau. Friends may call beginning at 4:00 PM until the time of the service.

A memorial service will be held at 5:30 PM Tuesday, August 9, 2016 at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be made at www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG 9. 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM (CT)

Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Memorial Service

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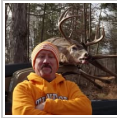
Tribute Wall



“ *My condolences to the family. Tommy and I were fraternity brothers and much more. I hope he has told you about the Five Man Electrical Band from our college days. I believe we invented the air guitar and Tommy played lead guitar along with me, Philip Gallemore, Monty Mooney, Tim Myers and assorted other guest artist.*

I will always remember Tommy with a smile in my heart.
Philip

Philip Gallemore - August 11, 2016 at 08:34 PM



Condolences to the Layman Family. Tommy was also one of my fraternity Brothers. As one of those "assorted other guest artists" that had the wonderful opportunity to spend time with and get to know Tommy - I appreciate the great loss that everyone feels.

Philip Lindsey - August 12, 2016 at 10:24 AM

JA

“ *My deepest condolences to you, Rhonda, for your loss of Tommy. Although the years have gone by, you and Tommy were wonderful friends in our younger days and I am so glad that you and Tommy found each other.*

During Tommy's relatively short time in Memphis, we often stopped by a local watering hole to socialize. As you know, Tommy had an incredible knowledge of most any sports statistics. And if he didn't know it, he could make it up with complete credibility. He enjoyed meeting other sports nuts and probe them to find their favorite team. Tommy would then assume the role of the greatest fan of that teams biggest rival just to enjoy the heated discussion and battle of statistics. It was very entertaining for any person within earshot and we had great fun with it. There will never be another like "Geek"--as his college friends nick-named him.

We will all miss Tommy but we are all better having known him.

Please let me know if there is anything you need.

*Jim Averwater
Murfreesboro, TN*

Jim Averwater - August 11, 2016 at 02:14 PM

SU

“ *Rhonda and family,*

I am so sorry to hear of Tom's passing. I will keep you and your family in my prayers.

God bless,

Susan - August 10, 2016 at 06:51 PM

TE

“ Fred, Tammy and the whole team at Elias Ace Hardware send our deepest condolences to Tom's wife, Rhonda about h8s family. He will be missed, Fred said he visited with Tom almost daily. Rhonda told me last Wednesday "Tom knows where everything is in your store" We know he loved the lake and spending time with Rhonda there.

Bless you during this difficult time.

Sincerely.

Tammy And Fred Elias

Tammy Elias - August 09, 2016 at 04:50 PM

TE

Sorry for the typos, Rhonda and his family. We are out of town and will miss his services. Tammy And Fred

Tammy Elias - August 09, 2016 at 04:53 PM

MG

“ The Glover Family sends our sincerest condolences to your family. Tom completed many jobs for us, he was a wonderful man. - Shane & Melissa.

Melissa Glover - August 09, 2016 at 09:33 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas A. "Tom" Layman.



August 08, 2016 at 10:59 PM

TF

“ *Trudy Phillips, Charlotte, Suzie, Nancy & Families purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Thomas A. "Tom" Layman.*



Trudy Phillips, Charlotte, Suzie, Nancy & Families - August 08, 2016 at 06:55 PM

BH

“ *With Sympathy and prayers for Rhonda and family. Sorry for your loss .*
Barbara Harrison

Barbara Harrison - August 08, 2016 at 05:29 PM

JH

Rhonda, I am so sorry to read about Tom's passing. Keeping you and your family in my thoughts and prayers.

Jean Hengst-Freeman

Jean Hengst-Freeman - August 09, 2016 at 07:23 AM



Denise Steinert

We were so fortunate to have Tommy in our lives. Thank God for people like you two. My heart aches for you, Rhonda, and your loss.

Denise Steinert - August 09, 2016 at 09:28 AM

DB

Our thoughts and prayers are with your whole family. Diane and Sanford Beckett 2 BC Liberty mo.

diane beckett - August 09, 2016 at 08:00 PM

JH

Terry, Stephanie and family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this difficult time. Larry Joe and Judy Hatch.

Judy Hatch - August 10, 2016 at 03:41 PM