



Thomas B. Weihe

January 11, 1939 - June 12, 2021

Thomas B. Weihe, 82, passed away on Saturday June 12, 2021. Tom was born January 11, 1939, in Norfolk, NE to the late Elaine (McPherson) and Donald Weihe. Preceding him in death was his son, Richard Donald Weihe and brother, Carl Weihe. Tom is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Gwen Weihe; daughter, Wendy (Ted) Storlie; son, Tim Weihe; grandsons, Tyler and Conner Storlie; brother, Don (Linda) Delaney and sister, Linda Alexander. Tom lived the fullest life alongside Gwen (Gump) Weihe. He graduated from Trotwood-Madison High School and Ohio University where he was a member of Phi Kappa Sigma Fraternity. Tom had a life-long legacy with OU and was presently serving on the Ohio University Foundation Board of Trustees. He taught high school biology and coached football at Trotwood-Madison, but soon returned to Norfolk to run the family business where he developed several lines of pet food including Mighty Dog. Tom, as the National Renderer's Association President impacted the industry on a variety of levels in 17 countries. He enjoyed mentoring other entrepreneurs, participating in the development of numerous ventures over the years and serving on a variety of boards. He was a member of YPO International. Tom and Gwen came to Dublin, Ohio in 1989 when Tom joined Inland Products. In 1999 he started Thomas Enterprises and Thomas Tanks. Tom's legacy is associated with a range of companies from restaurant franchises to pellet fuel manufacturing. Tom enjoyed golfing as a member at Pinehurst, NC and was active in the Memorial Club and scored for The Memorial Tournament for many years at

Muirfield Village Golf Club and is a member of The Country Club at Muirfield Village. Tom and Gwen together have touched the lives of innumerable others with time and resource offered to the works of YMCA of Norfolk, Charity Newsies, Horizon Prison Initiative, Hands Together, and so many more. Calling hours will be held from 1:00 – 3:00 pm Monday, June 21, 2021 at Rutherford Funeral Home at Powell, 450 W. Olentangy St., Powell, OH 43065 with a Celebration of Life at 5:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to: The Church for All People, c/o Rev John Edgar, 946 Parsons Ave, Columbus, OH 43206 or online at: <https://www.4allpeople.org/give>; Friends of On My Own Legacy Fund through Columbus Foundation, The On My Own Legacy Fund #0684 and mailed to The On My Own Legacy Fund c/o The Columbus Foundation, 1234 East Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43205 or online at: <https://columbusfoundation.org/the-giving-store/nonprofits/> or Hands Together, PO Box 80985, Springfield, MA 01138 or online at: <https://www.handstogether.org/help-us>.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 21. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Celebration of Life

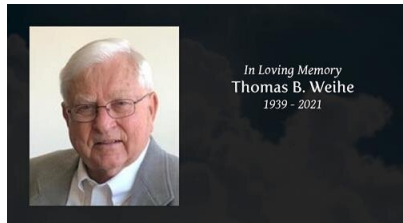
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Tribute Wall



“ *Rutherford Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Thomas B. Weihe*



Rutherford Funeral Homes - June 16, 2021 at 02:54 PM



“ *Thomas B. Weihe*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Gwen so sorry to hear about Tom. you were the dynamic duo at Trotwood.*

Jean Gress - July 02, 2021 at 05:21 PM



“ *We are so sorry to hear of Tom's passing. He was a great guy. Jenny and I met Tom and Gwen through the Columbus Symphony League charitable organization and our connection to them has enhanced our lives through fund raising and social events and making new friends. Whenever we see or hear the name Pinehurst, we will always think of Tom and Gwen and their generous gift of golf and vacations in a special place.*

MARK ADELSPERGER - June 21, 2021 at 05:10 PM

SD

“ Always a smile or a laugh when I saw Tom. Gwen and Tom are special in my life and you have blessed being in my life.
Love, Sandra Spence DeVictor

Sandra Spence DeVictor - June 21, 2021 at 02:12 PM

WB

“ Dear Gwen and family,
We were so sad to hear about Tom. We have fond memories of you and Tom in our earlier years at Norfolk. We missed you both at the last Class of 57 reunion and several of the classmates have also passed on. It only seems like yesterday that we enjoyed those youthful times and here we are now in our 80's. How time flies!! You are all in our thoughts and prayers.
Blessings,
Wava and Tom Best

Wava Best - June 21, 2021 at 12:06 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas B. Weihe.



June 21, 2021 at 07:36 AM

DB

“Gwen and family we are so sorry about your loss. We feel the loss here also but because our classmate will be missed when we have another reunion in the future. Tom was such a wonderful guy to us all! We send our love and fondest wishes to you in these hours of need.



Doris Blessing - June 20, 2021 at 08:30 PM



“Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas B. Weihe.



June 20, 2021 at 06:32 PM

MK

“Dan and I are so sorry for your loss of this amazing man. We are thankful for the friendship you both have shared with us. We will always think of him when we eat peanutbutter and miss his wit and humor! Sending hugs and love.
Dan and Marcia Knapp

Marcia A Knapp - June 19, 2021 at 12:02 PM

BA

“Becky and Susie Apples purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Thomas B. Weihe.



Becky and Susie Apples - June 18, 2021 at 03:59 PM

LA

“ LINDA ALEXANDER purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Thomas B. Weihe.



LINDA ALEXANDER - June 18, 2021 at 03:44 PM

SV

“ Gwen and family we were sorry to learn of Tom's passing. We share our most sincere sympathy. Tom will be missed by many. Ohio University will miss his sincere appreciation for our university and community. We so enjoyed the many great Athletic trips , Tom's humor and your most willing financial support. Again we are so sorry.

Skip and Sonnie Vosler - June 16, 2021 at 09:03 PM

SB

“ Gwen, my heart goes out to you and your family with the loss of Tom. I hope that as the days go by, warm and happy memories of Him will replace all the sadness in your ❤️ hearts. Sincerely, Sherry Busskohl and Family

Sherry Busskohl - June 16, 2021 at 06:40 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Thomas B. Weihe.



June 16, 2021 at 11:59 AM

DR

“ Tom was one of a kind. It only took five minutes to get to know him once you met him. I thank God that he gave me the opportunity to meet him and know him.
Mrs. Gwen, my heart goes out to you and the rest of the family. He will be missed by many.

Darwin Rich

Darwin Rich - June 16, 2021 at 11:48 AM

DW

“ Gwen our deepest sympathy go to you and Tim and Wendy. May he rest in peace. Dana and Rich Woodward

Dana and Rich Woodward - June 16, 2021 at 11:29 AM

JS

“ My older brother always waited for the last minute to walk to school. Tom lived north of where we lived in Trotwood and would drive south to school. Whenever he saw us he would always give us a ride the rest of the way. I was always grateful.
I always thought he and Gwen were the ideal couple.
For the person I knew Tom to be I was not surprised to read of his accomplishments in his obituary. I sensed then Tom was a special person.
And knowing then what I knew of Gwen I am sure she was a definite factor in his accomplishments.
James Seybold

James Seybold - June 16, 2021 at 08:19 AM

BH

“ Gwen my sympathy on learning of Tom's death.
May you and your family experience God meeting your deepest
needs as you grieve yet celebrate a life well lived. Bev Henkel

bev henkel - June 16, 2021 at 08:11 AM

SM

“ Gwen: So sorry for your loss. Sending love your way- Susan Metros

Susan Metros - June 15, 2021 at 08:14 PM

KA

“ My deepest sympathy to family. He was a wonderful man who
impacted the lives of so many people. Kitty Arndt

Kitty Arndt - June 15, 2021 at 09:15 AM

FW

“ I was devastated to hear of Tom's passing. He was my one and only
"American Dad" and he had such a profound and positive impact on
my life. I am eternally grateful for his love, guidance and
unconditional support when I lived with the Weihe family in Norfolk,
Nebraska as an AFS student. I could not have asked for a more
welcoming and fantastic family to live with. Tom, you will be dearly
missed. I regret not having the opportunity to catch up with you and
for you to meet my family. I have told my boys many stories of my
wonderful time in the States and what a fantastic father figure you
were to me.

Rest in peace.

love always, Fraser Wood, Rotorua, New Zealand.

Fraser Wood - June 15, 2021 at 01:42 AM

KM

“ *Kim Molini lit a candle in memory of Thomas B. Weihe*



Kim Molini - June 14, 2021 at 11:30 PM

MS

Gwen, you and your family have our sympathies. Our love, Mel & Elaine Spader.

Mel & Elaine Spader - June 15, 2021 at 05:08 PM

ES

Gwen, our deepest sympathy to you and the family. My memory of you & Tom goes back many years. As you move forward, always remember the wonderful life you two shared.

Ed & Jackie Stoner

Edward Stoner - June 16, 2021 at 12:56 PM

KM

“ Tom was a great mentor to so many including my husband who worked for him many years. He was kind and generous with both his time and money. We bought our first home from him & Gwen for \$700.00! He had got it at an auction but it had to be moved to a different location. Tom helped us through the process. My fondest memory was the time several of us were going to Grand Island for a rendering convention. Tom told everyone to follow him from Norfolk. There were 3 or 4 cars I think in the caravan. We were all speeding trying to keep up with him when we flew past a sheriff. He turned his lights on, pulled us over, and wrote every driver a ticket! Of course Tom paid them all and we laughed about it every year! Tom & Gwen are like family to us. It won't be the same without his smile and stories. You will be missed dearly Tom. Praying for God's loving arms of comfort for Gwen and the family.

Kim Molini - June 14, 2021 at 11:29 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas B. Weihe.



June 14, 2021 at 05:14 PM

CS

“ Uncle Tom always had a funny story to share, which almost always included a life lesson! He was kind, generous and loved helping family and friends. I will deeply miss him and remember the good times we all shared.

christy shahnazarian - June 14, 2021 at 03:50 PM

AH

“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Tom was one in a million--there will never be another like him. I have never known anyone who loved people as much as he did and was willing to do anything to help anyone.

Annette L Hoelzer - June 14, 2021 at 02:31 PM

RM

“ Ray T., Nancy, & Mellissa purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Thomas B. Weihe.



Ray T., Nancy, & Mellissa - June 14, 2021 at 01:38 PM

HS

“ Such fond memories of our numerous memories of times at Lake Okoboji, Iowa when you and Tom were living in Nebraska. I'll miss his gentle and creative personality...a true inspiration to all who knew him. He will be sorely missed.



Hugh Schultz - June 14, 2021 at 01:15 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas B. Weihe.



June 14, 2021 at 12:56 PM

DD

“ So sorry for your loss. What an incredible life he lived!! Full of life, energy, zest, laughter and love for others. It was such a privilege to have been known by him.

Dawn Davis - June 14, 2021 at 12:27 PM

MS

Gwen and family we are so sorry for your loss. Our Love, Mel & Elaine Spader

Mel & Elaine Spader - June 17, 2021 at 09:53 AM

IR

Dear Gwen and family,
Tom touched so many lives with love and kindness. It was a privilege to have known him. We are sorry for your loss. May this wonderful man Rest In peace in the hands of the Lord.
Irene, Paul and Chuck Fountas

irene - June 17, 2021 at 07:52 PM

IR

Dear Gwen and family,
Tom touched so many lives with love, kindness and generosity. We were privileged to have known him. We are so sorry for your loss and pray that dear Tom rests in peace in the hands of the Lord. Wishing you strength at this difficult time. Irene, Paul, Charles Fountad

irene - June 17, 2021 at 07:56 PM

MW

Gwen, We were so sad to read of Tom's passing. We feel blessed to have known him the short time you were in Norfolk. He made a person laugh even when they felt sad. Joy for life is the phrase I think of when I think of Tom. And the main 'wiggler' in the choir loft. He will be greatly missed by many, many people. We send you and Wendy and Tim love and hugs and prayers for God's peace to reach you. Norm & Marj. Winder Our son Mark, who worked for Tom, sends condolences as well.

Marjorie Winder - June 20, 2021 at 10:25 PM