



John Thomas Murrell

October 31, 1929 - May 26, 2022

John Thomas “Tommy” Murrell passed away on May 26th in Roswell, NM surrounded by his loving family. Please take a moment to share a kind thought or memory with John’s Family at www.andersonbethany.com.

A memorial will be held at First United Methodist Church on Saturday, June 4th at 9 am with Tim Arlet and Laird Cross officiating.

Tommy was born in Roswell, NM to Juanita and Thomas Reed Murrell on Oct 31, 1929. Tommy lived at High Lonesome Post Office Acme NM where he attended grade school at the old rock school house at Fraizer, NM. At the age of 13, he moved to Roswell where he attended Roswell schools and graduated Senior Class Vice President for Roswell High in 1947. After attending UNM for one year he returned to marry his high school sweetheart, Jammie. The couple was married on July 24th, 1948 and were happily married for just shy of 74 years. Tommy and Jammie had three children: Judy, Diane and Reed. Prior to retirement, Tommy was a purchasing agent for NMMI, Thiokol and TMC. He enjoyed outdoors, travel, music and photography. He was a lifelong member of the First United Methodist Church. Tommy is survived by his wife, Jammie; daughters: Judy Howell, Diane Sterrett and daughter in law Tracy Murrell; brother Charles Reed Murrell and wife Wendy; sisters: Sally Schackelford, Patricia Parsons and husband Don; brother in law’s: Randy Ellison and wife Debbie, Ken Ellison and wife Kathy, and Lendall Ellison; Tommy was blessed with five grandchildren: Dona Marley (Bill), Matthew Howell (Dana Jo), Corrie Rivera (Mario), Joshua Murrell (Amy),

and Brandon Murrell (Becca); eleven great-grandchildren: Letisha Rivera, Isaiah Rivera, Travis Rivera, Cally Wood, Caysie Wood, Ryon Howell, Clara Murrell, Emma Murrell, Olivia Murrell, Natalyn Murrell and Roland Murrell. Two great great grandchildren: Eli and Rylee Chavez; and many more extended family members.

Tommy is preceded in death by his parents: Juanita and Thomas Reed Murrell; son, Reed Murrell; son-in-law, Sammy Howell; sisters: Barbara Morris and Dorothy Stumberg; brothers: William Ted Garrett and Durward Garrett; and stepfather, Marvin Garrett.

The family would like to thank our Kindred Hospice family, Maureen, his nurses, his "Bathing Beauties" and Pastor Tim for their compassion, love and care for our Papa.

John's tribute was lovingly written by his family.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN 4. 9:00 AM (MT)

First United Methodist Church
200 N Pennsylvania Ave
Roswell, NM 88201-4666
(575) 622-1881

Tribute Wall



“ *John Thomas Murrell*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *What a kind and gracious man Tom was. It was always such a pleasure to come to work back at TMC and see him. His smile lit up the room. I would see him time to time and he would always take a moment to visit with that fabulous smile. My condolences to the family and friends of the great man. Cyndi Mitchell*

cynthia mitchell - June 06, 2022 at 05:07 PM



“ *Dear Jammie and family,
Please accept our sincere condolences at your loss of a wonderful husband and father of 74 years. We always had the greatest respect for Tommy and we know you will miss him greatly. Our prayers and love go out to you and your family. God Bless You.
Bettie Lou Cheney and family*

Bettie Lou Cheney - June 04, 2022 at 10:29 AM



“ *I was one of the people to have the privilege to meet a man like Tommy who was full of grace and kindness. He and Jammie were always so welcoming to my husband and I when we came to Roswell to visit. I always felt so fortunate to be a part of their world for the short amount of time we were able to spend with them. Uncle Tommy, you will be truly missed.*

Lezlee Ellison - June 04, 2022 at 01:49 AM

GH

“ Dear Jammie and Family, I worked for Tom at TMC and he was always the kindest person and boss! Jammie, I always loved running into you two when you were out and about in the stores and our little chats! Please know that I have you all in my thoughts and prayers and am sending you heartfelt condolences.

Georgianna "George" Hunt - June 03, 2022 at 11:03 AM

AL

“ One of the most gracious men I've ever met. May he Rest In Peace. He is missed by all, and we're all diminished by his passing.

Alan - June 03, 2022 at 07:54 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Thomas Murrell.



June 03, 2022 at 06:12 AM

LK

“ Jammie Nell. I was saddened to read of your loss. 74 years. What a testimony to God's institution of marriage. My memories of you go WAY back. From our time on North Missouri, to The Vogue, (or was it Everybody's) to just seeing you around.

Please accept my sincere condolences on your loss. You and your family are in my prayers.

Larry Knadle - June 02, 2022 at 10:37 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of John Thomas Murrell.*



June 01, 2022 at 10:53 PM



“ *I met Tom when I was about 11..
.. I'm a lot older now. From the moment we met he made me feel important and apart of the family. He always took time to talk to you and was truly interested. He loved sharing his photos , they were beautiful! An amazing man! I will truly miss him!*

Debta Ellison - June 01, 2022 at 10:58 AM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of John Thomas Murrell.*



May 29, 2022 at 08:40 AM