



## Neil Thomas Wentland

September 19, 1963 - August 15, 2017

Neil Thomas Wentland, 53, loving father, passed away on August 15, 2017. Viewing will be Saturday, August 18, 2017, 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM at Anderson Bethany Funeral Home. A Funeral Service will be Monday, August 21, 2017, 10:00 AM at Church on the Move, officiated by Jim Reeves. Interment will follow at South Park Cemetery. A tribute of Tom's life may be found at [www.andersonbethany.com](http://www.andersonbethany.com) where you may leave memories and expressions of sympathy for his family.

Neil Thomas Wentland was born on September 19, 1963, in St. Joseph, Michigan, to Anne and Nelson Wentland. As a child, baseball quickly became "life." Tom, as everyone called him, excelled in sports; spending his summers playing Cape League baseball and his off-seasons on the cranberry bogs.

Tom met the true love of his life, Christi Graham, the summer of 1987. Shortly after, they married and began their life together in Roswell, raising three handsome boys and their beautiful daughter.

Tom enjoyed coaching baseball and impacted many young lives. Seeing his "kids," years later, and being called "Coach" was one of his favorite things. His legacy will always remain within the children he and his wife raised, as well as his baseball children.

Tom is survived by his children; Skye, Christian, Cole, and Christine Wentland.  
This obituary tribute was lovingly written by Tom's family.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Neil Thomas Wentland*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *Memories 44" Sonnet was purchased for the family of Neil Thomas Wentland.*



August 22, 2017 at 11:30 AM



“ *To the Wentland and Graham families,*

*Our hearts are heavy hearing of Tom's passing but we find comfort knowing that he is now reunited with Christi. Our families have shared parallel paths and intersected at various points. It all began with Sam and Eric hanging out with the Bettys at UNM and meeting Tom. Then Tom and Eric worked for my parents at the same time Sam did. Finally, and most poignantly, my dad received his cancer diagnosis on the eve of Christi's funeral, forcing Sam and I to cancel our trip down to Roswell.*

*We have always enjoyed a unique bond with your families and please know that we here for you. May God continue to grace your families with love and faith during this difficult time. May the happy memories of Tom and Chrisi continue to provide you with comfort and laughter.*

*Patty Galindo & Sam Slimp*

Patty Galindo - August 21, 2017 at 01:12 PM

MR

*Dear Skye, Christian, Cole and Christine, our love and prayerful thoughts are with you during this very sad time. Our families have enjoyed a close friendship for many years. We pray that, again, your faith in God will give you the strength you need to cope with losing another beloved parent. Please remember that we love you, and want to help in any way that we can. Mrs. "Rod" .*

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**Margaret Rodriguez** - August 21, 2017 at 01:53 PM

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“ *Christian and family,*

*You are in our thoughts and prayers. We know God will bring you peace, comfort, and strength today and in the future. Tom was so amazing and funny and he will surely be missed by all.*

*Love and Prayers*

*David, Tricia, Devin, Danielle, and Andrew Hubbard*

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**Tricia Hubbard** - August 21, 2017 at 09:46 AM

 Robin Waters

“ *Robin Waters lit a candle in memory of Neil Thomas Wentland*



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**Robin Waters** - August 20, 2017 at 05:18 PM

 Robin Waters

*GO RED SOX...GO PATRIOTS...*

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**Robin Waters** - August 20, 2017 at 05:19 PM

CC

“ Dear Skye, Christian, Cole, Christine, and family,  
You are all in my thoughts and prayers during this most difficult of times. I watched your parents fall in love at UNM and build a life together that centered on you four, sports, outdoors, and loving one another. I pray you find peace knowing your parents are together again watching over you and in the memories you have. With much love

Co  
(Colette Cronin)

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**Colette Cronin** - August 20, 2017 at 05:13 PM

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“ "Safe at Home!" Skye, Christian, Cole, Bean, we loved your Mom and Dad. Lions Hondo Little League was blessed to have all of you! We are saddened by your loss but are comforted to know they are together again. Please know that the number of lives they have touched over the years are countless. You kids will forever be in our prayers, Stacey and Crystal Tubbs and family

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**Stacey and Crystal Tubbs** - August 19, 2017 at 03:32 PM

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**Mike Wentland** - August 19, 2017 at 01:34 PM

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**Mike Wentland** - August 19, 2017 at 01:15 PM

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“ Meeting Tom a few years ago was one that I will never Forget. I living in NY and he there in New Mexico. Our time was very special. When I flew there for the first time to meet him he was very special. We had alot of laughs... and they always continued we had great conversations about life and family. Spending time with his family when I was there was fantastic. My heart is very saddened. He always texted me good morning sunshine. and I would say good morning...than a few days ago it stopped. Never in my dreams I would of thought he is gone that I will never get a txted from him and talk with him. I will always have my memories of our times together there at his house and up at the lake. Always treasure them.

Love you Tom, my best friend we would always say to each other and I will still say it.

Love to Bean, Skye, Cole and Christian.

Janet (Kenan)

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**Janet Kenan** - August 19, 2017 at 12:29 PM

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“ Your family is in my Prayers. Tom meant a lot to many kids and parents.

Great Coach to many!!

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**Lisa Winchester** - August 18, 2017 at 10:10 AM

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**Mike Wentland** - August 18, 2017 at 08:54 AM

SG

“ *Tom was a hard-working, devoted, loving father and man. Nothing made him happier than serving and pleasing his loved ones and friends (except maybe "cracking them up"!)*. He was a truly great and good man. I will miss him very much...his kindness, wit, devotion, and zeal for life. I send my deepest sympathy to the entire family, especially his children. I've only met Cole and Christine, but I am very fond of them, and my heart breaks for you all. Love and prayers.... Sheila Greeson



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**Sheila Greeson** - August 17, 2017 at 06:09 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Neil Thomas Wentland.*



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August 17, 2017 at 09:37 AM

DS

“ Skye, Christian, Cole, and Christine (Bean). My deepest sympathies are with you all. Your dad , my brother was a great man. He will be greatly missed by all. Him and I go back 37 years and a piece of my heart goes with him. My prayers and thoughts are with you and for you all. I love you guys. You are all my family. I know that God has His hands on you all. Love Uncle Danny.



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**Daniel Sullivan** - August 17, 2017 at 07:47 AM

JO

*I knew Christi for many years before I met Tom. But when I saw them together at the St. Mary's chapel for their wedding, I knew it was true love. I know that Christi has welcomed Tom with loving arms, she is probably a little mad he left too early, but they both know that the Graham family is a strong family unit and all that are 'left behind will be loved and nurtured and through Gods good grace be loved.*

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**JONIE** - August 17, 2017 at 09:43 PM

MW

*My brother Tom moved to Roswell NM, to start a new chapter in his life. He devoted all his love and energy to starting and raising a beautiful family, well, baseball too.... His family came before anything else. It has been many years since I've seen my brother, but I enjoyed our periodic conversations. I will miss him ! My thoughts and prayers are now with his beloved children Skye, Christian, Cole and Christine. I know that Tom and Christy will be there every step of the way, guiding them through life. I have shared a photo that my Aunt Karen posted of Tom,, Tom started his love for baseball at a very early age...*

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**Mike Wentland** - August 18, 2017 at 08:53 AM

SG

*Tom was always the center of attention no matter where he was; his charm and charisma drew people to him. When he met Christi, I knew she was the one as she was the only person to truly reel him in when needed. His love and devotion to the beautiful family they created together was truly amazing. My big brother will be missed by all he that came in contact with him. Skye, Christian, Cole, and Christine my thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.*

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**Sherie Wentland Guy** - August 18, 2017 at 11:35 AM