



Tom Doran

September 16, 1937 - February 19, 2008

A memorial service celebrating the life of Tom Doran will be held at a future date. Tom passed away suddenly and peacefully, February 19, 2008 in Whiting, Indiana. He and his wife, Sue, had made a trip back to his hometown to surprise his mother for her 95th birthday. Tom was born on September 16, 1937 to Allen and Ann (Doran) Forauer. He is preceded in death by his father Allen; two brothers, John and Allen Jr. and his wife Dorothy. Tom was born in East Chicago, Indiana and grew up in Whiting, Indiana. He served as a page in the House of Representatives in Washington D.C, at the age of 16, living and attending school there. Upon graduation from high school, he attended Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana and worked summers for Standard Oil. He earned a degree in business and received his draft notice the day he graduated. Tom served two years in the United States Army in Germany. Upon his discharge he moved to Los Angeles, California where he initially worked for Standard Oil. In Los Angeles he accompanied a friend to a job interview and decided, instead of just waiting for his friend, to take the required test also. His friend didn't get the job, but Tom passed with flying colors and was offered the job. He took it and thus started his long career as a social worker. Tom married Susan Elaine Thimm on July 18, 1969, in Los Angeles, California. He retired from Los Angeles County after 22 years. During those years Tom worked with children, the elderly, the mentally and physically handicapped, totally disabled, and terminally ill. In 1990 Tom moved his wife, two children, and in-laws to Roswell. He continued his career working

for the State of New Mexico in the C.Y.F.D Protective Services Division. The last few years of his working career he worked for the New Mexico Department of Health Division of Health Improvement as the South Eastern Regional Incident Management System Coordinator. Tom had an uncanny ability to read people. He was liked by the very young, the old, and those in between. He had an ageless quality. He could socialize with his childrens friends and they enjoyed his company as much as he did theirs. Tom believed in hard work. He worked two jobs for eight years when his children were small. He taught his children the importance of hard work, honesty, and responsibility. He is survived by his mother, Ann Doran Forauer of Whiting, Indiana; his wife of 38 years, Sue; one daughter, Paddy Forrester and her husband Jason of Roswell; one son, Sean Doran of Albuquerque; one grandchild, Jack Thomas Forrester; his sister-in-law, Jerri Doran of Anaheim, California; nephews John Doran Jr. of Concord, California and Jim Doran of Hesperia, California; also a neice, Deidre Knop of Indianapolis, Indiana. At the request of the family, in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice.

Please share your thoughts and memories with the family in the online register book at andersonbethany.com

Arrangements are under the direction of Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory. When through one man a little more love and goodness, a little more light and truth come into the world then that man's life has had meaning. Oh, how we will miss him.

Tribute Wall



“ *Tom Doran*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *Tom was an exceptional man. He was the life of the party anywhere he was. His foul mouth and dirty jokes made Christmas dinner extra special. I'm really gonna miss you, old man.*

Vanessa Madden - March 29, 2008 at 02:07 PM



“ *There is nothing I can say to take the pain away. I just wanted to say that, I did really liked that old fart ie(Bastar#). My best go out to Sue, Paddy, and her sister Shawn. I know Tom's up there (maybe) having a drink and being proud of his life. Wish I could come home and celebrate his life with ya'll*

David Westall - March 28, 2008 at 01:01 PM

KL

“ Dear Doran Family, Tom came into our lives, myself and three children, now all grown and doing great, and I give a lot of credit to beloved Tom, as when I was sick and called social services back on March 17th, 1994, because I was not sure if I was going to survive my illness. Not only did Tom step in, and take care of the children, but he worked very hard with the medical community to help me get well and make sure that I ALWAYS had contact with my children and helped our entire family. I got them back May 27th, 1993 and we remained friends for ever after. He was the only person I have ever met in the social services agencies, that TRULY CARED about the children and families he so dedicatedly served for so many years. I want to extend my deepest sympathies to you and I would have been there had I known. we have been living in Texas for the last 8 years and my daughter, Jessica, found out through the Roswell Daily Record website. This world will be a sadder place without him, he touched SO MANY LIVES in such POSITIVE ways...he changed the lives of all he touched, for the better. Sincerest love and prayers for all of you. Katheryn Winfrey Lake and family

Katheryn Winfrey/ Lake - March 11, 2008 at 06:57 PM

JM

“ I am very sorry to hear about the loss. I knew him when i was a child in foster care and he fought to keep me and my sister in the same foster home when the system tried to separate us. he made it happen. he was a sweet man and i will always remember him for that. my thoughts and prayers are with the family.

jessica morales - March 10, 2008 at 09:04 PM

JD

“ Dear Family of Tom, It was with shock and dismay that I learned of the untimely passing of our friend, Tom. Bob and I worked with Tom for many years through the Roswell Police Department and CYFD. Our most memorable times, though, were shared drinking a beer at a local establishment and discussing the virtues (or woes) of the Chicago Bears. Many a lively discussion emerged from those lazy Saturday afternoons. Tom was always a big tease and fun to visit with. Our son, Aaron Orsak, sends his regards as news reached him in Albuquerque.
Our best to all of you.
Respectfully, Jeannie and Bob Davis

Jeannie and Bob Davis - March 03, 2008 at 08:27 PM

CC

“ It saddens me to hear of Tom's passing. He and I had been friends for many years and I share your grief. Tom was a really nice person and did wonderful work in his job. I know he was an exceptionally caring person and though we lost contact over the years, I will miss seeing him. Sincerely, Charlie Clark

Charles Clark - March 02, 2008 at 07:27 PM

CD

“ Sue, Paddy, and Sean,
I am so terribly sorry to read about Tom. Please know that my heart aches for each of you at this sorrowful time.
Tom was always so kind and it was always a pleasure to visit with him. I know he will be missed by the many, many people whose lives he has touched.
A big hug to each of you,
Clare

Clare Doyle - March 01, 2008 at 11:23 PM