



Thomas William Friedlander

February 16, 1954 - January 19, 2020

Tom Friedlander, age 65, died peacefully at home in Hallsville January 19, 2020, with his daughter Rebecca at his side, after a protracted illness. He is now in heaven, whole of body and in the arms of his Savior and Friend Jesus Christ. He was born on February 16, 1954 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, the son of Gardner Louis and Mary Banning Friedlander. His marriage to the former Catherine Olszowy ended in divorce after Tom was severely disabled in an automobile accident that took place Christmas evening of 1989.

While Tom lived most of his life in Wisconsin, where he was educated and worked, he moved to Texas in 2007 to be near his children. He purchased a cabin outside Hallsville he named The Refuge where, over the years, many occasions for worship and praise have been celebrated. While the most recent of these was to take place this past Christmas Eve, he became critically ill that day and eventually was released into hospice care.

Preceding Tom in death were his parents, and an infant sister Mary Susan. Surviving him are his siblings Margaret Friedlander Brinig and Gardner LeRoy Friedlander, his children Rebecca Ann, Caleb Gardner and Peter Mark, many nieces and nephews and their children. He will also be missed by many dear friends in the Hallsville area, particularly Nathan and Terra Lenox.

According to Tom's wishes, a private memorial celebration of reaching his goal of reunion with the Lord will be held at his home on Friday. The e

Jn. 1:5: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Comments



“ A long time ago Tom joined the Underground.

We never thought he would do this.
He did not seem like the type.
No body could explain why.

Yet he turned out to be tough.

Yes, he built an Earth home, and yes, under the Grass
He had for roof, they lived.

Mike Olszowy

Michael olszowy - January 27 at 01:20 PM



“ I met Tom when we were young adults. Tom was living in an upper flat near 35th and Lloyd in Milwaukee with a few other guys. This was the mid 1970's and we began meeting in his apartment as a local house church, which later became known as Living Stone Fellowship. Tom and I continued our friendship over the next few years as part of Living Stone. Eventually I got married, and my wife and I stopped being part of the fellowship. However, I still had some contact with Tom while he and I worked at Blue Cross. We would meet for lunch on occasion, which often included a bible study time with another coworker. Tom and I would pack our lunch; mine typically consisted of a boring peanut butter sandwich and a piece of fruit, but Tom would often have very interesting lunches, one such consisting of a whole, large turkey leg! I found that odd at the time, but I realize now Tom was just ahead of his time, as whole turkey legs are a yearly, popular food offering at the Minnesota State Fair. Unfortunately, once Tom stopped working at Blue Cross we lost touch for the most part.

I am saddened to hear of his passing, but I know he is rejoicing in the presence of Jesus, his Lord and Savior. I also know he is enjoying his reunion with Levi and Sutton, friends from Living Stone that have gone to paradise before him. I look forward to rejoicing with them all when it is my time to join them.

Greg Katorski
St. Paul, MN

Gregory Katorski - January 23 at 11:22 AM