



William Thomas Hutto, Sr

May 6, 1948 - March 3, 2020

William Thomas Hutto, Sr. (Tom, Tom Sr., Papa Tom, Tommy) passed on 03/03/2020 at the age of 71. He was surrounded by his family at St. John Medical Center in Tulsa. He fought a long battle with Alzheimer's dementia with courage and dignity.

Tom was the second born son to John and Elsie Hutto on May 6th, 1948 in Bartlesville. He grew up in Bartlesville, and graduated from Bartlesville College High School in 1966. He served his country in the US Army Infantry as a Sergeant in Vietnam in 1968-69. He was awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge, Vietnam Service Metal, National Defense Service Medal, and the Vietnam Campaign Medal. Tom married the love of his life, Sherri Tilley, on August 29th, 1969 in Bartlesville. He graduated from Oklahoma State University with an accounting degree in 1971, and also earned his CPA. He spent his career working as an auditor for the United States Federal Government, Department of Defense, Defense Contract Audit Agency (DCAA). His working career spanned 30 years, including stays in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, Denver, San Francisco, Dallas, Oklahoma City, Washington D.C., and Tulsa. He retired in Tulsa in 2003.

Papa Tom was really what Leon Battista Alberti (1404-72) of the Renaissance Period, termed "Universal Man". Renaissance Man, also called Universal Man, Italian Uomo Universale, was the ideal that "a man can do all things if he will." Tom Sr. was a great husband and father, family man, democrat, avid nonfiction reader, history and World War II buff, car mechanic, connoisseur of rock music from the 1960s and 70s, traveler, hiker, backpacker, camper, downhill skier, confidant, problem solver, handy man, lawn perfectionist, hard worker, grill master, attention to detailer, and beer drinker. He was well read and knew a lot about most subjects. He could write very eloquently and get his point across. He could argue with the best, a great orator and debater, and he could have been the next US President at one point. Universal Man.

Tom Sr. was preceded in death by his father John Forbes Hutto, mother Elsie Mae (Newberry) Hutto, mother-in-law Ruby Jean (Stewart) Tilley, and brother John Hutto, Jr. He is survived by his wife Sherri Hutto, son Tom Hutto Jr. and wife Katie, stepdaughter

Jennifer Myers and husband Cary, sister Nancy Park and husband John, brother David Hutto and wife Liz, father-in-law Fred Tilley, Sr., sister-in-law Pam Kelly and husband Gary, brother-in-law Fred Tilley, Jr. and wife Loretta, grandchildren Allie, Clay, Hayden, Ruthie, Myles, Ben, Blaine, and numerous nieces, nephews, and a plethora of friends.

Tom served his country, both in the military, and working for the federal government. He loved and was devoted to his family, was a hard worker, and a Universal Man. He was an incredible role model, son, grandson, husband, father, father-in-law, grandfather, uncle, and great uncle. His legacy and memories will be cherished by his family for generations to come.

Private family Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions in Tom's name be made to the Alzheimer's foundation (alzfdn.org).

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Tom Hutto - March 10, 2020 at 02:09 PM



“ Tom and I grew up together and our families were friends. Sherri and I grew up one street apart and went to school together. They are both such good people and were meant to be together. Sherri, I am so sorry for your loss and will say a prayer for you.

Karen Seat Gagle - March 09, 2020 at 03:38 PM



“ I knew Tom many years ago. We grew up and went to school together in Bartlesville. He was always a good, fun person and we will miss him at our reunions. The Limestone School bunch was always a special group at the reunions. He will be missed. May you feel the strength and peace of God in the coming days.

Kathy Harp Sornson - March 07, 2020 at 08:19 AM



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Sherri Hutto - March 06, 2020 at 05:00 PM



“ Sherri, Tommy and families my sincere sadness at the loss of TOM. He was my buddy and was always so sweet. I can hear his laugh as I type this. He always called Sherri his sweet Sherri and called Tommy, Sonny boy. I pray for strength and peace as you all go thru this time. Love Cindy

Cindy Neidig - March 05, 2020 at 07:11 PM