



Thomas L. Caldwell

November 12, 1952 - July 12, 2017

Services honoring the life of Thomas Lee Caldwell will be 6:00 p.m., Friday, July 14, 2017. Burial will be at Bernice Cemetery, Bernice, Louisiana. Friends may visit the funeral home on Thursday from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. with family there to receive visitors from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Thomas Lee Caldwell was born on Wednesday, November 12, 1952 in El Dorado, Arkansas to John Lee and Willa Christine (Weldon) Caldwell. Thomas passed away on Wednesday, July 12, 2017. He was 64 years old.

Thomas grew up in Bernice, Louisiana where he then went on to graduate from Louisiana Tech with a Bachelor's degree. He went on to continue his education by earning a Master's degree in Accounting from Oklahoma State University. Thomas worked as Finance Director and Treasurer for the City of Broken Arrow and would be celebrating his 25th anniversary this Octboer.

Thomas married Linda Dianne Bradley on November 21, 1982 and their union was blessed with two daughters. Thomas was a wonderful husband and an amazing father. He loved his family and enjoyed spending time with them. If you couldn't find him at work, you could usually find him playing golf at Battle Creek Country Club, buying a Powerball Lottery ticket, enjoying a Louis L'Amour book at home, or having his favorite enchilada platter at El Chico (with two Cokes and a pit of salsa.) He poured his heart and soul into his work

at the City of Broken Arrow. His friends called him Tom but don't you dare call him Tommy! He had a dry sense of humor but enjoyed sharing a laugh with friends and family. Thomas was the kind of man that never met a stranger.

Thomas is survived by,

Daughters, Rachel Etemadi and Chris, Corinth, TX

Veronica Tarnowski and Josh, Kansas City, MO

Mother, Christine Caldwell, North Little Rock, AR

Sister, Kathryn Young, North Little Rock, AR

Thomas was preceded in death by his wife, his father and brothers John Michael Caldwell and Paul Ernest Caldwell.

Cemetery Details

Bernice Cemetery

Bernice, LA

Previous Events

Viewing

JUL 13. 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Hayhurst Funeral Home
1660 South Elm Place
Broken Arrow, OK 74012
(918) 258-9623
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Visitation

JUL 13. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

JUL 14. 6:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas L. Caldwell*

October 23, 2023 at 01:21 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas L. Caldwell.*



July 14, 2017 at 03:02 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas L. Caldwell.*



July 13, 2017 at 06:30 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas L. Caldwell.*



July 13, 2017 at 03:56 PM

JG

“ Jessica, August, And Harper Grunewald purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Thomas L. Caldwell.



Jessica, August, And Harper Grunewald - July 13, 2017 at 02:43 PM

JC

“ So sorry for your loss! I loved hearing his stories. He always had one. Enjoyed hearing of his travels with his daughters. -Joy, Finance Dept.

Joy Clere - July 13, 2017 at 01:52 PM

MI

“ Municipal Finance Services, Inc. purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Thomas L. Caldwell.



Municipal Finance Services, Inc. - July 13, 2017 at 12:36 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas L. Caldwell.



July 13, 2017 at 12:28 PM

CC

“ *Chanel and Corey purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Thomas L. Caldwell.*



Chanel and Corey - July 13, 2017 at 11:41 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas L. Caldwell.*



July 13, 2017 at 10:37 AM

TA

“ *The City of Broken Arrow purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Thomas L. Caldwell.*



The City of Broken Arrow - July 13, 2017 at 10:08 AM



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Thomas L. Caldwell.*



July 13, 2017 at 10:06 AM

CN

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to Rachel and Veronica. You were the joy of his life. I especially want to express my sympathy to Tom's mother and sister. Tom will be kept alive in our hearts because of the memories we share. Tom, you will always and forever be my "Mr. C". Cherrie Nolen

Cherrie Nolen - July 13, 2017 at 07:51 AM

BT

“ My heartfelt sympathy to Veronica and Rachel, Tom loved them more than life itself. Also prayers of comfort to his mom, sister, and other family members. I am one of many coworkers who will miss Tom's special blend of sarcasm and charm. His personality was as huge as his love for the girls and guys that worked for him and along side of him. The hole he has left will be difficult to fill both at work and in our hearts. Tom was and will always be cherished for his work ethic, his honesty, his wit, his loyalty and dedication to whatever path he chose to follow. He was his own man. His girls, whether by birth or those of us who were coworkers and employees will remember him fondly in our hearts and we genuinely loved him.

Barbara Thurman-Stapleton - July 12, 2017 at 09:36 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas L. Caldwell.



July 12, 2017 at 09:17 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Thomas L. Caldwell.*



July 12, 2017 at 08:02 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas L. Caldwell.*



July 12, 2017 at 07:39 PM



“ *We are on earth for such a short time but have eternal memories. There are many stories to share about Tom including our friendly poker games to our intense softball games. Working for and with Tom was always a pleasure. He never asked more from his staff than he gave of himself. God Bless You Tom. You will be missed but Ill catch you in Heaven.*

Bob Mogelnicki

Bob Mogelnicki - July 12, 2017 at 05:32 PM

HH

“ It is our honor and privilege to serve the Caldwell family and to provide this permanent tribute website in memory of Thomas Caldwell.



Hayhurst Funeral Home - July 12, 2017 at 03:54 PM

CK

My heartfelt sympathy to Tom's family. Sending love and prayers for you all.
Carole Ann Kaplan

Carole Ann Kaplan - July 12, 2017 at 06:13 PM

CK

I enjoyed working with Tom and especially our bantering sessions, while working for the City of Broken Arrow. Prayers and caring thoughts for his family during this difficult time. Rest in Peace my friend.

Claudia Krshka - July 13, 2017 at 10:29 AM

CB

Tom could always make me laugh, and we had many conversations about music. He loved music! He was so proud of his daughters. He will be missed by so many.

Cheryl Blue

Cheryl Blue - July 13, 2017 at 01:44 PM

JY

Our thoughts, prayers and sympathy go out to Veronica, Rachael, Tom's mom (who taught me math in high school), Katherine, and the rest of Tom's family. Tom was my friend of at least 47 years, high school buddy, college roommate, and preparer of our first tax return after Susan I married almost 40 years ago. I can relate to the other comments posted and echo the sentiment that there is now a void that, before, had been filled with Tom's friendship, personality, wit, view of the world, and character. Rest in peace, my friend. See you some future day on the other side.

Johann & Susan Yang

Johann Yang - July 14, 2017 at 04:32 PM