



## Thomas E. Price

June 7, 1946 - May 1, 2020

Tom was born to Thomas William and Ruby Iris Love Price on June 7, 1946 in Long Beach, California. The Lord took him home on May 1, 2020 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Tom passed from us peacefully in our home with his family by his side. He was only 73 years old and will be missed by so many.

After graduating from McLain High School in 1964, he attended Oklahoma State University in Stillwater for two years. Tom enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in Korea and Japan as a radio operator and was proficient in Morse code.

In 1978, he married Diane Lynn Almquist, and they had two children, Daniel and Jennifer.

Tom worked as a journeyman electrician for ten years and in 1980, was hired by the Ford Glass Plant in Broken Arrow as an electrician and calibration specialist. He retired in 2010 and absolutely loved retirement. It gave him time to pursue all the hobbies he was so passionate about.

Tom met Tricia Parks in 2009 and they immediately fell in love. They married in a beautiful glass chapel in Broken Arrow. Trish recalls how handsome and happy he was that day and how much he enjoyed all the friends and family members who came to share their joyful celebration.

Tom loved music, especially bluegrass! When he was 15 years old, he saw Lester Flatt and Earl Scruggs play “Foggy Mountain Breakdown” on a TV show called Hootenanny. He said it was at that moment he thought, “I don’t know what that is but I’ve gotta do it!” His mom and dad bought him his first banjo and he began playing with his extremely talented and musical family. He loved being a part of the family jams that often happened at Uncle Kenneth’s and Aunt Jimmy Lou’s! Later in life, Tom played banjo with the Green Country Bluegrass Association. He was a member of several bluegrass bands including “Wild Mountain,” “The ZooGrass Boys” and “St. Elmer’s Fire.” He enjoyed having a role in the Tulsa musical production “Cotton Patch Gospel.” Tom and Trish delighted in playing for residents at many assisted living centers throughout Tulsa. But, jamming with all his bluegrass buddies was his favorite thing to do.

Tom also loved to share his passion for sailing. Having fully restored a Boston Whaler sailboat, Tom spent countless summer days with his family and friends sailing around Skiatook Lake. Armed with his sailing experience, not to mention his nautical humor and catchphrases, he made every outing a uniquely memorable one.

Tom, an avid cyclist, put many miles in on Oklahoma roads. He and Trish became serious about cycling in their early sixties. They were members of the Tulsa Bicycle Club as well as board members for Oklahoma Freewheel, a fun and challenging ride across Oklahoma that he completed nine times. Even after riding fifty or so miles, he could still jam with his fellow bike-riding musicians in the evenings!

In 2017, Tom, Trish and six friends rode their bicycles a grueling 2,500 miles from California to Florida. Tom carried his banjo in the SAG wagon and never missed a chance to play an impromptu gig along the way.

An excellent marksman, Tom was a proud member of the Red Castle Gun Club, spending many hours in his home reloading room and target shooting at the range.

He will be remembered for his warm smile, friendly nature, and his insatiable appetite for sharing laughs with those around him. Someone once told Tom that he was the ambassador of the Price family and that was so true. He loved his family and friends so very much. He was an amazing husband and friend to Tricia and a wise and loving dad to Jennifer and Daniel.

His was a life rich and well lived, ended too soon.

He is survived by his wife Tricia, brother Forrest, daughter Jennifer, son Daniel and fiancée Megan and by Diane, mother of his children. He is also survived by friends and family too numerous to mention.

He was preceded in death by his father Jack Price, his mother Iris Price, and sister Vallie Colledge.

Please consider sending memorials to:

Oklahoma Freewheel  
717 S. McFarland Street  
Stillwater, OK 74074

Memorial for Thomas Edward Price will be on Zoom, Saturday May 7th at 2:00 PM.

The family will contact family & friends to share the link.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas E. Price*

October 23, 2023 at 01:21 AM



“ *I was the neighbor of Tom and Tricia in 2009. Went fishing with Tom once. He liked those canned Beenie weenies. There love, admiration and respect for one another was effortless. Tricia, my thoughts are with you.*



**John James** - August 06, 2022 at 06:59 PM



*John. So nice of you to write. He thought a lot of you. What an awesome man Tom was. We miss him so.*  
*Tricia*

**Tricia Price** - January 02, 2024 at 11:39 PM



“ *Randy and I remember Tom with fondness. We knew there was something special about him when he came to do electrical work for us. Tricia came with him one time. We made apple pies together and she took one home for Tom. We ate out a few times and had hopes of enjoying many more outings. We pray for the family's comfort and thank God for this man.*

**Jan Stickney** - October 23, 2020 at 12:01 PM

JD

“ We enjoyed many musical gatherings with Tom at the home of Kenneth and Jimmie Lou Price. Always had a good time and listening to Tom playing Dueling banjos was a great. He was just a kind, funny and considerate man. Will miss him so much.  
JD and Rita Dotson

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**John & Rita Dotson** - May 20, 2020 at 01:55 PM

LG

“ I knew Tom for many years through high school & we worked together in a part time job. He was an excellent musician. He was really a gentlemen & I truly enjoyed his friendship. My sympathy to the family.  
Larry Gill

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**Larry Gill** - May 12, 2020 at 12:44 PM

TL

“ Family reunions will never be quite the same. For years Tom and the Uncles entertained the family with their music. Then, as years past, it was just Tom. We will all miss his laughter, and his music.

*Our thoughts & prayers are with you Trish. Know you're loved.*

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**Tammie Land** - May 10, 2020 at 08:12 AM

KM

“ Tom was a fellow cyclist, a whale of a banjo player, and a good man. I'll miss him!

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**Kevin Mussett** - May 08, 2020 at 06:30 PM

DH

“ I feel so fortunate to have shared many wonderful times with Tom. We spent two months in 2017 with Tom and Tricia on the cross-country bicycle trip from California to Florida. Tom was always such a positive, fun person to be around and his delightful music created such a fantastic memory. I will always be able to remember Tom’s banjo!

*Debbie Hayes*

Debbie Hayes - May 08, 2020 at 08:23 AM



Melinda Carroll

“ He was an excellent musician and all around nice guy and Bill was so glad he got to play music with him.

Melinda Carroll - May 08, 2020 at 07:59 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas E. Price.



May 04, 2020 at 09:41 PM

TF

“ Tom was my wonderful next-door neighbor. He was the first to welcome me to this community. I regret not spending more time with him. He invited us to his “jam session” where we got an opportunity to enjoy his music and eat his beans and cornbread! I will surely miss this wonderful gentleman! Thomas Franklin

Thomas Franklin - May 04, 2020 at 09:27 PM



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



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**Hayhurst Funeral Home** - May 01, 2020 at 04:30 PM