



Alex Toms

September 19, 1953 - March 4, 2012

Alex Toms, 58 of Carroll, died peacefully, Sunday, March 4, 2012 at St. Anthony Regional Hospital in Carroll surrounded by his family.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Carroll. The Celebrant will be Fr. Timothy Johnson. Pianist for the mass will be Jake Gute with Katelyn Renze as soloist. Violinist will be Tyler Badding. Lectors will be Linda Kueper and Deanna Schoessler. Gift Bearers will be: Conrad Toms, Nolan Toms and Lindsay Toms Kastle. Eucharistic Ministers will be: Shirley Fasbender, Judy Spear, and Pat Bass. Honorary Casket Bearers will be the employees of Juergens Produce and Feed. Casket Bearers will be: Joe Kueper, Don Fasbender, Darrell Spear, Rick Keat, Gary Forke, Connie (Conrad) Schoessler, Brad Woodward, and Doug Bass. Private family graveside services will be held at a later date. Military Honors will be conducted at the church by the Carroll American Legion.

Friends may call at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll after 3:30 p.m. Wednesday where there will be a rosary prayed at 4 p.m. and a Christian Wake Service by Holy Spirit Parish at 7 p.m. The casket will be moved to Holy Spirit Church at 9 a.m Thursday where visitation will resume until time of the funeral mass.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll and online condolences may be left for Alex's family at www.sharpfuneral.com.

Born on September 19, 1953 at Carroll, Iowa, Alexander Douglas Toms was the son of Jim and Sheryl (Griffin) Toms. Alex grew up in Carroll and attended Carroll Community Schools. In May of 1971 Alex enlisted in the United States Marines Corps and was honorably discharged in November of 1976. He was united in marriage to Gayle Juergens on October 23, 1976 at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Carroll. For the past 35 years, Alex was employed at Juergens Produce and Feed where he was a dedicated addition to the team of employees. Everyone who knew Alex saw a person who needed little in life to be content. When he discovered the game of golf it became his favorite way to enjoy the outdoors. Alex loved playing golf each week with his friends, and particularly enjoyed exploring new courses around Iowa. He loved working on his lawn and took great pride making sure it was perfectly manicured. Alex was always ready to lend a helping hand to a friend who needed help with a project. Most of all, he loved his family and took great joy in spending time with his grandsons; especially going swimming and playing games with them.

Alex is survived by his wife of 35 years Gayle Toms of Carroll; his children: SSGT Jeffrey Toms and his wife Stephanie of Winchester, CA, Mark Toms and his wife Katie of Carroll, and Summer Ney and her husband Adam of Rosemount, MN; three grandchildren: Conrad, Nolan, and Landon Toms, and one future grandchild; his father Jim Toms and his wife Vickie of Lake View; his sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law: Shirley (Don) Fasbender of St. Louis, MO, Judy (Darrell) Spear of Ames, Linda (Joe) Kueper of Papillion, NE and Ron (Betty) Juergens of Carroll; as well as other relatives and many friends. Alex was preceded in death by his mother Sheryl Ladehoff; his brother Jerry Toms; and his parents-in-law, Vernis and Wanda Juergens.

Tribute Wall

LB

“ *Gayle and Summer-
So sorry for your loss. Please know that your family will continue to
be in my prayers.
Ms. Becker*

Lynn Becker-Ernst - March 09, 2012 at 03:28 PM

JD

“ *Gayle and family, We're so sorry for your loss. This is really a loss
for the entire community. The Kelso sisters are thinking about you
and praying for you. Love, Janet, Sue, and Sandy*

Janet Kelso Demos - March 08, 2012 at 09:46 AM

CG

“ *Dear Gayle,
I am in Georgia and just learned of your loss. I am so sorry and wish
I could express my condolences in person. You and your family are
in a special place in my heart.
with much love, Carol Gronstal*

Carol A Gronstal - March 08, 2012 at 09:00 AM

SC

“ *Getting to really know Alex didn't happen. Frankly, we didn't like one
another as teens, but neither of us probably knew quite why.
However, when Alex befriended Dan Sheehan and then married the
wonderful Gayle, I knew there was something I had missed. Too
much time had passed and I'm sad for that. Condolences to your
entire family.*

Steve Crane - March 07, 2012 at 03:25 PM

MB

“ My deepest sympathy to the Toms family. Jeff, Stephanie and Landon, you are in my prayers. Love, Mary Bolton

Mary Bolton - March 07, 2012 at 02:01 PM

GT

“ Dearest Gayle, God's word says that this earth is not our home. We are here only for a short time to be witnesses and do our Father's will as best we can, and then our reward. I did not have the opportunity to meet Alex, but I know his son Jeff quite well. He is the son-in-law that I love and admire very much. He puts his life on the line for his country over and over again willingly, cares for his wife and children, is a loving and supportive son, brother, and friend, following in his father's footsteps. Alex was proud of him, just as God is proud of Alex. Be happy for him. Surely his reward will be great. Treasure his memory, cherish his legacy. I pray God's peace and joy will cover you and the arms of His Holy Spirit will wrap around you. Yours in Christ, Gladys (Stephanie's Mom)

Gladys Thomas - March 07, 2012 at 12:30 PM

ST

“ Gayle, Jeff, and family, we have you in our thoughts and prayer. May God Bless. Steve Thomas

Steve Thomas - March 07, 2012 at 11:58 AM

CS

“ I was friends with both Alex and Jerry.44 years ago. I remember sitting on thier front porch and talking. My parayers are with you.

Cheryl Semmens - March 07, 2012 at 09:49 AM

JC

“ My sympathies go out to Alex and his family. Losing a loved one is hard, but time heals everything. Have faith that he is in a much better place than here. Our only regret is that we will miss his company.

I'm married to Tyra Toms, Jim & Vickie's daughter. I met Alex for the first time along with his two boys in December while we were visiting Iowa.

My most sincerest condolences.

Juan Conde

Juan Conde - March 06, 2012 at 10:50 PM

JD

“ Gayle and family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time

Jim & Mary Lou Dopheide

Jim & Mary Lou Dopheide - March 06, 2012 at 08:45 PM

L"

“ I and my family have been praying for Mr. Alex Toms now for several weeks. Jeff is married to my niece Stephanie and she has kept us up to date on Alex's illness and his homegoing to be with our Lord. We continue to pray for all of you and have asked special blessings at our lunch and dinner table today. I, personally, will be praying for the Toms family at 7:30 p.m. today and each evening thereafter. May our God hold you gently in His precious arms and give you strength that only comes from Him. With my sincere love and understanding as I have lost my Dad. Because of Jesus, Linda F. Thomas

Linda Thomas "Nina" - March 06, 2012 at 08:35 PM

NJ

“ *Gayle & Family..I'm so sorry to hear of Alex's passing. May you all find peace and understanding during this difficult time.*

Nicolle Johnson - March 06, 2012 at 04:07 PM

MS

“ *Gayle, Jeff, Mark and Summy, You all know how much we loved Alex and how glad we were to be his friend. We have such great memories of him.
He was one of a kind, and we learned a lot from him about living the simple life.
He'll be so missed. The world is already a different place without him here to offer his honest commentary when needed. So glad we saw him Friday.
See you soon. Love and hugs to all of you and to Stef, Katie, Adam, Lindsay, Conrad and Nolan too.
Kitty and Cuddy*

Mark Cuddy and Kitty Sheehan - March 06, 2012 at 02:52 PM

DB

“ *Alex Toms*

Debra Lynn Beiter - March 06, 2012 at 12:47 PM

SL

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.*

Steve and Robyn Lane - March 06, 2012 at 12:38 PM

JB

“ Summer and Family: We are sincerely sorry for your loss. Will keep your family in our thoughts and prayers. ? Wayne, Jane and Chelsea Bruening

Jane Bruening - March 06, 2012 at 10:56 AM

KT

“ So sorry for your loss, new Alex when I was growing up. May God be with you all.

Kathy Olberding thede - March 05, 2012 at 10:06 PM

PN

“ Dear Gayle and family, We are so sorry for the loss of Alex. Hoping your memories bring you comfort. Keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers. Pat and Marlene

Pat & Marlene Ney - March 05, 2012 at 09:31 PM

DR

“ Thinking of you and extending our deepest sympathy to you, Gayle and all your family. May all the memories be your strength in the days ahead.

Dale & Diane Rohe - March 05, 2012 at 08:07 PM

CK

“ Gayle, I am so sorry for your loss, you and the kids are in my thought and prayer. Please give Summer a big hug for me.

Christy Derner Kuhlmann - March 05, 2012 at 08:00 PM

SB

“ I was so shocked and sorry to hear of your loss I will keep you all in my prayers. Sue

Sue behrens - March 05, 2012 at 07:38 PM

KY

“ I am very sorry to hear of your families loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

Katie (Behrens) Yager - March 05, 2012 at 05:43 PM

PS

“ Gail, and family.... There are no words....just know that I will keep you in thoughts and prayers. Thank you for the privilege of caring for Alex.
Peg Scheidt-St. Anthony's

Peg Scheidt-Chaplain - March 05, 2012 at 04:55 PM

BF

“ Jeff -
We are so sorry for your loss! You are in our thoughts and prayers always! We love you so much!
Love, Ben, Kristy and Addyson

Ben and Kristy Fyffe - March 05, 2012 at 03:28 PM

DV

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Dave and Toni Vaughn - March 05, 2012 at 11:56 AM

MH

“ Our deepest sympathies for your loss.

Mark & Sue Huebsch - March 05, 2012 at 10:52 AM