



Thomas Ben McElhinney

June 19, 1953 - July 1, 2019

Thomas Ben McElhinney, 66, of Evans passed away on Monday, July 1, 2019 at his home.

He was born June 19, 1953 in Marlette, Michigan to Wallace and Violet (Paling) McElhinney. Tom graduated from Greeley West High School in 1972 and went on to attend UNC in Greeley.

He worked in sales in the building materials industry and had been employed by Economy Lumber, BMC Building Materials and Lowes.

Tom is survived by his wife, Bonnie (Grauberger) McElhinney, his sons, Tucker McElhinney of Greeley, and Scott (Bekah) McElhinney of Petaluma, California, his sisters, Deborah (Michael) Dickerson of Florahome, Florida, Rebecca (Rob) Reckard of Evans, Colorado, Kathleen (Ron) Colwell of Great Falls, Montana, a brother, Bob (Christi) McElhinney of Denver, Colorado, mother-in-law, Shirley Grauberger of Greeley, Colorado, a brother-in-law, Lloyd (Linda) Grauberger of Hugo, Colorado, and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his father-in-law, and a nephew.

A celebration of Tom's life will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 11, 2019 at the Moser Funeral Service Chapel, 3501 S. 11th Avenue in Evans, Colorado.

An online obituary and guestbook are available at <http://www.moserfuneralservice.com>.

Events

JUL **Memorial Service** 10:00AM - 11:00AM
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Moser Funeral & Cremation Service
3501 S. 11th Avenue, Evans, CO, US, 80620

Comments



“ An external video has been added.



Moser Funeral & Cremation Service - July 05, 2019 at 05:08 PM



“ Crystal Baker lit a candle in memory of Thomas Ben McElhinney



Crystal Baker - July 31, 2019 at 09:45 PM



“ I met Tom through our local master's swim program. He was always making funny, sarcastic comments but was also an amazing swimmer! He spent almost an hour teaching me how to swim better one time. His butterfly made enough waves that we called him Tommy Tsunami! He was also very helpful to me recently at Lowe's when I went in to buy a door. He literally picked up the door and carried it out to my truck. We talked for awhile and he told me how many days he had left until retirement. Such a great guy. He will be truly missed.

Cindy Dallow - July 11, 2019 at 03:43 PM



“ I was blessed to know Tom through the Bee Gee's Masters Swim Team. Although I only swam with Tom and our mutual friend Rich Hess for a couple years, we shared many laughs and swims together. A fond shared memory was getting up early and meeting at Lago de Pelican (Pelican Lake) in Windsor and swimming in the cold water up until around November 1 each year. Afterwards we would grab a coffee and catch-up for a while. Tom, thank you for your wonderful friendship. To your family, thank you for the time I was able to spend with such a great man with a big heart and a ready smile.

Blessings,

Patrick McLaughlin
New Braunfels, TX

Patrick McLaughlin - July 11, 2019 at 10:36 AM



“ I had the privilege of working with Tom for the past 7 years at Lowes. We both had roots in the building industry and got to know each other while he was President of Weld County and I was President Northern Home builders. I always enjoyed working with Tom and also hearing stories of his rafting trips. He inspired me to get up super early one morning a couple of years ago and go hike to lake Agnes. He told me that it is really pretty in the early morning while it is so calm. He was absolutely right, and it was not crowded either. Tom was a wealth of knowledge at work and many associates would seek him out for answers, including me. Some of my fondest times at Lowes were when Tom, Donn Harper and myself were manning the Millwork desk. We enjoyed ourselves, worked hard and truly enjoyed each others company.

I will miss my morning conversations with Tom where would talk about everything from Tear Drop campers to him giving me the business about being a Browns fan.

God bless you all!

God bless you Tommy Mac.

Bill Kish

Bill Kish - July 11, 2019 at 09:05 AM



“ So sorry to hear about Tom's passing. Working with Tom at Economy Lumber and BMC was such a privilege. I was just a kid in high school and college at the time. He was always willing to take the time out of his busy day to teach and share what he knew. I remember Tom teaching me how to ski and the impact this left with me. Thanks for taking the time to leave a part of you with me. If only more people would do that....

John Killen - July 11, 2019 at 12:52 AM



“ I so enjoyed swimming with Tom at the Greeley Rec Center during the Masters workouts... awesome guy and will be truly missed

nancy hinrichs - July 10, 2019 at 12:16 PM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Thomas Ben McElhinney.



July 09, 2019 at 09:10 PM



“ I met Tom when he was the President of the Weld County Builders Association in 2002. He was a great ambassador for the association and the local building industry. I always enjoyed talking with him whenever we'd cross paths. My deepest condolences.

Robert Coon

Robert Coon - July 09, 2019 at 07:25 PM



“ Bonnie,

I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Know my thoughts are with you during this difficult time.

LaDonna Short

LaDonna Short - July 09, 2019 at 07:56 AM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas Ben McElhinney.



July 09, 2019 at 07:42 AM



“ Known Tom through the years from Economy Lumber through Lowes. Last time I saw him he was so excited to retire. God Bless you and your family, in our prayers.

John Royer - July 08, 2019 at 08:01 AM



“ Lowe's 1812 Family purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Thomas Ben McElhinney.



Lowe's 1812 Family - July 07, 2019 at 09:30 AM



“ I worked with Tom for seven years at Lowes. We shared a lot of laughs. For the past few months Tom would let me know how many weeks and then days and down to the hours he had left before retiring. On his last day I gave him a hug and told him how I enjoyed working with him and wished him the best with his retirement. And how jealous I was. He is missed by many of us. Rest in peace Tom.
Sharrell

Sharrell - July 06, 2019 at 12:41 PM



“ Tom condolences to your family. You will never be forgotten working with you at St George and the dragon you were my friend as well as my boss I will never forget when you taught me how to dance and we would win the dance contests when big Al and the hi-fi's would play that was always the highlight of my night. I pray that you are at peace that you are still running and that you are still dancing

Kathy (Haskett) Bopp - July 06, 2019 at 11:11 AM



“ R I P my friend condolences and thoughts and prayers to Toms family. I will never forget you Tom working with you at saint George and the dragon was such a great time we had a lot of fun I will never forget that you taught me how to dance and how many contests we won when big Al and the hi-fi's would play you were my friend and some nights you are my boss. Hoping that you are at peace now and that you will always either be running or dancing I am sure that you will be greatly missed by your family and friends rest in peace my friend Kathy (Haskett) Bopp

Kathy (Haskett) Bopp - July 06, 2019 at 10:48 AM



“ Feldhaus Family lit a candle in memory of Thomas Ben McElhinney



Feldhaus Family - July 05, 2019 at 09:06 PM



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Feldhaus Family - July 05, 2019 at 08:58 PM