



You Raise Me Up

Sunday May 31, 2020

Dear God,

Thank you so much for bringing Tom into my life 30 years ago. Thank you for giving us two wonderful children!! What a gift to continue to have such a big part of him with me on earth in them, and if Your Will, their children and their children.....

Thank you for letting Tom have so many wonderful friends and a beautiful and loving family that are now part of my friends and family. And of course, thank you so much for my caring and loving family and friends. I know that I am blessed with such love and kindness from all those around me in my life because You are with us all--and You Are Love and Kindness!!!

I loved so many things about Tom--but his love, patience, kindness, heartedness, respect and understanding of others and so many other virtues were so evident and present in him. I know he loved You and thank you for letting him love me!! Tom was what is truly important and right in this world and that is what he was so loved for. Tom helped me so much during my own despairing moments by keeping his heart open to You when I had mine shut!! He let You help him get me through some of my very hardest times - THANK YOU!!!

I know and trust that Tom being separated on earth from all those who loved him is part of your great plan. I know it hurts so much now to be without him because you put someone in our lives that let us experience so much joy, laughter and love because he was filled with it!!

God, please help us keep our hearts open to You, especially when we are feeling angry and sad about not having Tom with us. Please help us turn our tears of sadness into laughter of joy and let us always remember You gave us the wonderful gift of Tom. Help us continue to share our love, kind-heartedness, patience and understanding to others, just as he did.

God thank you so much for Tom!!!!

I Love You

Lisa

P.S. I know you got this!!!!



Emily and Cooper said it best after their Dad passed, “He was such a good man.”

Thomas Michael Froelich, 50, of Mandan, ND passed away May 29, 2020, at Sanford, surrounded by his family.

Tom was born July 2nd, 1969 to Richard and Lorraine (Stumpf) Froelich. The youngest of five, he attended Christ the King through 8th Grade and Mandan High. From an early age, Tom was susceptible to injury, in other words, accident prone! He had many brushes with death and some would say he was a cat with nine lives. His life would seem too short to many, but those who were close to Tom marveled at his courage and positivity in facing his challenges.

From an early age, baseball was Tom’s sports passion starting with being batboy for the Mandan Legion team. His Little League and Legion Varsity teammates remained some of his closest friends. Tom went on to finish his baseball career at Bismarck State College and received a degree in Commercial Art. He furthered his education at Mankato State and went on to receive a Bachelor’s Degree in Graphics Communication from Moorhead State. His working career started with various jobs at the convenience stores owned by the family oil company, Froelich Oil. He continued his passion for art as graphic artist and national sales manager for Dakota Collectibles. He eventually went back to join his siblings at Missouri Valley Petroleum where he was the wholesale fuel manager.

Tom and Lisa (Axtmann) went to Mandan High, graduating in 1987, however, didn’t realize they were meant for each other until 1990. They married in 1994 and were blessed with Emily in 2003 and Cooper in 2004.

Their life quickly revolved around Em and Coop and their love of sports, especially baseball and hockey. Tom and Lisa soon became ‘Hockey Parents’. Along with being busy with the kids’ activities, Tom was very involved in Mandan Baseball fundraising and serving as a member of the Board of Directors.

In December 2013, Tom collapsed at work, from a virus that attacked his heart. He spent the next several months fighting for his life, and through a gift from God we were able to keep him with us for over six years. He was so grateful to everyone who helped his family through this time and there were many, especially their hockey family who wrapped their arms around the family, honoring Tom with the Pucks for People Benefit during his initial stay at Mayo Clinic. He never took for granted the time he spent with his family and friends. A kinder and more generous man would be hard to find.

Thomas is survived by his beloved wife, Lisa; children, Emily and Cooper; parents, Richard and Lorraine Froelich, Mandan; sister, Kathy (Mitch) Nilles, Bismarck; brothers, David (Connie), Bismarck, Jim, Mandan, Larry (Cheryl) of Mandan; mother-in-law, Betty Axtmann; and many nieces, nephews, and in-laws.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Lawrence and Rose Stumpf and Alex and Wanda Froelich; and his Father-in-Law, Ed Axtmann.

Those who knew Tom were aware of his desire to look meticulous and taking his time doing pretty much ‘everything’. He was a member of a very small club who took an hour and a half to watch 60 Minutes!

In Loving Memory Of

Thomas M. Froelich

July 2, 1969 — May 29, 2020

Funeral Liturgy **Thursday, June 4, 2020; 10:30 AM**
Celebrant **St. Joseph Catholic Church**
Musicians **Reverend Shane Campbell**
 Anne Kesler & Gene Mosbrucker
Opening Song **“Be Not Afraid”**

Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 25: 6a, 7-9
Lector Ken Axtmann
Responsorial Psalm Psalm 103
New Testament Reading **“The Lord is kind and merciful”**
Lector Romans 8: 38-39
Gospel Reading Kirstie Wieland
Homily John 14: 1-6

The Froelich family would like to thank all of those who have been so supportive, loving and kind to them during this most difficult time.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of Gifts Song **“You are Near”**
Eucharistic Prayer **“On Eagles Wings”**
Communion Song **“Shelter Me O God”**
Second Communion Song **“You Raise Me Up”**
Communion Meditation **“Song of Farewell”**
Final Commendation **“How Great Thou Art”**
Closing Song

Graveside Service **Mandan Union Cemetery**
 Mandan, North Dakota

Casket Bearers

Paul Cordova ~ Mike Eckroth ~ Tom Mongeon
Scott Naasz ~ Bob Schulte ~ Mike Wieland

**Following the burial the family invites you for
lunch and fellowship at the Mandan Eagles.**