



Thomas D. "Tom" Brenneman

May 13, 1955 - May 25, 2020

NORFOLK – Private funeral service for Thomas Dean “Tom” Brenneman, 65, of Norfolk will be held Friday, May 29, 2020 at the Grace Lutheran Church in Norfolk with Rev. Chris Asbury officiating. Public interment will be held at 11:30 a.m., at the Prospect View Cemetery, Pierce. Public visitation without the family present will be held 5:00-7:00 p.m., Thursday, at the Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk. Tom passed away on Monday, May 25, 2020 at his residence in Norfolk. Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk is in charge of the arrangements.

Tom was born on May 13, 1955 to James “Jim” and Cleone (Janssen) Brenneman in Norfolk, NE. Tom was baptized and confirmed at Grace Lutheran Church in Norfolk. Tom graduated from Norfolk Senior High in 1973 and Northeast Community College. Tom married Lois Ann Bockelman on April 3, 1976 at Christ Lutheran Church in Pierce.

Tom worked as a firefighter for the Norfolk Fire Department and also a certified rescue dive team. Tom became a registered nurse and worked in the emergency room at Faith Regional Health Services. He also worked as a nurse at Urgent Care as well as being an x-ray tech. Tom finished his nursing career at the Surgi-Center in Norfolk. Tom loved being a nurse, listening to his patients and taking wonderful care of his patients was his passion. He was a proud owner of a 1937 Ford Coupe which he loved to show off at car shows. He loved to fish, hunt, boat, and fix anything that needed fixing. Tom loved being a grandpa to his grandson and spending as much time as he could with

his family. Tom was a member of the Grace Lutheran Church in Norfolk. Survivors include spouse of 44 years Lois Brenneman of Norfolk, daughter Heidi Brenneman (special friend Travis) of Pierce and grandson Sean, son Andrew Brenneman (special friend Alicia) of Norfolk, mother Cleone Brenneman of Norfolk, siblings Connie (Paul) Bichlmeier of Norfolk, Daniel "Butch" (Colleen) Brenneman of Gretna, Sherri Aldag of Norfolk, and Karen Brenneman of Norfolk, and nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by father James "Jim" Brenneman, grandmother Esther Janssen, grandparents Walter and Helen Brenneman.

Casket bearers will be Jay Aldag, Travis Aldag, Dalton Bichlmeier, Parker Brenneman, Jim Prahl, and Dan Brenneman. Honorary casket bearers: Sean Monroe, Travis Monroe Jr., Kendra Barnts, Kyleigh Barnts, Kelsey Barnts, and nieces and nephews.

Condolences may be expressed to the family on-line at www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com.

Cemetery Details

Prospect View Cemetery - Rural Pierce

Pierce, NE

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **28**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Graveside Service

MAY **29**. 11:30 AM (CT)

Prospect View Cemetery - Rural Pierce

Pierce, NE

Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas D. "Tom" Brenneman*

October 05, 2023 at 03:46 AM



“ *Dear Brenneman family,*

We would like to express our deep sympathy on the passing of Thomas. We have known the Brenneman family for many years as we attended Grace Lutheran Church also. My parents spent a great deal of time with Jim and Cleone and probably knew Thomas better than my brothers and sisters did. We wanted to express to you that we know that God has all of you in His loving arms and will give you comfort and peace. We hope the memories that you've shared over the years will give you a peace as well. We have you in our thoughts and prayers!

Much love to all and Blessings.

Richard and Joy Rene' Neel/ nee Kohl Woodrow and Marjorie Kohl's daughter

Richard and Joy Rene' Neel/ nee Kohl - June 26, 2020 at 08:18 PM



“ *I am saddened to hear of Toms passing. He was one of a kind. I have some fond stories from many years ago.*

Herb Angell - May 30, 2020 at 02:08 PM

DE

“ The best thing my parents did was buy a home 3 doors down from the Brenneman's. To quote one of my brothers: "They all were a big part in our lives. Most all of our childhood memories included the Brenneman's. I don't think I ever met anyone else who could laugh as leg slapping hard as Tom could." Our band of brothers ruled the neighborhood with such excitement and adventures which formed them into the great men they all grew up to be. And now our band of brothers is one less and our hearts are weeping.

To Tom's family, we share in your sorrow for he truly was a great and special friend. We are so sorry that he was taken from all of you way to soon. May your memories you made with Tom bring some comfort to you in the days ahead.

The Orlo & Maggie Rath family,
Debbie, Tom, Diane, Dan, Dick, Tony and Cindi

Debbie - May 29, 2020 at 11:52 PM

BI

“ I have known Tom since I started at Faith Regional 20 years ago. Kind, compassionate, funny, caring and happy are only a few ways to describe him. He always had a smile and a friendly word. My thoughts and prayers to your family.

Bill Jepsen

Bill - May 28, 2020 at 07:12 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas D. "Tom" Brenneman.



May 28, 2020 at 06:59 PM

JO

“ Just note to you that I really enjoyed working and talking with Tom during our days in the ER at FRHS . Keeping you in my thoughts and prays.
Jed Oberg

Jed Oberg - May 28, 2020 at 11:04 AM

YI

“ your friends at Superior Industries purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Thomas D. "Tom" Brenneman.



your friends at Superior Industries - May 28, 2020 at 10:29 AM

CT

“ When I think of a word that describes Tom, it was be compassionate. He was the best nurse hands down and you knew you were in good hands when you had Tom as your nurse. I had the pleasure of working with him at Urgent Care Center. One of the many memories I had of Tom working there was when he convinced a fellow co-worker that a "hobo" was living under the small bridge. We laughed about that for weeks! I will miss his smile, hearing him talk about his cars, but I will miss his friendship the most.

Lois and family - you have my deepest condolences. I wish there were words I could say to make it better. I hope you feel the arms of God wrapping around each of you.

We are all better people for having known Tom.

Cora Thompson - May 28, 2020 at 09:39 AM

DK

“ We are deeply saddened to hear of Tom's death. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Don & Karen Klug

Don Klug - May 28, 2020 at 09:07 AM

ME

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Tom's passing. He was an angel to my family years ago when my husband was sick. He knew right away we needed answers and directed us with what to do. I'm so thankful Tom was working that Saturday morning in the ER. He loved taking care of his patients. Prayers are with your family.

Megan - May 27, 2020 at 10:27 PM

MB

“ I have worked with Tom more than 20 years. I would stop by the ER a few times a day and if anything was broke or needed attention, Tom pointed it out to me. With him, it wasn't a "fix 5 minutes ago" but he would definitely appreciate it if you got to it right away. There was always a thank you and his smile! You knew you were doing pretty good if he looked at you over his glasses. I worked with him at Urgent Care as well as Surgicenter. As always, he would let me know what beds were needing attention or what monitors weren't working right. And yes, he would definitely help fix the stuff. Tom, you will be missed. I know you have probably touched every person in our community. Thank you for your service, your passion, and your friendship.

Mike Brockhaus

Mike Brockhaus - May 27, 2020 at 10:16 PM

DK

“ I am so sorry. Tom was a good person and a caring one. Doris & Bill Kingsbury

Doris Kingsbury - May 27, 2020 at 09:34 PM



Barbara Chamberlin

“ I am so sad to hear of Tom passing. On behalf of my entire family we are sending along the deepest, heartfelt sympathies to the entire Brennaman family. Such a tremendous loss, he will be greatly missed. From Mardell and Willard Johnson, sons Steve, Stan, Lyle, Rich, and daughter Barb. Prayers to all of the Brennamans.

Barbara Chamberlin - May 27, 2020 at 09:17 PM

JR

“ I am so sorry to hear Tom passed away. He was truly a great man. He took care of my mother as she was dying from cancer and was by far the best person in the world to take care of her as well as taking care of me in my despair. In January, my son needed to have a procedure done at the Surgery Center. My son is severely autistic and my husband and I were really worried how everything would go. When we arrived at the Surgery Center and Tom came into our area to take care of Jonathan, I was so relieved! He said "I remember you and your mom". That was a special moment as I couldn't believe he remembered me as my mother has been gone for quite some time. Tom was so gentle and kind to Jonathan and he took care of Al and I as well by comforting us and walking us through how the procedure would take place. Everything turned out great and our experience was so much less stressful because Tom was there. Again, I am sorry for your loss. It is truly a loss for everyone who knew the great man that Tom was.

Julie Rajae

Julie Rajae - May 27, 2020 at 12:24 PM

JG

I remember Tom, he was a kind and giving man! Sad to hear of his loss. Always a generous hand of friendship and loving care to so many that had the priveledge to know Tom.

Joyce Guthrie - May 28, 2020 at 08:37 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas D. "Tom" Brenneman.*



May 27, 2020 at 11:39 AM

 Julie
Starman

“ *Thank you, Tom, for everything you taught me at the Urgent Care. I've never met a more compassionate and knowledgeable nurse. How lucky your patients were! I will never forget you.*

Julie Starman - May 27, 2020 at 11:25 AM

DA

My heartfelt sympathy to all the family. I worked with Tom at FRHS. An excellent nurse who really gave his pts good care. May his soul rest in peace

Dorothy St. Arnold - May 27, 2020 at 09:14 PM

LD

Tom and I worked "together" in separate departments (ICU and ER) for many years at FRHS. I respected his professional expertise and admired the genuine compassion he had for his patients. When Tom gave me the "lowdown" on a patient he was bringing to me, it was always accurate and thorough. His smile and laugh were day-brighteners and stress-relievers to all with whom he worked. A couple of times, I was on the other side of the bed rails as a patient in ER, and got to experience firsthand Tom's caring and kindness. He touched so many lives with his skill and empathy. His memory will live a long time for me. Bless you in your sorrow.
Linda Douglas

Linda Douglas - July 15, 2020 at 01:22 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas D. "Tom" Brenneman.*



May 27, 2020 at 10:47 AM



“ *Roxanne Kline lit a candle in memory of Thomas D. "Tom" Brenneman*



Roxanne Kline - May 27, 2020 at 05:19 AM

RS

“ Tom was always very gentle talking and enjoyed having him as my RN at the surgery center whenever I had surgery.
I could always tell he loved God and you Lois and his family.
Our sympathy and prayers are with you.
God bless
Don and Regina Seamann

Regina & Don Seamann - May 26, 2020 at 11:31 PM

RS

“ Regina & Don Seamann lit a candle in memory of Thomas D. "Tom" Brenneman



Regina & Don Seamann - May 26, 2020 at 11:27 PM

JM

“ Sympathy and prayers to all of you. Tom was a special man.

jana markes - May 26, 2020 at 10:32 PM

DB

“ It was truly a privilege to work along side Tom. He was passionate about taking care of patients and took great pride in being a Nurse. Patients, as well as their families adored him! I will definitely miss him, and my condolences to Lois and and family.

Dr. Tom Beutler - May 26, 2020 at 09:54 PM

PM

“ Cleone and Connie,

I first worked with Tom when he was on the rescue squad; I was in the ER & I knew he would have the patient stabilized.. I was so proud of him for becoming a nurse.. I am thinking of you & of your families. Pat Meierhenry, Lincoln



Pat Meierhenry - May 26, 2020 at 09:27 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas D. "Tom" Brenneman.



May 26, 2020 at 09:20 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas D. "Tom" Brenneman.



May 26, 2020 at 07:13 PM

SV

“ There are so many things that could be said about how wonderful Tom was. I only had the pleasure of working with and knowing him for the last year. Even though it was only a year, knowing him has left an impact on me in so many ways. As a current nursing student he always had words of encouragement and advice anytime I needed it. My heart is broken for your family, please know that you're all in my thoughts and prayers. He will be deeply missed. - Shelby Veik

Shelby Veik - May 26, 2020 at 06:57 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas D. "Tom" Brenneman.



May 26, 2020 at 06:54 PM

DD

“ Lois, Cleone & Family - We were so very sorry to read of Tom's passing. I first met Tom when he came to work at the Regional Center. I also remember Randy Vesely and him taking me up in the snorkel fire truck bucket when they dedicated the fire training tower. He later was one of my nurses at the Surgery Center. Betty and I both thought so much of him and liked him. All of you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Don & Betty Dammast - May 26, 2020 at 05:05 PM

HO

“ I worked in OB, but if I was floated to ER and Tom was working, I knew it would be a good shift. He was so kind to everyone and fun to work with. I am so sorry for your loss.

Heather Oltmanns - May 26, 2020 at 04:56 PM

TC

“ Lois and Family, I was so shocked to see that Tom had passed away. I can't imagine how much you miss him.....he seemed to be Mom's nurse many times throughout the years. Mom sure liked him and of course I sure thought he was a good guy and always had fun with us each time. He will be missed! Hugs to you all and God's Blessings. Tracy Cullin

Tracy Cullin - May 26, 2020 at 04:51 PM

SI

“ Superior Industries purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Thomas D. "Tom" Brenneman.



Superior Industries - May 26, 2020 at 12:20 PM

LA

“ So sad to hear this. Have lots of great memories of Tom growing up in the same neighborhood. My condolences to the families.

Laurie Abler - May 26, 2020 at 08:05 AM

PW

“ Tom and I went to nursing school together. He was smart and witty. I never doubted he would be a great nurse. We never had the opportunity to work together but I’ve heard many stories about him from the ER from Dr. Dilly and Peg Behmer. May you find comfort in your memories and peace in your heart. Peg Wemhoff

Peg (Schindler) Wemhoff - May 26, 2020 at 07:54 AM

BS

“ My deepest condolences to the entire family!

Brian J. Schlote - May 26, 2020 at 03:05 AM



I am so sorry for you loss, Cleone, Lois and the rest of the family members. Tom was an awesome nurse. It was a great comfort knowing he was a nurse to me or my family. I will never forget how Tom rescue us from the front desk (we had already pre-registered) at the time Linnea was about to give birth to our first child. God will be getting a good man in heaven that is for sure!
Michael Gettman

Michael Gettman - May 26, 2020 at 10:22 PM