



## Thomas "Tom" J. Huisman

June 29, 1951 - March 5, 2025

NORFOLK -- Visitation for Thomas J. "Tom" Huisman, 73, of Leigh, NE, will be held from 2:00-4:00 p.m., Sunday, March 9, 2025 at the Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk. Private family burial will be held on Monday, March 10, 2025 at the Leigh Cemetery in Leigh, Nebraska. Tom passed away on Wednesday, March 5, 2025 at the Heritage of Bel Air Nursing Home in Norfolk. Stonacek Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

It is with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of our Dad, Tom Huisman.

Tom's passion for his community was evident in the many roles he took on throughout his life. As a little league baseball coach in Leigh, he not only taught the game but also instilled the values of teamwork and sportsmanship in many young lives. His leadership in starting the Legion Baseball program further cemented his impact on the town, creating opportunities and building a love of baseball for many.

For 13 years, Tom and Janice owned and managed the Leigh bowling alley, which was a place where friends gathered, stories were shared, and countless memories were made. During that same period and beyond, he also worked as a feed salesman in the area. His dedication to the community extended to serving on the Leigh Volunteer Rescue Unit for 25 years. Tom took a lot of

pride in this role, feeling a deep sense of duty and camaraderie with his fellow unit members.

Tom found joy in the simple pleasures of life. He loved fishing, bowling, and sharing a good story, often with each retelling becoming better with time. His positive demeanor and gift for conversation is something we will all remember him for. Some of the family's fondest memories were made on his boat, where Tom was happiest, surrounded by loved ones and the hope that any next cast could be a "Master Angler".

Tom is survived by his three sons and their spouses: Jason & Shari, Cody & Angie, and Drew & Aly. He also leaves behind his beloved sister, Sandy, and two grandchildren, Maddux and Reese.

Tom's warmth, humor, and commitment to his community will be dearly missed but forever remembered by all who were fortunate enough to know him.

Condolences may be expressed to the family on-line at [www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com](http://www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 9. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Stonacek Funeral Chapel - Norfolk

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# Tribute Wall

AV

“ To Toms family,  
I am so incredibly sorry to hear about Tom's passing. He was one of my favorites! Prayers to your whole family during this difficult time. Know, he is now drinking all the Starbucks he wants!  
April V.  
Columbus Medical Center/Dr. Gotschall

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**April V** - March 10, 2025 at 05:19 PM

KN

“ Kevin N. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas "Tom" J. Huisman.

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**Kevin N.** - March 08, 2025 at 06:45 PM

JM

“ Justin and Marci purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Thomas "Tom" J. Huisman.



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**Justin and Marci** - March 08, 2025 at 12:54 PM

BW

“ Our sympathies to all of Tom's family. He was quit involved in the community of Leigh. His involvement with youth sports whether through coaching, being umpire, or preparing and maintaining of the ball fields and football field did not go unnoticed. Many hours were spent voluntarily for the sake of the youth of our community. Always a pleasant man to visit with.  
*Bruce and Jean Wendt*

**Bruce Wendt** - March 08, 2025 at 09:31 AM

BH

“ I remember Tom from football at Leigh. I taught there and helped Mr Hall coach. I remember talking to him during his reunion at Mike Wilke's place a couple of years ago. I will miss him. "Bud"  
*Hackbarth*

**Bud Hackbarth** - March 07, 2025 at 05:48 PM

RW

“ Our deepest sympathy to the family on the loss of Tom, he was a close friend that will be dearly missed by all. Rich and Jolene  
*Wurdeman*

**Richard Wurdeman** - March 07, 2025 at 04:13 PM

TS

“ The Mooneys, Shoemakers, and Van Sauns purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Thomas "Tom" J. Huisman.



**The Mooneys, Shoemakers, and Van Sauns** - March 07, 2025 at 11:35 AM

TS

“ The Mooneys, Shoemakers, and Van Sauns planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas "Tom" J. Huisman.

The Mooneys, Shoemakers, and Van Sauns - March 07, 2025 at 11:35 AM

BF

“ Brent Fuhr & Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Thomas "Tom" J. Huisman.



Brent Fuhr & Family - March 06, 2025 at 08:16 PM

NF

“ North School Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Thomas "Tom" J. Huisman.



North School Family - March 06, 2025 at 07:58 PM

MW

“ Mike Wilke purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Thomas "Tom" J. Huisman.



Mike Wilke - March 06, 2025 at 05:24 PM

HK

“ So very very sorry for your loss. Tom was a great friend and classmate. He leaves many memories we will cherish for many years. Our sincere thoughts and prayers. Hank and Mary Kay Krings - Elkhorn, NE

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**Harold (aka Hank) Krings** - March 06, 2025 at 05:13 PM



“ What an great summary of Tom's life his family shared! Jerry and I taught in Leigh from 1966-1969 and continue to appreciate learning of our former students' lives. When we hear Tom's name, we think of his big smile (his pictures in the Leigh annual look the same from year to year) and he had a twinkle in his eyes that gave the idea he might be "up to something" but not in a mean way. Tom had a good heart and was always ready to help when asked. We were sorry to read of Tom's passing. Our sympathies to Tom's family. Jerry and Cecilia Hall..Morse Bluff, NE

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**Cecilia Vojtech Hall** - March 06, 2025 at 02:41 PM

RW

“ So sorry for your loss. He was a great guy. He was an umpire for many of our boys baseball games. Randy always enjoyed visiting with him.

*Randy & Tammy Wendt*

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**Randy & Tammy Wendt** - March 06, 2025 at 02:18 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" J. Huisman.*



March 06, 2025 at 11:45 AM



“ *I will miss my friend of 60 years. My sympathy to the family.*

**Darwin Franzen** - March 05, 2025 at 07:09 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" J. Huisman.*



March 05, 2025 at 06:43 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Thomas "Tom" J. Huisman.*

March 05, 2025 at 06:43 PM



“ *Tom was in our 1978-79 EMT class in Clarkson. He was always a 'colorful character', and made our long evening classes go much faster! Over the many years since, seeing Tom always brought a smile to my face and I have very much enjoyed our friendship. You have our deepest sympathies. Tom Hamernik*

**Tom Hamernik** - March 05, 2025 at 05:35 PM