



## Thomas E. "Tom" Tunink

May 10, 1946 - July 1, 2019

PIERCE —Memorial services for Thomas E. "Tom" Tunink, 73, Elizabeth, Colo., formerly of Pierce, will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 13, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Pierce. The Rev. Tim Forget and Doug Tunink will officiate. Inurnment will be in the parish cemetery in rural Pierce. Military rites will be conducted by American Legion Tomek-Otto Post 72, U.S. Air Force Honors Guard and the Nebraska American Legion Riders.

Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Friday at the church with a 7 p.m. rosary.

He died Monday, July 1, 2019, at Comanche County Hospital in Cold Water, Kan., from a motorcycle accident.

Memorials are directed to St. Joseph's Indian School in Chamberlain, S.D. Arrangements are under the direction of Stonacek Memorial Chapel in Pierce.  
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Thomas E. "Tom" Tunink was born May 10, 1946, in McLean, the son of Eugene and Dorthy (Martischang) Tunink. He served in the U.S. Air Force from May 25, 1966, to March 24, 1970. He married Sandra Magdanz in 1967. They later divorced. He married Diane Raeside of Norfolk, and they later divorced.

Tom, throughout his life, lived in Nebraska, Louisiana, Texas and Colorado. He worked for Kenning and Reil and RK and Sons. He started his own business as Double T Balancing until the time of his death.

Tom served six years on the National Environmental Balancing Bureau National Testing, Adjusting and Balancing (TAB) Committee from November

2012 until October 2018. He had been the Rocky Mountain National Environmental Balancing Bureau (RMNEBB) technical director since around 2008 and was co-director since around 2000.

Tom was one of the “Originals” in Colorado, and everybody in the industry respected Tom. Tom achieved TAB supervisor certification in 1983 and co-owned Double T Balancing since 1986.

Tom started doing TAB in 1977 while being a Union Sheet Metal from 1965. Tom was a long time RMNEBB board member and you would see him at every NEBB National Conference. He also worked part time in the summers and Halloween at Tagawa Nursery for six years.

Tom loved working outside, growing his houseplants and riding his motorcycle. He coached soccer for many years. He loved visiting his family and was a member of St. Francis of Assisi in Castlerock, Colo.

Survivors include his children, Lisa (John) Hoepfner of Pierce, Curt (Kirsten) Tunink of Aurora, Colo., Scott Tunink of Pierce, Nicole Tunink and fiancé Jeremy Scurlock of Englewood, Colo., Natalie Tunink of Castlerock, Colo.; his grandchildren, Hailey Rutherford, Cassidy Tunink, Taren Tunink and Kole Tunink; and his great-grandchildren, Leia, Ezra, Kai Guyton and Jaxson Tunink, sister Doris (Douglas) Zakroczyński of Elberton, GA.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Eugene and Dorothy Tunink. Music will be provided by organist Linda Peekenschneider and soloist Nan Jansen singing “Be Not Afraid,” “Lord Is My Shepherd,” “Amazing Grace,” “Ave Marie” and “On Eagle’s Wings.”

Online condolences may be sent to [www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com](http://www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com).

# Cemetery Details

## St. Joseph's Catholic Church - Pierce

118 Willow St.  
Pierce, NE 68767

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 12. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church - Pierce  
118 Willow St.  
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## Rosary

JUL 12. 7:00 PM (CT)

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## Mass of Christian Burial

JUL 13. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas E. "Tom" Tunink*

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**William / Bill Thoendel** - July 10, 2019 at 05:22 PM



“ *Tom loved and lived life as written in this poem: <https://hurdlestohappiness.wordpress.com/tag/the-station/>*

*My heart sunk in my chest when I heard the news!!*

*I miss you my Friend...*

*You left too soon!!*

*We were to grow older together...*

*See Ya on the flip-side!!*

*Make sure the Bud is cold and we'll pop a top or two!!*

*Bill Thoendel*

*Norfolk, NE*

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**Bill Thoendel** - July 09, 2019 at 06:52 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Thomas E. "Tom" Tunink.*



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