



Thomas C. Mercadante

July 5, 1951 - February 22, 2015

Thomas Craig Mercadante “Tom” was born on July 5, 1951 in Orange New Jersey. He passed away suddenly on Sunday, February 22, 2015 due to a fatal stroke.

Tom married Linda Mercadante on March 29, 1980. He is survived by his loving family: wife Linda Mercadante, son Garrett Mercadante, parents Tom and Rose Mercadante, brothers Joe (Denise) Mercadante, Steve (Nancy) Mercadante, sister Geralyn Mercadante, and many in-laws, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Tom earned a bachelor’s degree in 1973 in Industrial Engineering at Newark College of Engineering, where he was class president and graduated top of his class. He went on to get a masters degree in Biomedical Engineering in 1980 at University of Texas at Arlington.

Tom was a self-employed entrepreneur, co-owner of Beauty in the Bead Shop & Shows.

Tom was proud of his role as former President of the Ferndale Food Bank. He was a member of The Church in Bellingham.

Tom was the eldest son of four siblings. He had fond memories growing up in

his Italian family, meals shared together, and summers on the ocean in Belmar. Tom had a deep and profound love for his family and friends. He became a Christian and received the Lord in his spirit in 1976. He began meeting in the Local church in Dallas in 1978 and had a great love for the Churches and the brothers and sisters. Tom had a passion for the Bible, singing hymns and songs, particularly from the Word. He also enjoyed playing the autoharp. Tom had a heartfelt interest in helping young people know and go on with the Lord. Many years ago Tom sold loose colored gemstones. He was fascinated by the correlation with gemstones in the Bible and our Christian experience. Tom was a highly intelligent, outgoing, loving and unique individual. His wife was always amazed that he could talk with anyone at any time about almost anything. After co-owning a Mortgage Company for 17 years, Tom really enjoyed transitioning into the bead business where he could apply his extensive gemstone knowledge. Tom had fun working with the bead shop and shows.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made in Tom's name to The American Heart Association, or to the charity of your choice.

A Memorial Service will be held for Tom on Saturday February 28, 3:00pm at Moles Farewell Tributes – Bayview, 2465 Lakeway Dr. in Bellingham

Tribute Wall

TK

“ *Linda*

It's been years since Tom passed and as many others could speak, the care and sweet love Tom freely gave is still residing in my soul. I first met Tom in May 1977 as one of the brothers who immediately began to care for me. He and the late Gary Clark were two brothers that watched over me with loving care.

They, as many of the Lord's precious ones, have passed on.

I feel so fortunate to have known Tom.

I have much to say... but will send this token

I hope all is well with you and Garrett

Tim

Tim Knoppe - April 04, 2024 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ Dear Linda and Garrett,
You don't know me, but I dated Tom in HS and College. I also knew him as Craig when we were in school at Our Lady of Sorrows School. I remember him singing in the boys' choir, and their lovely voices and refrains.
I was thinking about Tom, since my husband David and I are returning to NJ for a memorial for his older brother.
I always hoped he would meet a wonderful life partner. I am so thrilled that you were “the one”, Linda!
Because I, like Tom, left Catholicism and came to Christ (for me, in 1970), I am extremely thrilled to know Tom also knows Him and is known by Him! He really lived his faith until the end. Tom delighted people because the Lord blessed him with such a deep love of family and others. And out of his relationship with and love of Our God, Our Savior and The indwelling Holy Spirit, we KNOW where he is now.
I hope you are doing well, at peace with his absence, but comforted by those lovely memories you shared!
Love,
Lyn (Arkenberg) Grigonis
We live in Portland, Oregon. We had 2 sons, Josh and Micah.

Lyn G - June 30, 2023 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ Dear Linda and Garrett, We were grieved in our spirit when Pat called with the news regarding Tom’s passing but we have been comforted by the Lord as we recall all the sweet times we enjoyed with brother Tom sitting around our family room singing to the Lord. Those were some of the most precious moments that we have had in the church life. We are sorry that we could not be at the memorial time today but circumstances did not allow us to travel at the present time. I would have enjoyed testifying of how much enjoyment of Christ we received during those early days in Arlington with you all. I am sure brother Tom is enjoying his reunion with Howard Higashi and brother Lee praising the Lord Jesus and our hope is we will join them in spirit to enjoy the Lord daily until He gathers us altogether in the kingdom. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ comfort and support you both in the coming weeks and months. Love and hugs, Dalton & Shirley Rhea.

Dalton and Shirley Rhea - February 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AA

“ Dearest Linda,
Our deepest sympathies go to you and your family at this most difficult time. We are thinking of you and sending you our thoughts.
From your Bead Store devotees from Vancouver, Canada

Antje & Kevin & Ana - February 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Rest in peace. Know that you were loved and respected.

johannes kruithof - February 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM