



Cameron Thomas Herring Jr.

July 5, 1941 - December 18, 2015

Cameron “Tom” Thomas Herring, Jr. passed on Friday, December 18, 2015, after a long battle against cancer. His grace and strength for the duration of the illness was admirable.

He was born on July 5, 1941 in Fort Collins to parents, Cameron Herring and Elizabeth Heustis Herring, who preceded him in death.

On May 3, 1963 he married Mary Tuttle, his wife of 52 years and she was at his bedside when he passed away.

Tom had a fun-loving and teasing personality. He had a huge heart and was always willing to help his friends and family.

In his younger years, Tom was an avid hunter, fisherman and outdoorsman. He loved to play poker and shoot dice at the craps table. He has a tremendous heart for animals and he loved farming and raising and caring for cattle and horses. He had a special fondness for his canine companion, Rozzy G. “the wonder dog”.

Tom graduated from Fort Collins High School in 1959. He was a lifetime member of the local Elks lodge BPOE 804 and the Colorado Chapter of the POA Horse Club.

Tom is survived by his wife, Mary; his daughter, Brandi Herring and her companion, Susan Arias; sister in law, Nancy Tuttle; a niece and nephew and many cousins.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to a cancer fund of your choice in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive, Fort Collins, Colorado 80524.

A Celebration of Life will be held from 1:00-4:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 29, 2015 at the Elks Lodge, 1424 E. Mulberry. All are welcome.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

DEC **29**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (MT)

Elks Lodge
1424 E. Mulberry St.
Fort Collins, CO

Tribute Wall

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“ I knew Tom for over 35 years. In 1977 we bought a farm southwest of Fort Collins, and Tom farmed it for us until he moved to his farm north of Wellington. He was an excellent farmer, and fair in everything he did. We really missed him when he moved away. Tom and Mary remained our good friends, even though it was a little harder to get together than when we were right next door to each other. We are ardent Denver Broncos fans, and Tom was an “anti” Broncos fan, and we enjoyed giving each other a hard time each week over who would win the game. This evolved into weekly bets, with one of us setting the point spread each week and the other one picking the winner. At first, the loser had to buy a six-pack of beer, and we would drink it together. After Tom and Mary moved to Wellington we started putting the winnings into a pot, and used the proceeds to go out to dinner together, which we enjoyed immensely over the years.

We have owned farm properties as investments, and Tom was my farming advisor. His advice was invaluable to me since I was not actively involved in farming and ranching as my occupation, even though I was raised on a ranch in Montana.

I will sorely miss my great friend, beer drinking and betting partner, and advisor!

David Whitham

David Whitham - December 31, 2015 at 11:02 AM

CA

“ Dear Mary Brandi and Herring family,
Growing up in the farming community of District number 16, the Herring family was integrated in the Michie family in so many ways. I saw my first world series game at the home on the corner of Drake and Overland Trail. Bridget and Cam were some of my most special people. With Tom we had 4-H and school activities to keep us busy and when my daughter Chris was into horses she shared drill team activities with Brandi. My dad, John relished the times playing cribbage with Tom and sharing memories of the old days. I send you blessing for comfort and healing in the loss of an amazing man.
Fondly,
Carol (Michie, Crockett) Alford

Carol (Michie) Alford - December 31, 2015 at 09:50 AM

TM

“ Another kind soul has gone to the Lord. Tom's and my families were connected long before we were born. Tom was my first and for a long time my only childhood friend. We grew up in a close farming community where everyone knew each other. Tom's parents were community leaders and loved to help kids. I remember that Tom's folks had the first TV in the community and invited kids over to see the TV. I say this because Tom had the same heart for helping kids as his folks. Tom loved to work with kids and delighted in their successes. Tom and Mary both were very influential in the life of our daughter Trudi. My gosh, Tom worked hard and was a very successful rancher/farmer/businessman. My Dad was very close to Tom and Mary and loved Tom's humor and story telling. Tom was an amazing example of what is really good in the world. He always had time to visit and was first in line to offer help if needed. We that knew Tom are better persons because of his friendship.
Thaine Michie

Thaine Michie - December 28, 2015 at 08:28 AM

RB

“ I only met Tom once at a Herring/Garbutt gathering here on his Dad and Granddad's farm. His father Cam Herring was one of the sons of Rowland Herring who was one of the biggest vegetable and fruit farmers in Laporte from the 1890s until his death in 1935. (The newspapers referred to his place as the "Garden of Eden." It has been a historical journey and a privilege to be part of it, as we now own that very farm and live in the very house built by the Herrings in 1910. May he rest in peace.

Rose Brinks - December 26, 2015 at 08:44 PM