



Thomas William Bondhus

March 10, 1949 - September 8, 2010

Thomas William Bondhus, 61, a Fort Collins native and lifelong resident, passed away Wednesday, September 8, 2010. Born March 10, 1949 to J. Merlin Bondhus and Dorothy June Bondhus, he was the eldest of their four children. Tom attended Putnam Elementary, Lincoln Junior High and graduated from Poudre High School in 1967 as one of "the last of the first". He was especially proud that he played on the varsity football squad as a sophomore. Following high school, Tom married Nancy Sigward. Though the marriage was short-lived, it provided Tom with the great pride of having two daughters, Candy Bradley and Shawna Johnson. Though he was thought to be a jack of all trades, Tom was best known as a small business owner The T-Shirt Factory. For the last ten years he was employed as a machine operator for Technical Molded Products, a firm he believed to be the best. On June 14, 2003, Tom married Janie Black and they had seven happy years together. His family was hers and hers, his. Tom was a gentle spirit and friend to all. He was kind-hearted and always willing to help anyone. He most appreciated family gatherings and get-togethers with his friends. His greatest pride was in his daughters and his grandchildren. Tom was a NASCAR racing fan having owned and driven his own car. In addition, he enjoyed classic western music, his Woodie Wagon collection, watching the Denver Broncos, and, being Norwegian, the Minnesota Vikings. He enjoyed life to the fullest. Tom was preceded in death by his father, J. Merlin Bondhus; mother, Dorothy June Bondhus; and youngest brother, David Allen Bondhus. He is survived by his

wife, Janie Bondhus; brother, John Bondhus Gail, and his sister, Beverly Miller Dale all of Fort Collins; as well as his twelve grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncle, cousins and many friends. A Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday at Bohlender Funeral Chapel. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive, Fort Collins, Colorado 80524.

Tribute Wall

DS

“ Beverly & John, I am so sorry to hear of your losses. My goodness, both your Mom and Tommy! My heart and prayers are with you both. I hope everything else in your lives is good. Sincerely, Debbie

Debbie Susmilch Saxton - September 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Beverly & John, So sorry to hear of your losses, my heart and prayers go out to you. I remember doing business with Tom at the T-Shirt Factory. He was a good man, a gentle giant, he will be missed!! Jesse Garza

Jesse Garza brother to Joe Garza - September 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ John and Gail, Know that our thoughts are with you and your family. Bob and Lou Ann

Bob and Lou Ann Kendall - September 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ We,linda,lenore and Leslee Bujack, are so very sorry for your loss. We grew up with tom, and did business years ago with him at the t shirt factory. He was a great guy. Blessings to the family

Leni Bujack Elliott - September 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ Oh my dear Candy and Shawna, I am so sorry to hear of your dear father also... I knew you way back when we were kids. I pray for your hearts that they may not be so heavy. Remember all the the great memories of you father. God Bless you both!! Love Karen Apodaca-Bryant

Karen Apodaca-Bryant - September 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

VN

“ I am so sorry for your lose. Tom will be missed by 1967 Poudre class. He was a great guy and I will miss him. I pray God will help you get through these diffuclt times & may you find all the strength and courage for the days ahead.I am glad I saw him for our class reunion.

Victoria Nunnally-Tenorio - September 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LY

“ Always enjoyed doing business with Tom and Merlin. We got all our T-shirts and silkscreens through them for years, for our business. Was sad to see Tom's Mom died, and then totally shocked to see that he is now gone, too. Blessings to all of you who love him. Sorry I can't get out to attend his service. We will always have good memories of him.

Lou Anne Yee - September 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ Dear Janie and family, I was very saddened to hear about Tom's passing, as I only received a message from Deb Dixon today. I wish I could have attended his service, as I understand it was very nice. I was a classmate of Tom's way back from our elementary years at Putnam through Poudre High School. Be comforted that he is in a better place now with no more pain. My mother passed away from cancer when I was just 10, so I can most definitely empathise with your heartache. Bless you. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Phyllis K. Schaefer Baranway - September 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ Janie, Johnny, Bev and Families, Darrel and I are keeping you in our prayers during this sad time. We know the last couple of years were difficult for him but always saw the strength he had to deal with his illness. Darrel and I had the privilege to do business with him when he had the "T-shirt Factory". We would call in our order and visit quite awhile on the phone. If time allowed we would sometimes drive to Ft. Collins and pick up the order and visit some more. I always thought so much of Tommy especially when he would take time and call my dad just to visit. We knew family was important to him. We will miss him but he won't be forgotten.

Patty and Darrel Adolf - September 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ You are all in my thoughts and prayers. May they rest in peace.

Tom Herrick - September 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM