



Thomas Robert Kasari

December 26, 1952 - May 17, 2021

Thomas (Tom) Kasari of Fort Collins, Colorado passed away on May 17, 2021 at the age of 68. Tom was born in Oregon to Robert and Mildred Kasari. He is survived by his loving wife Ellen, his mother Mildred, and siblings Kay DeLeon (Rickey), Connie Kasari, Brent Kasari (Heather) and numerous nieces and nephews. Tom was predeceased by his father Robert (Bob) Kasari.

Tom attended Oregon State University before attending veterinary school at Colorado State University. He graduated with his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine in 1979 and worked in mixed- animal veterinary practices in western Nebraska and southeastern Oregon. He completed a residency in internal medicine at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, SK, Canada.

After completing his work in Canada, Tom accepted a teaching position at Oregon State University Veterinary School before moving to Texas where he spent nearly 20 years as a food animal internal medicine specialist teaching large animal clinical medicine at Texas A&M University. It was there he met Ellen, the love of his life. While living in Texas, Tom and Ellen owned and operated a purebred Salers beef cattle operation. He is a past president of the American Salers Association and the American Bralers Association.

In 2004, the Kasari's moved to northern Colorado where Tom spent the rest of his veterinary career working as an epidemiologist for the USDA - APHIS Veterinary Services. He retired at the end of 2018 and focused on his hobbies of woodworking and upland bird hunting with his hunting dogs and friends. He loved spending time in the outdoors, watching sports, cooking, and traveling. He was well known by family, friends and colleagues for his annual Texas style barbecues.

Tom was a man of faith and served as an usher at Redeemer Lutheran for many years. A memorial will be held on May 25, 2021 at 11:00 am at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Fort Collins. A second memorial service will be held in Texas for internment in June.

Any memorial contributions in Tom's honor may be made to the Sarcoma Foundation of America.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 25. 11:00 AM (MT)

Redeemer Lutheran Church
7755 Greenstone Trail
Fort Collins, CO 80525

Tribute Wall



“ Tom was a bright light at every family gathering. He will be deeply missed.

Jeff Burleson - May 25, 2021 at 08:48 PM



“ Tom was a role model, a great leader, and always had this infectious smile and laugh. He inspired me to go for the ACVPM board exam and become a diplomat. He wanted the best out of everyone! Gone way too soon. Ellen, thinking of you and sending love. Sincerely, Julie Leno

Julie Leno - May 25, 2021 at 01:16 PM



“ Tom was an exceptional leader to the beef cattle industry and to the Salers breed His wisdom was always appreciated by other members of the American Salers Association Board of Directors and all of the staff here at ASA. We will be thinking about the entire family.

Sherry Doubet - American Salers Association

Sherry Doubet - May 25, 2021 at 11:48 AM



“ Tom loved life, Ellen, his amazing dogs and friends. Tom was an outstanding veterinary leader in public and private practice. He left us too soon. Ellen- my deepest sympathy! Bonnie Buntain



Bonnie Buntain - May 24, 2021 at 08:44 PM

JH

“ *Kas, a good man, who's left this earth too soon. God speed my friend.. Jean Luxford Hulbert*

Jean Luxford Hulbert - May 24, 2021 at 06:46 PM

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“ *Gayle Miller lit a candle in memory of Thomas Robert Kasari*



Gayle Miller - May 24, 2021 at 05:48 PM

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I first became acquainted with Tom through his loving wife, Ellen. As fellow veterinarians and dog lovers, that was just the beginning of the things that we all had in common. Tom's appreciation for friends and family and celebration of life was in evidence every day, but never more than at the annual barbeque get-togethers he and Ellen hosted each summer. Tom's warmth and passion for what he held dear and especially for his 'Ellen', made the world just a bit kinder. He will be dearly missed.

Gayle Miller - May 24, 2021 at 05:55 PM

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Dang! This. Is really bad news. Tom and I were such good friends in vet school. I'd often thought of getting together with him to reminisce about old times. Shouldn't have put it off. Oh well, I'm grateful for the memories. Here's to Johnny Rodriguez and a good country song. My sincere condolences to his family. He was a good one.
Jim Steyee

Dr. Jim Steyee - November 25, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Thomas Robert Kasari.*



May 23, 2021 at 09:38 PM