



Dr. Thomas George Maher

February 18, 1947 - August 16, 2020

Dr. Thomas G, Maher

Tom was born in St. Louis, Missouri on February 18, 1947. His parents were Dale Maher and Dorothy Maher (Levzow) who were a military family headed to post-war Germany with young Thomas. Tom lived all over the world in the ensuing years as a “military brat” that instilled in him early the love of travel. Tom Graduated High School in New Jersey and then he promptly went to St. Louis University and joined Air Force ROTC. He was commissioned after graduation from SLU as an officer in the United States Air Force doing film work for USAF training. He was honorably discharged as a 1st Lt. in the USAF in 1974. After Tom’s military years he went on to get his Masters and Doctors degree in English Literature and Film Studies from St. Louis University and University of Southern California. He married Alison Stuart Maher and were married for many years before divorcing later in Tom’s life. Dr. Maher was a Director of Instructional Services at Colorado State University from 1994 through 2007 and then retired.

Thomas loved to read, travel to exotic locations, own specialty automobiles, and he especially enjoyed creating custom homes indulging his appreciation of design, custom wood working and detail. He loved his family, brother, nieces, close friends, Saint Louis University and especially his Irish heritage. Tom died unexpectedly on August 16, 2020 while working through a recent lung cancer diagnosis. He died at home in the loving arms of his lady partner of the last six years Nancy Lindemood and was taken quickly.

He is survived by Patrick Maher his brother, his sister in law Nance Lewis and his nieces Meagan Maher and Dana Maher that all live in the Denver, CO area except Dana Maher who lives in San Francisco, CA.

A Catholic Mass will be celebrated on Sept. 1, 2020 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Ft. Collins at 2:00 pm with a visitation to follow at Bohlander Funeral Chapel, 121 West Olive St, Ft. Collins, CO from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm. Military burial will be at 2:30 pm Wednesday Sept. 2, 2020 at Ft. Logan National Cemetery in south Denver.

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

SEP 1. 2:00 PM (MT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
300 W Mountain Ave
Ft. Collins, CO 80521

Visitation

SEP 1. 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM (MT)

Bohlender Funeral Chapel
121 W. Olive Street
Fort Collins, CO 80524

Graveside Service with Military Honors

SEP 2. 2:30 PM (MT)

Fort Logan National Cemetery
3698 South Sheridan Boulevard
Denver, CO 80235

Tribute Wall



“ We were in college. Partying. It was around 5:30 in the morning. The sun was coming up and the party was winding down. Tom then uttered the most prophetic thing I have heard before or since: "These are the best days of our lives...and this is all the better it gets."
Ray Fay

Ray Fay - March 03, 2021 at 04:53 PM

MM

“ Tom was a really good friend whom I met at SLU. In our freshman year, he was assigned a dorm room around the corner with his good Army “brat” friend, a Tom too.

In our 2nd year, Tom’s x2 and my new friend/roommate Pat agreed to move into an apartment -all convincing our parents this was a good idea.

We had great times, parties and lots of laughs. We also ate well each two out of three weeks as the two Tom’s were able to access the Commissary at Scott Air Force Base every three weeks.

I remember Tom (vs Tom2) “taking his commission” for getting us roasts, other good stuff etc (week 1&2) along with the baloney and other cheap stuff etc (week3).

His commission was this special cheese he must have acquired a taste for in Germany - Limburger, I think. It smelled so bad that we gave him 24 hrs to consumer or out it went.

Through the years, the four of us stayed in touch, attended each other’s weddings ... but over time didn’t really talk that often due to “life”.

Last October, Alicia (my wife and also good friend of Tom’s since SLU) enjoyed an evening with Tom in Denver. The conversation and laughs were as if we had stayed in touch weekly.

We will always cherish the evening in Denver and remember Tom as a great friend whom we had the privilege to have cross our path.

Rest In Peace Tom.

Mike Maloney - September 02, 2020 at 09:47 PM

NF

“ My deepest condolences to Tom's family and friends. I have many fond memories of our years at St. Louis University. He was a good friend and he was fun to be with. He had an inquisitive mind and many interests. Our last conversation took place just a couple of months ago and it was lovely. Rest in Peace, Tom. You are remembered with great affection.
Nancy Ferrario

Nancy Ferrario - August 31, 2020 at 08:19 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Thomas George Maher.



August 31, 2020 at 08:52 AM

OJ

“ Our deepest condolences, Love, Donna and John purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Dr. Thomas George Maher.



Our deepest condolences, Love, Donna and John - August 31, 2020 at 12:52 AM

LR

“ Love Jamie and Ralph purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dr. Thomas George Maher.



Love Jamie and Ralph - August 28, 2020 at 08:03 PM

JS

“ We met Tom very soon after he moved to Fort Collins. He and I worked together at CSU, he and Alison lived down the street, and we, my husband and I became fast friends. We cooked for each other, and we dined out frequently. We never could finish a conversation! We'd start a topic, then one of us would change the subject, and at the end of the evening we had no idea where we had started -- but we had fun talking about it. We also traveled together. Del Mar California, Denver (with the big hat), and Bandimere race track where Pat raced. Tom and Ralph shared a love of fast cars and Mercedes Benz! Tom and Ralph and I also traveled to Sao Paulo for an F1 race. That was a very exciting and unique trip; for example, the traffic is so horrendous because of the population that malls, restaurants, race tracks, etc. have helipads on the roof for the rich people to fly right in to dinner. While in Sao Paulo we dined at the number three rated restaurant in the world, called D.O.M. I had booked us for a prix fix lunch that was only \$50USD, rather than the \$500USD dinner service. The server asked if we would like a glass of champagne and we said "sure"! The server neglected to tell us it was \$90USD. Oh well -- it made for a fun story.

Ralph had lunch with Tom shortly before he passed, and they had a wonderful conversation. We want to thank Pat, Nancy, and everyone else who comforted him when he was sick. We will miss you so very much. You enriched our lives, and for that we are forever grateful. Finger wiggle Tom. Much love, Jamie and Ralph Switzer

Jamie Switzer - August 28, 2020 at 07:59 PM

RM

“ Tom was an energetic and strong leader of Instructional Services in his time at CSU, and grew the operation in a period of rapid evolution of technology. He worked to keep CSU at the forefront of national developments while always seeking to serve the students and faculty. He was also an eclectic scholar with whom you could have a stimulating conversation about almost anything! Thank you Tom,
- Rick Miranda

rick miranda - August 28, 2020 at 09:38 AM



“ 43 files added to the album Life Tributes



Bohlender Funeral Chapel - August 26, 2020 at 06:11 PM

 Kate
Forgach

“ I’m so very sorry for your loss! Tom was a unique character. We worked together at CSU when he was Director of Instructional Services and he helped me set up satellite meetings for Cooperative Extension.

We dated very briefly, which gave me entre to his wonderful and unique home when he cooked dinner once. I will never forget his custom library that was wall to wall books with a moving ladder. I could have curled up there and read my way through his diverse library.

Tom has an inquisitive mind, which made him perpetually interesting. Unfortunately, we lost contact as friends when I moved to France and had very limited internet service.

Again, I’m so sorry for your loss but am glad Tom had a partner by his side during his last days. God bless.

Kate Forgach - August 23, 2020 at 11:50 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Dr. Thomas George Maher.



August 20, 2020 at 04:36 PM