



## Tom C. Fleming

May 4, 1935 - September 25, 2013

Thomas Cushman Fleming, known to family and friends as Tom, died September 25 in Fort Collins of complications from diabetes. He was born May 4, 1935, to Margaret Cushman and John Rimer Fleming in Washington, D.C. He graduated from Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School in 1953 and served in the US Army, including a tour in Korea, from 1955 to 1958. He received a BS in industrial sciences from Colorado State University in 1967. The earlier part of his career was devoted to training auto mechanics in updates and new models. At various times, he worked for Toyota, Volkswagen and Subaru. From 1985 to 2000, he worked independently as a piano technician in Aurora, Colorado. He was active in the Denver chapter of the Piano Technicians Guild and helped organize a regional conference in Denver. For years he sang with the Cherry Creek Chorale in Denver. He started church choirs in two Unitarian Universalist congregations and sang bass in choruses most of his life. He also sang in the Rainbow Chorus here. Upon retirement, he moved with his wife, Barbara, to Fort Collins, where he was an active member of the Front Range Forum, offering several courses in alternative energy and the end of oil, and performed with the SOAP Troupe at the senior center. He was also a very involved member of Namaqua Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Loveland, of which he was a charter member. Tom and Barbara met in 1981 and were married in Fort Collins during the blizzard of 1982 that shut down almost the entire state. Tom had lifelong interests in science fiction, especially Isaac Asimov; in cars, especially the

Ford Thunderbird; in climate change and its causes; and in music, especially classical and choral. He is survived by his wife, Barbara Stimmel Fleming; his brother, Philip A. Fleming Grace of Washington, D.C.; a nephew, Drew Fleming Stephanie and great-niece Hannah, of Annapolis, Maryland; nieces Joanna Bowen Taylor and great-nieces Margaret and Ellen, of Charlottesville, Virginia, and Kathryn Buckley Sean of Arlington, Virginia, and great-nieces Claire and Sophie. He is also survived by stepchildren Clif Allbrandt Lynn Crocker of Aurora, Colorado; Ben Allbrandt Jill, Melissa and Sarah; and Alison Day Pat Clements of Johnstown, Colorado. The memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, October 2, at Foothills Unitarian Church, 1815 Yorktown Avenue.

# Tribute Wall

DM

“ *My deepest sympathy, with love.*

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**Duncan MacVean** - October 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ *Such a devoted husband and community member - he will be truly missed.*

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**Clif Allbrandt & Lynn Crocker** - October 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ *Dear Barbara, Tom will remain bright in our memories for his humor and kindness. We recall most fondly our association with him, and you, through the Front Range Forum and the SOAP Troupe. May your good memories help heal the pain of his loss. With deepest condolences. Rachel and Joe*

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**Rachel & Joe Cassidy** - October 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LY

“ *Tom was a very intelligent and gentle man. I knew him for many years through my friend Barbara, his wife. The many things he cared about and educated himself on made him a very interesting man to chat with. He suffered his physical pain without complaint and kept his sense of humor. It was a privilege to know him and he will be sorely missed by all who knew and cared about him.*

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**Lynn** - October 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ Tom was fun and a great support for our Namauqua UU Church. His helping establish the choir when we were a church of about a dozen or more, his singing with me in the Bass section, his humor and helping tune the piano, etc. He will be missed and our hearts go out Barbara and the family. Kent Robertson and Ginny

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**Kent Robertson** - September 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ May Tom's loving family and friends find comfort from God's Word with Revelation chapter 21, verses 3-5.

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**Charles Schuttig** - September 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ I send my condolences to you Barbara and your family and friends. I knew the two of you briefly while you were at Prairie UU Church before you moved north. I met Tom first when he worked on my antique piano. Both of you impressed me with your kindness and generosity. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Karen C Bacon** - September 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PT

“ Tom - you gave my Aunt Bobbi a reason to smile and to love life, you brightened her heart for many years. I will miss your lovely dry humor and your great knowledge of many areas of life. May you rest in peace.

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**Phyllis Tarr** - September 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Although I only knew Tom and Barbara for the last 10 or so years, he played a major role in my life because of his love of life, of humanity, and of the Earth. He continually impressed me with his intelligence and wisdom. I will miss him. I send my condolences to Barbara and their families. Tom will be missed by many, but especially them.

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**Marsha Jacobson MacVean** - September 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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**Marsha Jacobson MacVean** - September 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ Tom was a good man, a good friend, and a good husband for more than 30 years to the woman he loved. He could fix, repair or break almost anything, and if he didn't know how he was always willing to try! While we did not always see eye-to-eye, he was never shy about speaking his mind, and for that he had my respect. Mom, I know you have many good years of memories to cherish, and for that I am grateful.

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**Ben Allbrandt** - September 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ Tom will now be giving advice to the "gear heads" in heaven. I shall miss our shade tree discussions greatly. May God Bless you Tom.  
Your Friend, Rich Gareis

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**Rich Gareis** - September 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RJ

“ Our hearts are with you at this time of loss. We remember the happy days when we exercised together at the Senior center. Tom's sense of humor always made the class more fun. I was happy to have him tune my old piano and hear what he said about the time period and make. We felt bad that the past couple years were so very difficult for him and for you, Barbara. He has been released from pain and suffering, for that we can be thankful. We would be at his service, however are still on our fall get-a-way. Our hearts are with you, Barbara and family. You, also, have been released from suffering, as we know how difficult it is to see a spouse suffer. Our love to you, Pat & Reid Jacob

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**Reid & Pat Jacob** - September 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ How blessed I've been to share time on my life journey with you, Barbara, and Tom. We'll have lots of wonderful memories to help us move on without Tom. I admire your dedication to being there and fighting for Tom throughout this very difficult time. My thoughts and prayers will be with all your family and friends through this next week. Love, Dona Ammons

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**Dona Ammons** - September 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Fondly remembering Tom as a great singer, a knowledgeable student of fossil fuels and a light in our gym class. Our deepest condolences on his passing. May friends and family bring comfort.

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**Barbara and Neil Sherrod** - September 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Barbara, I was touched learning about Tom's talents, passions and activities. An interesting life partner with much to share. Kay

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**Kay Hood** - September 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ I always enjoyed Tom's conversations and time together. I will always remember him with a smile.

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**Terry J Lipstein** - September 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ Tom will be missed by many friends and family members. My thoughts are with his family during this very difficult time. One of my clearest memories of Tom is when he told me that I needed to get a railing on the front steps or stop inviting old men over!

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**sharon thomas** - September 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ We enjoyed Tom's Front Range Forum classes and admired his concern for the environment

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**Marilyn and Marv Heller** - September 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM