



Tom McClelland

June 16, 1953 - March 8, 2011

Tom McClelland was born June 16, 1953 in Oklahoma City to John and Anne McClelland, the middle of three boys. As a child, Tom enjoyed spending summers at the family cabin in Pitkin, Colorado. After graduating with a business degree from the University of Wyoming in 1975, he opened his first hardware store in Montrose, Colorado. In 1990, he moved his family to Fort Collins and opened Downtown Ace Hardware. Tom was fortunate enough to have a career that he loved and which afforded him the freedom to pursue interests like spending time with his family, 4-wheeling, dirt bike riding, and snowmobiling. He loved tinkering on motors, working in his garden and planting trees. He was active in his church and was generous with his time and resources. His quiet and patient manner will be missed by all who knew him. He is survived by his wife, Lynne; children, Sarah and David; step-children, Jared, Jennifer, Jacob, Josh, and Jordan; grandchildren, Ellery, Sydney, and Logan; brothers, John and Bill; step siblings, Eddie, Diana, and David. Tom passed away on March 8, 2011. A service will be held Monday, March 14th at 10:00 a.m., Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Stake Center, 3800 Mountain Lion Dr., Loveland. In lieu of flowers, you may make a charitable donation to the Alzheimer's Assoc. via www.alz.org or LDS Humanitarian Aid.

Tribute Wall

DF

“ I am writing this on November 22, 2011, having just learned of Tom's sudden passing last March, and I am deeply saddened by the news. Tom and I first met in the Fall 1972 when we pledged to join the Sigma Chi Fraternity at the University of Wyoming. Our class of 18 was initiated into the chapter in January of 1973. We shared many common experiences there, enjoying the many facets of college and fraternity life, but hadn't communicated since Tom graduated in '75 and I in '76, something I now deeply regret. He was a great guy, quiet and sure in manner, and liked by all. I will miss not being able to catch up with an old friend and fraternity brother after all these years. God's blessing and comfort to all of his family and friends who I know miss him dearly.

David Fuller - November 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ I was in the Sigma Chi house at UW with Tom, although he was a few years ahead of me, I remember how kind to me he always was. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Charlie Robinson - November 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Tom was a quiet, yet caring individual. I knew him as a boss, but even so, his loving and kind personality constantly showed. I am sad to have heard of his passing, but know that he is in a good place. Hugs and prayers to his family and friends including those past and present employees of Downtown Ace Hardware.

Jennifer Stallman-Crawford - May 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ To The McClelland Family: Please accept our sincere condolences for your loss. We hold you in our hearts and extend our blessings to all of you in our prayers.

John & Julie Bronsell - April 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ I am so sorry to hear about Tom. I worked for him for 14 years at Ace Hardware. He was such a wonderful person to work for and to be around. What a loss. I have no words for his loss. I have nothing but kind words and wonderful memories of Tom. He will be missed.
Angela Florea

Angela Florea - April 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ To the McClelland family: Please accept our sincere condolences. We were saddened to hear of your sudden loss.

Shauna and Bob Wenger - April 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Sarah, David and Lynne, So very sorry to hear of your loss. I worked for Tom at Downtown Ace Hardware from about 1995 to 2000. He was a very kind and generous man, and I have many fond memories from my time working for him. We will keep all of you in our thoughts and prayers.

Joseph Clarke - March 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ Dear Lynne, Sarah, David and all the family. We were absolutely shocked when we read about Tom. Please do not hesitate to contact us should anything be needed over here. WE send our love and prayers to all. Fondly, Rodger, Lucinda, Jake Lull; Roberto and Sarah Lull Castillo

Rodger and Lucinda Lull - March 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Sarah, We were so sad to hear about your Dad. You are in our prayers. He did a lot for his family and the community. I know that he will be missed by a lot of people. Please know we are thinking about you. We love you Sarah.

Karen & Roger Harvey - March 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Lynne, I was in utter disbelief at the news of Tom's death. He has been so supportive through all of the challenges you have faced in the past few years. I know you have the strength to get through this, but count me in if you need anything. Bonnie

Bonnie Shetler - March 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Dear Sister McClelland and Family: A week after I worked with Tom helping with the Evans' move, we returned home from a trip and were shocked and dismayed while catching up on e-mails to learn of Tom's passing. We extend our love, sympathy, and best wishes and pray the Lord will comfort and strengthen each of you during this very difficult time. The Lord's promises are sure and families can be together forever. I think Tom was pleased with the memorial service yesterday.

Derl and Brenda Pratt - March 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Thoughts, prayers and sympathy to you, Lynne, and your beautiful family.

MaryAnne Heyman - March 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ Lynne and Family, My family's hearts and prayers go out to you! Tom is an incredible, humble, sincere, and dedicated man. He is greatly missed. I'm sad I wasn't at the funeral. I look forward to the joy I'll see while watching the reunion of you and Tom in the future. With love, Teri Howlett Corinne and Spencer, too

Teri Howlett - March 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BR

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NM

“ Lynne, I am so sorry that you've lost Tom and the wonderful life you two had created together. I wish there was something profound to say, but "I'm sorry" is all I know how to do. Remember, I always have a listening heart Take care of yourself.

Nancy McKelvey - March 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KH

“*Lynne and family I find myself speechless and so saddened by your sudden loss. I remember when I first met you Lynne, you glowed as you talked about the wonderful new man in your life. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. You are a survivor and you will get thru this one that has been thrown in your face.*”

Kirsten Hartman - March 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BC

“*Sending condolences to all at this time of loss.*”

Barbara Cohen - March 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NC

“*Tom was a genuinely kind and dear man! I always appreciated his honest friendliness and easy-going personality. He will be missed!*
Nancy Callister”

Nancy Callister - March 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LM

“*Sister McClelland and family, Larry & I wish to send our heartfelt condolences and love and prayers. We are so sorry, Tom was a great guy and Larry thought a lot of him.*”

Larry & Deb Meadows - March 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MG

“*Dear Sarah, David and families, we are so very sorry to hear about the loss of your father. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this sad time. With our deepest sympathy, Madeline and Ron*”

Madeline and Ron Glatfelder - March 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

HF

“ Dear McClelland family, We are praying for you all in this time of great sorrow. We remember Tom with great fondness. He was a man of tremendous generosity, thoughtfulness and patience. Love, the David Haile family

Haile Family - March 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Too soon, too young, you'll be missed by all of us. RIP

Jack - March 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DO

“ The Thursday before your tragic accident, Tom, you were your usual busy self, giving generously of your time, energy and self to others.....5 hours helping us pack and load a big truck to move here. You are an amazing person in your humble anonymous way. We are better and will always be better people from our friendship. We pray for Heavenly Father's comfort for your loved ones, Doug and Vicki Evans

Doug - March 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM