



Thomas Lynn Cloke

March 25, 1950 - January 5, 2025

Thomas Lynn Cloke, 74, passed away on Sunday, January 5, 2025, at Neosho Memorial Regional Medical Center in Chanute, Kansas. He was born on March 25, 1950, in Leavenworth, Kansas, to Richard V. Cloke and O. Helen (Gardner) Cloke.

Born into an Air Force family, Tom experienced a life of travel and adventure during his early years. He graduated from Chanute High School in 1968 and went on to earn a bachelor's degree in psychology from Pittsburg State University. In 1969, he joined the United States Army and served honorably until his discharge in 1970.

Tom dedicated his professional life to helping others as a vocational counselor for the ANW Special Education Cooperative. His commitment to service extended beyond his career; he was a lifelong member of the First United Methodist Church and the Masonic Lodge. He was also a proud member of the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity.

Tom had a wide array of interests that reflected his zest for life. He enjoyed golf, meteorology, aviation, skydiving, and cheering on KU basketball. An avid animal lover, he found joy in the companionship of animals throughout his life. Above all, Thomas was devoted to his family, especially his grandchildren, who affectionately knew him as "Tippy."

He was preceded in death by his parents, Richard and Helen Cloke, and his brother Richard Cloke. He is survived by his beloved spouse, Carla Boman; children Aaron (Michele) Hockett, Alison (Brian) Morris, Skye (Chip)

VanHouden and Chelsea (Robby) Reed; grandchildren Jacody, Jerica, and Jarynn Hockett; Abigail Morris; Savanna, Chae, and Tristen VanHouden; Bobby and Jaden Reed; and his brother David Cloke.

Tom will be remembered for his dedication to others and the joy he brought to those who knew him. May his memory bring comfort to all who loved him. A Celebration of Tom's life will be held at Memorial Park Cemetery in Chanute, Kansas with full military honors on Friday, March 28, 2025 at 11:00am.

Memorial contributions can be made in Tom's name to your local animal shelter and can be left with the funeral home. The family has entrusted services to Countryside Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery

E.. 14th St.
Chanute, KS 66720

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR **28.** 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Thomas Lynn Cloke.

March 22, 2025 at 04:43 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas Lynn Cloke.



March 22, 2025 at 04:43 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Video Tribute



Countryside Funeral Home - March 19, 2025 at 06:02 PM



“ Tom was a great fraternity brother and longtime friend, ever since our TKE reunion he and I have been in constant touch, his ideas and interests were so broad and expansive. I had a tough time keeping up sometimes. Always an inspiration, Tom will be greatly missed by all of us. Blue skies Brother !

Kenneth Hollis - January 14, 2025 at 12:56 PM

SH

“ Steven Holman purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Thomas Lynn Cloke.



Steven Holman - January 12, 2025 at 12:29 PM

SH

“ Carla and all of Tom's family I am so sorry for your loss. I have many cherished memories of the good times and the many conversations we had and Tom helping me through some of life's challenges. Tom was one of the few that I could call brother. I will miss our talks and his happy go lucky outlook on life but we shall visit again. Love You Brother your Brother Steven Holman.

Steven Holman - January 12, 2025 at 11:57 AM

TS

“ Theresa Strunk lit a candle in memory of Thomas Cloke



Theresa Strunk - January 08, 2025 at 01:50 PM

TS

“ Carla & siblings, I'm heartbroken to hear of your loss of your husband & father. May God wrap his arms around you & comfort you all in the days ahead! Love to all!

Theresa Strunk - January 08, 2025 at 01:49 PM

MB

“ Tom loved to talk. When I worked at the cable office in Chanute he would call about a problem he was having, but our conversations would end up talking about any and everything else going on in the world. He was a very insightful, intelligent man with much to share. Already enjoyed talking to him.
May you RIP Tom Cloke
You will be missed!
Mitzi Beck

Mitzi Beck - January 07, 2025 at 08:06 PM

MC

Rest in peace Cuz. We sure had some good times growing up. See you on the other side. Love Myron and Karen

Myron and Karen Cloke - January 08, 2025 at 09:20 PM

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Steven Holman - January 12, 2025 at 12:42 PM