



Thomas Dale Hebb

July 24, 1952 - December 12, 2024

Thomas Dale Hebb, age 72, passed away on December 12, 2024 at Newman Memorial Hospital in Emporia, Kansas. He was born in Eureka, Kansas on July 24, 1952 to Cecil Edward and Ruth Margaret (Hawkins) Hebb.

Tom grew up in Howard, Kansas and attended the Howard Public Schools, graduating with the last class of Howard High School in 1970. He played the trumpet in the high school band and enjoyed singing in the school chorus and small groups. Tom was a very talented athlete and participated in summer baseball and basketball and football at Howard High School. He took pride especially in the basketball game where he scored 46 points as a school record in one game. He loved his hometown and had fond memories of growing up in Howard. His childhood friends were lifetime friends, and class reunions were very special to him. Tom attended the Howard Presbyterian Church and was proud of his perfect attendance Sunday School record for a number of years.

After high school, Tom attended Cowley County Community College in Arkansas City, Kansas where he played basketball and graduated in 1972. He then began a career at Iowa Beef Processing in Emporia, Kansas where he completed 36 years. He operated a Loin Wing Saw continually for 32 of those years which was quite a challenging feat according to his fellow workers. He played on the company softball and basketball teams. He also coached a

women's softball team to the Emporia City Championship.

Growing up in a large family, he cherished his siblings and their children and grandchildren. He became an uncle at the age of 6, so his nieces and nephews had a lot in common with him due to the closer age gaps. Tom and Mary Gumfory married in 1980, and although they later divorced, her children were very special to Tom, and he was regarded as a special stepfather and remained so throughout their lives.

Tom loved to bowl and was very good at it, carrying a 200 average. He enjoyed traveling throughout the country to participate in bowling tournaments. He loved all sports and was an avid baseball card collector as well as a Kansas City Royals and Kansas City Chiefs fan.

Tom is survived by his siblings, Blenda Reddick of Wichita, Kansas, John (Andi) Hebb of Moline, Kansas, Karen (Rodney) Indermill of Edmond, Oklahoma, and Carl Hebb of Wichita, Kansas; stepchildren, Kevin Gumfory, Jody Gumfory, Travis Gumfory, Stephanie Large, and Jason Gumfory; numerous nieces and nephews, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren; and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Cecil and Ruth Hebb; his sister, Irene Floyd; his infant brother, Billie Joe Hebb; his brothers-in-law, Ray Floyd and Clifford Reddick; his sister-in-law, Donna Hebb; his nephew, Dirk Reddick; his great-niece, Allie Marshall; and his special friend, Juanita Moore.

Services will be held at the Countryside Funeral Home in Howard, Kansas on December 19, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. followed by burial at Grace Lawn Cemetery in Howard.

Visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. prior to the service.

Memorials are suggested to the Elk County Community Foundation - Howard Projects which may be left with or sent to the funeral home.

Countryside Funeral Home, 206 E. Washington, PO Box 1233, Howard, Kansas 67349 has been entrusted with arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Grace Lawn Cemetery

Howard, KS 67349

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 19. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Countryside Funeral Home - Howard
206 E. Washington
P.O. Box 1233
Howard, KS 67349
(620) 374-2381

Service

DEC 19. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

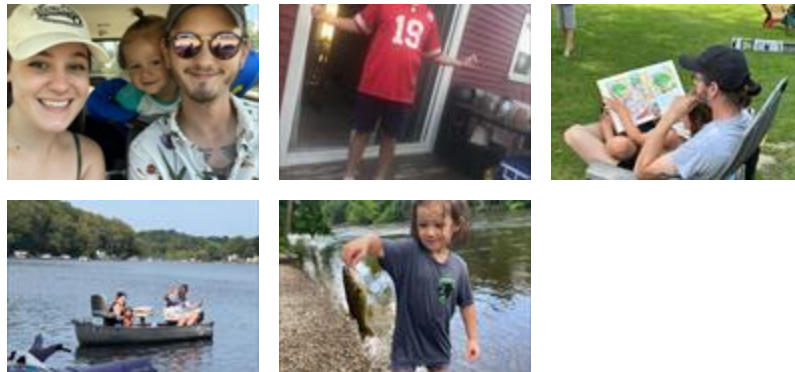
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“ Tom was my double cousin and we all grew up together in Howard. Whether it was playing sports, Monopoly, fishing, camping, riding bikes, making crank phone calls, or just hanging around, I spent hours with Tom. He was always funny and very talented, and great to hang around. He was the best high school basketball player I ever saw, and I was lucky enough to be at his record setting game when he scored 46 points. If we had the three-point line he would have scored over 50. All my memories of Tom are good ones, and my deepest sympathies to the entire family.

Bill Hebb - December 18, 2024 at 05:18 PM

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“ 16 files added to the tribute wall



Travis Gumfory - December 17, 2024 at 09:13 PM

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“ 14 files added to the album Travis Gumfory



Travis Gumfory - December 17, 2024 at 09:12 PM

SG

“ 1 file added to the album Travis Gumfory



Shawna Gumfory - December 17, 2024 at 08:56 PM

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“ We love you so very much Uncle Tom. We will miss you so very deeply. With so much love.
“Kathy Jo “ Hebb.



katha richardson - December 16, 2024 at 08:04 PM

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“ *This man taught me work ethic, unconditional love and also how to throw a curve ball.*

Miss you like crazy already pop!

Travis Gumfory - December 16, 2024 at 10:55 AM

MR

“ *Miscy Reeser lit a candle in memory of Thomas Hebb*



Miscy Reeser - December 13, 2024 at 09:20 PM

MR

Tom will be greatly missed. We love you Uncle Tom.

Matrice Reddick - December 14, 2024 at 08:46 PM