



## Thomas "Tommy" Howard

July 26, 1973 - December 20, 2011

ADRIAN – Thomas “Tommy” Howard, 38, of Adrian, passed away unexpectedly Tuesday, December 20, 2011, at his home.

He was born July 26, 1973, in Riley County, Kansas, the only son of the late Thomas Howard and Lindy (Schmanke) Richard. Tommy was a 1992 graduate of Adrian High School and received an associate’s degree from Ferris State University.

Tommy lived in New Orleans for several years and returned to Adrian after Hurricane Katrina. He worked as an installer for Collins Hardwood Floors. Tommy was a member of the Sons of AMVETS, Post #1957, and a Friend of Adrian Post #1584 of the VFW.

Tommy loved to snow and water ski. He was always ready to sing karaoke, and enjoyed cooking and grilling.

Tommy was a gentle, sweet, loving man who adored his family and will be greatly missed by those he leaves behind including his parents, Randy and Lindy Richard of Adrian; sister, Diane (Michael) Foos of El Dorado Hills, CA; his treasured niece and nephew, Olivia and Robert Foos; grandparents, Glenn and Betty Richard, of Adrian; Helen Howard of London, KY; uncle, James Howard of Alpharetta, GA; aunts, Beth (Scott) Jessee, of Adrian; Sibyl (Jim)

Schug of Laurel, MT; Artys (John) Miller of Tiffin, Ohio; and cousins, Grant and Connor Jessee, Drew (Rochelle) Schug; Hazel and Whitney Schug; Steve (Lisa) Smith, Cody Smith; Haleigh and Wyatt Schmanke.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by grandparents, Arthur and Norma Schmanke and Edd Howard; uncle, Dennis Schmanke, and aunt, Cecile Strong.

At Tommy's request, cremation will take place. The family will hold a Celebration of Life memorial service for Tommy at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 27, 2011, at Wagley Funeral Home. They will receive friends at the funeral home on Tuesday from 5 to 7 p.m. Contributions in memory of Tommy may be made to the Lenawee Humane Society. You may sign the register book or send condolences to the family at [www.WagleyFuneralHome.com](http://www.WagleyFuneralHome.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas "Tommy" Howard*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *Thank you Tom, for some of the best memories I have.##imported-begin##Dory Feedback##imported-end##*

January 01, 2012 at 10:28 AM



“ *Lindy,  
I am so sorry to hear of your loss. While we have lost touch over the years, I think of you with fond memories.##imported-begin##Vicky Hood Ohm##imported-end##*

January 01, 2012 at 09:05 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Allen Foos##imported-end##*

December 27, 2011 at 08:19 AM



“ *PLEASE ACCEPT OUR HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF YOUR LOVED ONE.##imported-begin##David and Ann Guldin##imported-end##*

December 27, 2011 at 07:26 AM



“ Diane,

*So very sorry to hear about your brother. May you find comfort in the memories you have of the good times. Take care and God Bless.*

*Jen (Mike's cousin)###imported-begin##Jen Pyle###imported-end##*

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December 26, 2011 at 07:38 PM



“ *Our prayers and thoughts are with you. Tommy was such a nice guy. Please know whatever you need we are here for you...love you both...chris & al...###imported-begin##Chris and allen Haire###imported-end##*

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December 26, 2011 at 11:20 AM



“ *Lindy, Randy, and family: My heart goes out to you at this difficult time. Losing a child or grandchild is so very hard. Sending love and prayers to you all to help give you the strength to endure this. Will be thinking and praying for you.###imported-begin##Paula Martek###imported-end##*

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December 26, 2011 at 08:26 AM



“ Dear Randy, Lindy and Di. So many of my very first childhood memories include you and Tom. From Lake Michigan camping trips to flashlight tag in your yard to Tom attempting to imitate Tarzan and ending up tearing his arm open. In case you didn't know I always had a pretty big crush on Tom and he was a kind and sweet gentleman even then. As an only child Tom was the closest thing to a brother I ever had. I wish there was something I could say or do to help you thru this time. The loss of a child at any age seems unnatural and unfair but I do know that Tom would want you all to be strong (not to be too sad for too long) and to live each day with passion, with love and with fun in his memory. With much love and prayers for you all. Laura###imported-begin##Laura Gippert###imported-end##

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December 24, 2011 at 11:46 PM



“ We were so sorry to here of your sons passing. Please know that we are praying for you and your family at this time of loss. With deepest Sympathy. from friends back in White City, Kansas###imported-begin##Richard and Pam (Abernathy) Guimond###imported-end##

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December 24, 2011 at 03:45 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. I remember Di talking fondly and often of her brother during our MSU days. Sending you healing hugs. xoxo Keri (Diane's friend)###imported-begin##Keri Rozanka Olds###imported-end##

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December 24, 2011 at 02:04 PM



“ We are so sorry to about the loss of Tommy. We are praying for your family during this difficult time.

*Ted and Sherry Haase*

*(friends of Diane and Mike)##imported-begin##Ted and Sherry Haase##imported-end##*

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December 24, 2011 at 11:49 AM



“ Randy and Lindy my thoughts and prayers to you and your family. May he R.I.P##imported-begin##Abby Ochs Tremblay##imported-end##

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December 24, 2011 at 10:05 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time. Hold tight to the wonderful memories and know that you will see him again in heaven.

*All our love.*

*Eric and Riki Carson-Emmendorfer##imported-begin##Eric and Riki Carson-Emmendorfer##imported-end##*

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December 23, 2011 at 02:43 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Tommy was a dear friend, and helped me a lot when my brother Brad passed away last year. They had known each other in high school. He will be missed by all who knew him.##imported-begin##Amy Boyd-O'Connor##imported-end##

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December 23, 2011 at 10:46 AM



“ We are thinking of you during this difficult time. May our prayers give you strength.

Terry & Cheryl Yeutter##imported-begin##Terry & Cheryl Yeutter##imported-end##

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December 23, 2011 at 09:21 AM



“ It will be the little things that you will remember.  
The quiet moments, the smiles and the laughter Tom brought to your lives.  
Although it may seem hard right now, it will be the memories of these little things that help to push away the pain and bring the smiles back again. I am so deeply sorry for your loss! Please know you are all in my thoughts and I am praying for you.  
I have many good memories of Tommy when we were all much younger.

Sincerely,

Derek, Tanya (Kinney), Brianna and Erica Risner##imported-begin##Tanya (Kinney) Risner##imported-end##

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December 22, 2011 at 11:58 PM



“ Lindy, Randy, Diane and Beth, I am very sorry for your loss. Words cannot express my love for Tom and my sadness at hearing of his passing. He will be missed. You are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Tim Ganun##imported-end##

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December 22, 2011 at 10:20 PM



“ Randy, Lindy, Diane, Uncle Skip, Aunt Betty, Beth and family, we are saddened to hear of Tommy's passing. I still remember Randy bringing home his new family to Michigan that first Christmas. Tommy's big brown eyes brightened up his tiny little face. What a precious memory. May each of you hold onto his loving spirit, knowing that you will be reunited in heaven with Tommy and all our loved ones that have went before us. We will keep you in our prayers. Love, Connie, Brian, Breanne, Sarah and Erika###imported-begin###Connie and Brian Gentner###imported-end###

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December 22, 2011 at 09:06 PM



“ Lindy and Randy,  
I am so very sorry about Tom's passing. I wish I could be there in person to give you a hug and just let you know how much I care. We are in Phoenix for Christmas but please know that I am thinking about you all and saying prayers for comfort and strength.  
Love  
Ruth###imported-begin###Ruth Tuttle###imported-end###

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December 22, 2011 at 05:21 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers go out to all your family. i have many memories of Tom and Diane growing up across the street. The Paulson family will keep your family in our prayers.###imported-begin###Wendy paulson suarez###imported-end###

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December 22, 2011 at 04:48 PM



“ Rest in peace Tom you will be missed by everyone.###imported-begin###Mike Shepherd###imported-end###

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December 22, 2011 at 02:47 PM



“Randy and Lindy you know how we feel but the rest of the world may not. Tommy was the kind of nephew that takes your heart, love you and returns it better than when it left. I had to talk him into carrying the rings at your wedding. I always felt that we understood each other. He accepted a "cross in your pocket" from me and carried it without a lot of people knowing. That was just like him, no fan fare, he just loved you. He seemed to think everyone needed more than he did and he would give you the shirt off his back even if he had no other. Tommy I picture you in the arms of those who have gone before, especially Grandma and Grandpa Schmanke, and your Uncle Dennis greeting you and I can see you smiling and laughing. I will always love you, Aunt Sibyl##imported-begin##Sibyl Schmanke Schug##imported-end##

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December 22, 2011 at 12:46 PM