



Thomas Augustine

December 30, 1950 - October 2, 2021

Avoca – Thomas Augustine, age 70, born in Chicago on December 30, 1950. Died in Avoca, WI on October 2, 2021.

He is survived by his wife, Zihna Augustine; his son, Adam (Nicki); his daughter Shannon Lavender and her son Cory; his step children Joseph Emery, Kathryn Filson (Charles) and their children Daniel and Thomas, Gennevieve Weiss (Jake) and their children Lucie and Benamin, Elizabeth Engebretson, Jerry Engebretson (Angie) and their granddaughters Trinity and Nevaeh, Maya Mattke (Keith); his brother, Robert Augustine (Antoinette); and many friends and co-workers.

Tom was the Light of my life. He brought me joy from a place of sorrow. He encouraged and supported me in everything. He made me laugh and cry and sometimes want to smack him with his "Uh-huh's. He loved music and nature...fishing and camping especially. First place he took me was to Oktoberfest. I met his daughter who told me, "Nice to meet you...but if you hurt my dad I will hurt you!" I came to love her very much.

He liked to help people. I got many calls from work about someone who came in with a flat 5 minutes before closing, saying he would be late. He was always fixing things or gardening or helping me with things I couldn't do. He was so smart...brilliant, at times, with thinking outside the box. But, our first fight was

when I told him he was smart. He thought I was making fun of him. But, I wasn't. He took good care of me...and I him. Our love came late in life...we met in an online dating sight. When I saw his picture I knew he was the one. Just a gut feeling. And I was right.

We got married May 30, 2015 (6 years ago) on my birthday because I figured he'd only have one date to remember. We were both 64 and played the Beatles song "Will you still Love me" at the wedding. Everything that could go wrong that day did. The worst was, the chapel he built for the wedding had a tarp over it to keep it dry and he ran into town and it rained enough to collapse the whole thing. Had a day, and lots of help, to rebuild it in a day. On our first anniversary he forgot BOTH my birthday and our anniversary. Unfortunately, that was so Tom. Too many things in his brain to keep track of.

He brought so much joy into my life. He took a big part of my heart with him when he left me so suddenly. He often told me I was the best thing that had ever happened to him. I felt the same. In looking through his things today I found a sign in for an account...it said "Eternal Love". Made me cry. I am so going to miss you, My Love!

He will be cremated and some of his ashes will be sprinkled at Brady's Bluff at LaCrosse and The Flambeau Flowage where he spent many happy vacations growing up and where we honeymooned.

There will be a Celebration of Life at my home at a later date.

Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas Augustine*

November 15, 2022 at 06:49 AM



“ *I think that man could fix or build anything. I was always amazed at that talent.*

Deb Cavanaugh - October 15, 2021 at 06:02 AM



“ *Oh, where to start? I will miss him a lot even when he was yelling at me TO GET BETTER! I will always remember Zihna telling me how much time he spent adding hair to a picture she took of me earlier in the day. I was touched. He made me look beautiful. But any body who knows me will know how much this means to me when they were over at Christmas...Tom said...looks like Santa's workshop! I was so pleased, Love you Thomas!*

kathy fleischauer - October 14, 2021 at 06:23 AM



“ *Rich Shelton and Scott Stephens purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Thomas Augustine.*



Rich Shelton and Scott Stephens - October 08, 2021 at 03:58 AM

 Rich
Shelton

“ I met Tom online and we hit it off. Despite never having met him in real life I felt like I knew him well. His posts on face book were so funny and clever. If I ever was feeling a bit down I could always count on Tom to get me laughing. He helped me in many ways but I will always remember him for his wit and wisdom. I can remember him posting photos of the new chicken coop. It was clear to me that he was a very hard worker and his love for Zihna was amazing to see in action. They were a fantastic couple. I and everyone who had Tom for a friend will miss his posts. He was light and salt in an otherwise dim world. I will miss him but look forward to seeing him one day. I think he's most likely busy cracking up the Angels.



Rich Shelton - October 08, 2021 at 03:25 AM

RH

“ I remember Tom from High School. Was one nice and funny guy. But reconnecting on face book were some Great post. Our Views were very similar and our humor only escalated. I and a Gteat deal of others will miss Tom so very much. Love Ya Bro and look in for the hook up for the next journey. 🙌❤️🎸🎵

Richie Hyde - October 07, 2021 at 08:09 PM

AJ

“ Tom always knew how to keep a smile on my face, whether he was dancing around the shop or singing every word of every song that came on the speaker. I could sit there and listen to him tell me all about the ambitious life he lived all day. From watering plants at a little corner shop, to running a gas station, to rebuilding engines, and the list of jobs he worked at could go on for miles. He was a man of many traits. That’s what I loved the most about him, he always had a story to tell. He will be deeply missed, I’m grateful I got to work with him. ❤️



Amy Johnson - October 07, 2021 at 12:30 AM

ZA

Thank you Amy. That's what I'm talking about! He was always so impressed with you. And the day you were late he called me because he would be late and he was worried about you. He thought you would go far. Zihna

Zihna Augustine - October 07, 2021 at 12:55 AM

DB

“ I'll always remember how Tom kept Zihna on an even keel for the wedding and after. I'm so glad he loved my sister. That were very good for each other. Hugs and prayers Zihna. ❤️🙏

Diane Brown - October 05, 2021 at 10:15 PM