

Thomas Bruce McKee III

October 7, 1949 - July 3, 2020

Thomas Bruce McKee, III, age 70, of Rockwall, Texas, passed away on July 3, 2020. He was born on October 7, 1949, in Dallas, Texas, to Thomas Bruce McKee, Jr. and Wilma (Schulz) McKee. Thomas was a dedicated police officer for 34 years. He worked for the Dallas Police Department as a robbery detective, and towards the end of his career, he worked with ATF and the FBI. After his retirement in 2006, Thomas became the co-owner of a family-owned storage business. On December 30, 1971, he married his high school sweetheart, Terrie, and they enjoyed 43 years of marriage together before her passing. A devoted grandfather, Thomas loved nothing more than spoiling his grandsons, eating BBQ and Blue Bell Ice Cream, and attending classic car shows with friends. He loved watching horse races, obsessing over his favorite football team, the Dallas Cowboys, and serving others at his church, Holy Trinity by the Lake in Heath. His presence will be deeply missed by the community and those who love him.

Thomas is survived by his son: Bryan McKee of Rockwall, Texas; daughter: Allison Smith and husband Daniel of Rockwall, Texas; grandsons: Austin and Ben Smith; and sisters: Wilma Jean Hester, and Nancy McKee Moore. He was preceded in death by his loving wife: Teresa (Reynolds) McKee; as well as his parents and older brother, Roy Lee Tompkins.

Memorial donations can be made to:

Holy Trinity by the Lake Episcopal Church Memorial Fund
1524 Smirl Drive, Rockwall, TX 75032
972-771-8242

or

Dallas Police Association's Assist the Officer Foundation
atodallasrelief.firstresponderprocessing.com/

A celebration of Thomas's life will be held at a later date.

Comments



“ I am very saddened to learn of Tom's passing. Tom was a great police officer who I had the pleasure of working with on the Dallas Police Department and in the Dallas Police Association. He was a kind person who was always ready to help another and was always one to "stand up for what was right".

E.J. Brown - August 22 at 07:58 PM



“ We were so, so very sad when we learned of Tom's passing. Our hearts go out to his family. In the years that we knew Tom, he was always a gentleman and so very kind to us. Rest in peace, Tom ~ you were definitely one of the 'good guys'. What a great legacy he has left his family and many friends and he will always be remembered lovingly.
Gloria and Jim Follis

James Darwin Follis Jr. - July 12 at 12:16 AM



“ I'll never forget, shortly after my dad passed away, I was having a really rough time and pulled over into the Holy Trinity parking lot because I was crying too hard to drive home (I had barely just received my drivers license). Tom recognized my dad's old truck and tapped on the window to check on me. He gave me an escort home all the way to Forney (a considerable drive from Holy Trinity) just to make sure I got there safe. This was almost 12 years ago, but his random acts of kindness are not forgotten.

Elizabeth Anderson - July 10 at 07:23 PM



“ Tom always had a smile on his face when we saw him at church. He was always happy to see anyone who walked in the door.



Tracy Platz - July 10 at 06:23 PM



“ Lana Rathmell lit a candle in memory of Thomas Bruce McKee III



Lana Rathmell - July 10 at 11:05 AM



“ I worked with Tom at Dallas PD Central Patrol some 45 years ago. He was a very dedicated Officer and a true gentleman also. Thanks for your service Tom and RIP my friend. Jay Sims, Retired DPD Officer

Jay Sims #3741 - July 10 at 10:38 AM



“ What an incredible man with a servant's heart. An inspiration to us all. Will be sorely missed. Our deepest sympathies to his family.

dee evans - July 10 at 09:40 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Tom's passing. I always enjoyed watching him with Austin and Ben. You could see how much they meant to him and how much the boys adored him. He was a wonderful man. The family is in my prayers.

Jennifer Meek - July 10 at 12:18 AM



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Erin - July 10 at 12:03 AM

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“ Thomas was the finest man I ever knew, he was the patriarch of our family always there for us, he was my uncle, my friend, and as we were only 5 years apart he was more like my big brother! I miss him dearly as many do! RIP Dear Thomas

Michael Hester - July 09 at 11:10 PM



“ Such sad news. I have always loved my Uncle Tom dearly. He was a wonderful man. Sending prayers above for God to comfort all who love him.

Teresa Fennel - July 09 at 09:20 PM



“ With our sincere condolences to Allison, Bryan, and all of Tom's family. He will be missed; may he rest in peace.
Holly & Quentin Ball, London

Holly Ball - July 09 at 10:26 AM



“ Gloria & Jim Follis lit a candle in memory of Thomas Bruce McKee III



Gloria & Jim Follis - July 07 at 11:31 PM



“ The picture of Tom and Terrie is beautiful. It depicts love at its purest moment. He loved Terrie and he loved his children, Allison and Bryan. And he loved his grandsons, Austin and Ben. Whenever Tom spoke of any family member, you could see the love in his eyes. It was no ordinary love. It was love that was gentle in one way and passionate in another and exceeded life's expectancies. He would have given his life for anyone in his family. That was Tom.

Tom was the best man I have ever known. He was always a gentleman to everyone. He was a loving father to every child he met. He was a brother to every friend he had. He was a brother to every woman he knew. He was a person that I wished I could be. He was generous to a fault. He loved his God, and he is finally going to meet Him. I would say, "Say hello to Him from me.", but he would have replied, "Say it yourself, He's probably listening."

Somewhere, over the rainbow, God is smiling, and asking Tom to tell Him one more story.

Dennis and Vicki Kinzler

Dennis and Vicki Kinzler - July 07 at 09:53 PM



“ Terrie and family,
Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you today and in the days to come. God’s plan fulfilled yet still Tom, Dad, and Papa so missed, loved, and fondly remembered. May God comfort and console you. May those precious memories sustain you until you meet again. With our heartfelt sympathy and love,
Gill Henson and fellow officers of DPD

Gill Henson - July 09 at 09:40 AM



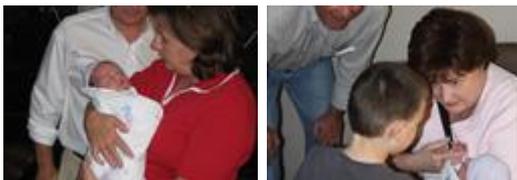
“ Tom was always ready with a smile and hearty greeting. He was generous with this time lending a hand in the many tasks that needed doing at Holy Trinity by the Lake Episcopal Church. It was a blessing to have known him and have him as a friend. We will miss him terribly as we celebrate his life and the many blessings he conferred on us and others in the community.

Bill and Cassie Wilson

Bill and Cassie Wilson - July 11 at 07:03 PM



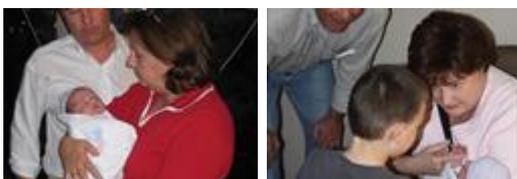
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Doug - July 07 at 09:20 PM



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Doug - July 07 at 09:09 PM



“ This was from Jewel Lynn’s service



Crissy Koller - July 07 at 08:56 PM



“ H.D. A. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Thomas Bruce McKee III.



H.D. A. - July 07 at 12:17 PM



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Rest Haven Funeral Homes and Memorial Park - July 07 at 10:06 AM