



## Thomas M "Tom" Alwine

February 6, 1953 - March 7, 2020

Thomas M. "Tom" Alwine, 67, of Bloomington passed away Saturday, March 7, 2020 at the IU Health Bloomington Hospital.

If you didn't know Tom Alwine, you missed meeting the nicest man in the world. Tom embraced everything with enthusiasm and the curiosity of a child. If he was your friend, co-worker or even a stranger, you never had to worry that he wouldn't have your back.

A track and cross country runner in high school and college and later a high school coach gave him a competitive spirit and drive. He wanted to run the last race against multiple myeloma but the cancer won and we lost him on March 7th. Tom spent his twenties in Florida where he became a surfer and lived on a sailboat. The love of sailing continued after moving to Bloomington and marrying the first girl he ever kissed in the 6th grade, Evelyn Messmacher. For many years they enjoyed having a sailboat at the Lake Monroe Sailing Association where he taught his son, Tommy, to love sailing as well. His son was the most precious gift in his life.

Tom worked at GE for 25 years to support his family and made many friends during the years. He took up golf and he and Evelyn enjoyed the GE golf scrambles and later after retirement, golf outings were some of his and Evelyn's most precious time together. Never stop learning was his motto and his interests ranged from photography, learning to brew beer (which was really good), growing hops, and learning about hydroponics. His most favorite pastime was fly fishing and tying his own flies. He made his own bamboo rod

and could spend hours in fly fishing shops pushing Evelyn's patience to the max.

Although a devout Christian, Tom asked that instead of attending a funeral service, that you donate a unit of blood and if you can't, find someone that can. That precious gift of life enabled him to be with us a longer time. His ashes will be dispersed in the Ocean off of Captiva in February 2021.

Tom is survived by his loving wife and son, Evelyn and Tommy, parents Ron & Phyllis Fraser, Step-mother Sandra Alwine, brothers Tim (Susie) and Jeff Alwine and adopted brother Kent Messmacher (Michele) as well as beloved nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father Charles and sisters Sandy and Jill. Tom wanted his obituary to make him sound like a rock star. I'm sure you agree, he really was.

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory have been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences, photos, and memories may be shared with family and friends at [www.allencares.com](http://www.allencares.com)

# Tribute Wall

CD

“ Tom was a great friend! He taught me advanced life saving in St Pete. We windsurfed a lot and hung out on his sailboat! He came and stayed in Delaware for a summer and worked at the Rusty Rudder with me. He was a great guy and friend! We have a lot memories of good times that I'm sure he shared some! Prayers to all his family! I'm sure he will be missed by many!

*A good friend, Chris Dawson*

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**chris dawson** - September 28, 2022 at 07:37 AM

RD

“ Tom and I went to Vincennes University, he was on cross country team and I was on the tennis team. I remember he had a basement apartment. We met up on St. Pete Beach years later. He was a good guy. RIP TOM Bob Duryea

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**Robert Duryea** - September 11, 2020 at 06:21 PM

BR

“ Evie and Tommy, may you find strength in the Lord's embrace as he carries you through this hard time. You and your family are in our prayers.

*In Christ's Love,  
Brenda and Dennis Wisley*

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**Brenda** - March 12, 2020 at 06:15 PM

MM

“ Evelyn,

*We are so sorry for your loss. Tom was a great guy and we'll miss his friendly waves and conversations. You and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Mike and Amy Mooney and Family*

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**Mike Mooney** - March 12, 2020 at 03:55 PM

GD

“ *Tom was the most nice and friendly guy we ever met.. Always enjoyed being with him at LMSA. He was always asking what he could do to help, especially at the Catalina Fish Fry.. He always made everyone there, including new members, feel so welcome. We are very thankful for each and every time we had with him.*

*His family is in our thoughts and prayers. May the memories that mean the most to you, live forever in your hearts.*

*Gary & Sandy Davis*

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**Gary & Sandy Davis** - March 12, 2020 at 12:14 PM

KW

“ *Dear Evelyn—my heart aches with you and your family for your loss! May God be with you, Tommy and Ron & Phyllis during this time of mourning.*

*One of my best memories of Tom was when he would bring us drinks and a special treat on your front porch after walking, complete with a waiter's air and a towel on his arm. Remember those times??*

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**Karen Willett** - March 12, 2020 at 06:46 AM

MC

“ Evelyn & Tommy my heart, love and prayers go out to you! I'm so Very sorry for you loss 🙏

Michelle Carmichael - March 11, 2020 at 09:06 AM

HN

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Heather Nash - March 10, 2020 at 02:39 PM

TB

“ Evelyn & Tommy, our hearts, prayers & love are with you! So heartbroken over the loss of Tom, such a great guy ... one of the best! So blessed to have him in our lives ... always had a smile, a hug, a funny story ... a loving & compassionate wonderful person, may you RIP Tom!

Tim & Carol Ball - March 10, 2020 at 11:24 AM



“ We are so sorry to hear that we have lost a great person on this side of heaven but thankful we had the time with him. We will have all the family in our prayers Your Freind's and Captiva Family the Mandilk's, Mike, Linet and Mary



Mike Mandilk - March 10, 2020 at 11:09 AM

BB

“ I always enjoyed visiting with Tom at BHSN track and cross country meets and talking about our boys' running. He was truly a friendly guy. I'm so sorry for your loss, Evelyn and Tommy, and his whole family.

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**Barb Berggoetz** - March 10, 2020 at 08:50 AM

SS

“ We are deeply saddened to hear of Tom's passing. What a kind interesting man. So glad we had the opportunity to see him again in Captiva last month and share a few sunrises together. RIP kind gentleman. Susan and Steven Stark

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**Susan and Steven Stark** - March 10, 2020 at 07:55 AM

TH

“ We are so sorry to hear about Tom. Mike will always remember going to Marsh with Tom to get Ding Dongs and a coke on Tom's moped. He was a great person. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.  
Mike Speer and Tya Hanna

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**Tya Hanna** - March 09, 2020 at 10:34 PM

RW

“ he was the best man to work for and the most honest man at GE, we had a lot of fun and still got the job done.

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**rose wills** - March 09, 2020 at 10:01 PM

SO

“ "Fly High" Tommy Alwine "Fly High"

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**steven Owings** - March 09, 2020 at 08:39 PM

 Sandra Rainey

“ Evelyn, sorry for your loss.

Sandy Rainey

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**Sandra Rainey** - March 09, 2020 at 04:51 PM

DS

“ I just heard of this today, and I have no words. Evelyn, Tim, Susie and all the family you have my condolences and prayers. I have joy and hope we can see each other again sometime.

Danny Shields

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**Danny K. Shields** - March 09, 2020 at 11:11 AM

RH

“ I am very sorry to learn of Tom's passing. He was a wonderful person and I was blessed to have known him! Sending you prayers for strength.

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**Rebecca J Howe** - March 09, 2020 at 08:34 AM

JR

“ Phyllis and Ron and family, you are in my thoughts and prayers. I did not know Tom well, but he was an outgoing, friendly person

Joan Ray

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**Joan Ray** - March 09, 2020 at 08:12 AM

PA

Thanks for your prayers, Love, and friendship to all of the family, .We are surrounded by God's presence.

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**Parents** - March 10, 2020 at 01:27 PM

PL

“ I timed track and field meets for BHS and loved to see what Tom would bring to every race. He was a star in my eyes and I'm so happy to see he stayed that way in the eyes of so many friends! May he Rest In Peace.

Paula Reed Lynch - March 08, 2020 at 10:12 PM

JC

“ Tom was one of the best guys to work around. He had a great sense of humor. Treated everyone the same. He would come around and talk to everyone. Thoughts and prayers to his family. He will be deeply missed.



Janet Collier - March 08, 2020 at 09:55 PM

TK

“ Tom was a great person that always had a smile. I enjoyed our chats at work and am so saddened by his passing. Bless the family through this time..



Tab Koontz - March 08, 2020 at 08:47 PM

RG

“ Tom was such a great boss and friend at GE! I am so very sorry for your loss! When I think of all the people I worked for at GE, Tom rated very high on my list. He truly was a fabulous person! Prayers of comfort for your family 🙏



Rebecca Gaddis - March 08, 2020 at 07:42 PM

MG

“ Tom was an awesome human being with such a gentle spirit. He always had a smile on his face even though a lot days in plastics we didn't have much to smile about. He will truly be missed.

Melissa Goodman - March 08, 2020 at 05:44 PM

BM

“ A rock star indeed! He was such a nice man. Praying for Evelyn, Ron, Phyllis and family. BJ (Hedrick) McElroy

BJ McElroy - March 08, 2020 at 03:57 PM

SV

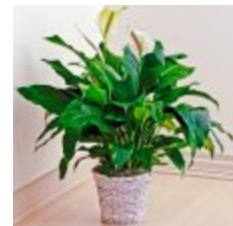
“ Shannon Vincent lit a candle in memory of Thomas M "Tom" Alwine



Shannon Vincent - March 08, 2020 at 03:28 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Thomas M "Tom" Alwine.



March 08, 2020 at 01:21 PM

LS

“ *What a sad day for all who knew Tom. Tom was a great guy that loved his family and made everyone feel like family. He could always find humor and even make you laugh at yourself. He was a dedicated and loyal person. I was proud to be a person in his life.*

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**Linda Schneider** - March 08, 2020 at 12:58 PM

PB

“ *Dear Phyllis, Ron, and all of the Alwine family, I am so sad to learn of Tom's passing. Lots of hugs and prayers to you all. I will always remember the times Jill and I went back and forth from your house to ours and the friendly, sibling teasing between Jill and her brothers. May you all be comforted by the love of your family and friends.*

*Patsy (Gilmore) Boland*

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**Patsy (Gilmore) Boland** - March 08, 2020 at 12:37 PM

TP

“ *Teresa Picou lit a candle in memory of Thomas M "Tom" Alwine*



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**Teresa Picou** - March 08, 2020 at 12:22 PM

EU

“ *it is never easy to loose someone but I have to tell you loosing Tom is really sad. The first time I met Tom he greeted me with a smile and that wonderful laugh . I knew right away I would have a friend for life .*

*Tom was always the best and that will never change in my heart .*

*Bless you Tom and many prayers for His wife Evelyn and his son Tommy during this horrible loss .*

*Prayers to all of his family*

*Eric Umphress*

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**eric umphress** - March 08, 2020 at 10:37 AM

PG

“ *Evelyn waited a long time for her soulmate and was stunned to realize he was the pesky guy across the street that she had shared childhood memories with for years. I remember visiting her the day after Tommy first kissed her! I wrote it in my diary and have read it numerous times over the years. I called to comfort her today and she comforted me. Tommy is with Jesus now waiting for his bride and family to join him one day. God please bless this wonderful family. I love them all.*

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**Pam Grossnickle** - March 07, 2020 at 05:54 PM