



Thomas E Chambers

June 14, 1961 - August 17, 2017

Thomas E. Chambers, Jr., 56, of Bloomington, IN, passed away Thursday, August 17, 2017, at home after a lengthy illness. He was born on June 14, 1961 in Bloomington, IN. He was the son of Thomas E. Chambers, Sr. and Shirley (Sluss) Brown.

Thomas is survived by his wife of 27 years, Cathryn (Cathy) Creger-Chambers; father, Thomas E. Chambers, Sr. and wife Betty Lou; sisters, Shirley D'Ann (Greg) Mills and Donna Smith brother-in-law, Brad (Louisa) Creger; nieces, Kaycee Hamn, Bailee Smith, and Rachael Creger; and nephews, Cody Chambers, Gerard (Amber) Mills, and Wyatt Creger. He was preceded in death by his sister Debbie L. Ried, and mother, Shirley (Sluss) Brown. Family and friends were very important to Thomas.

Thomas had been taken care of by his wife, Cathy, her parents, Karol and Walter Freytag, and IU Hospice during his final four weeks. His family visited often. Although he was in pain, he remembered to tell everyone "thank you" and "I love you". He was a wonderful man who will be missed by his entire family, friends, and wonderful neighbors who helped during his final weeks. Thomas will be cremated. His ashes will be spread privately at a later date where he and Cathy married, with friends and family.

Thomas graduated from Edgewood High School in 1979. He went on to serve in the United States Army as a Chaplain's Assistant, joining on June 1, 1979. He was honorably discharged on June 21, 1983. Thomas continued to serve through the National Guard. Thomas later worked for Indiana University in

Building Services for over 27 years. During his career, he was recognized with numerous awards in Building Services, including the Bill Pardue Service Award. Thomas was an avid reader. His interests covered many subjects, from science fiction to Indiana history. He was never without his e-reader. A service will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 24, 2017 at Allen Funeral Home and Crematory, 4155 S. Old State Road 37, Bloomington. Family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. until the time of service. Hospice Chaplin Wendy VanderZee will conduct the memorial.

In lieu of flowers, Thomas requests donations to the Wounded Warriors Project (<https://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/>) or IU Hospice (<http://iuhealth.org/hospice/>).

You are invited to share a memory or leave an online condolence to the family at www.allencares.com

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **24**. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

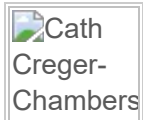
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Tribute Wall



“ *Cath Creger-Chambers sent a virtual gift in memory of Thomas E Chambers*



Cath Creger-Chambers - August 23, 2018 at 06:53 PM



Missing you everyday. I wish we could grow old together.

Cath Creger-Chambers - August 23, 2018 at 06:56 PM

A square profile picture with the letters "CA" in a light gray font on a darker gray background.

CA

“ *Cathy sent a virtual gift in memory of Thomas E Chambers*



Cathy - September 18, 2017 at 11:09 PM

MR

“ Tom was one of the bosses of the group of workers I joined when I started in on the Midnight shift at Ballentine Hall and the beginning of my tenure with IU's Building Services. We got along well, especially when I discovered his joy of reading Science Fiction--on break, he'd disappear into a stairwell to spend his time deep in whatever paperback he'd brought with him to read. Discussions about that genre and about other mutual interests were common, until he was transferred elsewhere. I'd occasionally see him at Lotus Festival volunteer meetings, where he was waiting for his wife (the volunteer, if I recall it right.) The last time I saw Tom was a couple of years ago, at the cookout at the Service Building the main bosses of the division we worked for would host for the whole of the Custodial Services population. I was on medical leave at the time and I recall him talking about the cancer he'd just been diagnosed with. It was with great sorrow that I happened upon his obituary in the local newspaper--the cancer must have got him. The next night at work, my supervisor, Steve Waldrip, spoke of Tom's death and of Tom's dedication to IU and his job--how even when he was undergoing chemo therapy and all throughout his illness, he had perfect attendance at work, something not taken lightly in our area by any means. It was an impressive statement for my boss to make, as I could tell he was greatly affected by Tom's effort then and by his death, now. I don't usually socialize with my co-workers after the job ends for the night, but I wish that I'd known Tom better, in retrospect. For some of us who care about others, I know he made a difference. Thanks to his family--parents, wife and siblings, for raising his spirit rightly and for sharing him with the world.

Mark Richardson - August 29, 2017 at 01:07 PM



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Creger-
Chambe

That was a very sweet post, Mark Richardson. I have read it many times, and it helps me remember what a great guy he was, and how hard he worked during his chemo and radiation.
Thank you so very much, Cathy

Cath Creger-Chambers - August 30, 2019 at 11:18 AM

JT

“ Cathy and family I wish I was closer ... my prayers are with you all. I am thankful for the few memories that I have when back visiting in Indiana and meeting Thomas as an adult and meeting his wonderful wife.

Jackie (Chambers) Thomason

Jackie (Chambers) Thomason - August 25, 2017 at 01:18 PM

WK

“ Walt And Karol lit a candle in memory of Thomas E Chambers



Walt and Karol - August 25, 2017 at 10:43 AM



“ All tho I never was Givin the chance to meet my half brother ..I still am human and seND my deepest sympathy. ..Tommie sue



Tomi Sue Hudson - August 25, 2017 at 08:08 AM

CA

“ Cathy lit a candle in memory of Thomas E Chambers



Cathy - August 24, 2017 at 10:51 AM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Thomas E Chambers.*



August 23, 2017 at 05:49 PM



“ *I remember Tom as a very active kid with a great sense of humor. It was great to have contact with him through Facebook in the last few years and I was so saddened to hear of his illness. He was a good man and will be terribly missed. My condolences to close family members and friends. My heart goes out to you.*

Donna Caroline - August 23, 2017 at 01:53 PM



“ *Bernice Sears lit a candle in memory of Thomas E Chambers*



bernice sears - August 22, 2017 at 08:27 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Thomas E Chambers.*



August 22, 2017 at 04:23 PM

JM

“ *Cathy, we were so sad to hear about Thom. Our deepest sympathy to you and all the family. You are all in our hearts and prayers. We send our love. Jean and Bill Mansel.*

Jean Mansel - August 22, 2017 at 01:30 PM

CW

“ *Dear Cathy,
Please know I'm thinking about you at this devastatingly sad time for you. Of course I wish there was something I could do that would help in some way to ease your pain.
Would love to see you and reconnect. In the meantime, you have my deepest condolences. Take good care of YOU, and rely on your BEST memories, as well as family and friends to help pull you through this dark time.
With love,
Clara Wilson*

Clara Wilson - August 22, 2017 at 12:29 PM

SC

“ *To all of the family and Tom's close friends I am so sorry to hear of his passing. I was an awkward child at our family gatherings but he always tried to make me feel welcome and always took time to ask how I was. Tom's care and compassion is something he has in common with his father. I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers as I know this is a difficult time to bear.*

Stefhan Chambers - August 22, 2017 at 01:13 AM

EC

“ Thom was a wonderful brother in law, and a wonderful person. He will be missed.

EJ Creger - August 21, 2017 at 08:48 PM

TJ

“ Cathy my heart aches for you . Although I'm only a step-Uncle I have many memories when Thomas was a young boy. He was always full of vim and vigor and was always causing all around him to smile. I'm so glad he found a mate as lovely as you. He was a gem. I will be praying for you in your loss and pray God will put His loving arms around you. Terry Jackson

Terry Jackson - August 21, 2017 at 12:28 PM

JG

“ I send my sincere condolences to Thom's family. Judy Griffin



Judy Griffin - August 21, 2017 at 10:44 AM