



Thomas Luke, Jr.

January 1, 1753 - September 26, 2009

Thomas E. Luke, Jr. Thomas E. Luke, Jr., 61, of Elkins Lake in Huntsville, died on September 22 of a major stroke while traveling back to his home from a train show in Temple. A memorial service was held at the First United Methodist Church of Huntsville on September 26 with the Rev. Mark Pickett presiding. Interment was in Hearne, Texas next to his beloved parents and grandparents. Tom was born and raised in Houston and graduated from Spring Branch High School in 1966. He attended the University of Texas at Austin, and was a life-long Longhorn. He was a long time resident of Katy before moving to Elkins Lake to care for his parents. He was a good friend and neighbor to many there, and will be missed for his infectious enthusiasm and caring for others. Tom's passion was the railways of America; he loved photographing trains and talking with railroaders. He loved the history of the iron horse and how trains made America. He had many good friends who both worked for the railway industry and those who also enjoyed trying to get that perfect photo of a train and scenery. He knew all of the best spots for that great photo and was quick to show others what he knew. Tom had the gift of gab and kept all interested in the knowledge he had of the railroads of America with an emphasis on Texas. Those lucky to have made trips with him always returned with wonderful photos and exciting train chases. Tom will be remembered as a kind man with a bit of a rough exterior who would help you in any way he could. He will be missed especially by his good friends, Steve Goen, Ed Johnson, R.D. Evans, Chris Tolley, Eddie Moore, John Filson, Scott

Kelm, Steve Agee, and Ed Bowers. He was preceded in death by his parents Marion Feather Luke and Thomas E. Luke, Sr. as well as his grandparents Jimmie and Ed Luke of Hearne. His is survived by his aunt Mrs. Louise Feather of Kingsland and his cousins Ron Feather of Houston and John Feather of Arlington, Virginia. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.shmfh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas Luke, Jr.*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *I was out of town at the time of Tom's death. He was such a wonderful neighbor. His ability to strike up a conversation with anyone endeared him to the neighborhood. Tom will be missed.*

Nancy Mowry - October 12, 2009 at 10:44 AM



“ *I was greatly saddened to learn of Tommy's passing. Our father's grew up together in Hearne; our parents were good friends and being only a year apart in age, I have known Tommy all my life. We had lost touch in recent years, but I will always remember him as one of the sweetest people I've known. Most of my family is buried in Hearne, so I will stop by and tell him good-bye the next time I'm there.*

Carolyn Palmos Lampo - October 09, 2009 at 01:00 PM



“ *I had the pleasure of working with Tom at HJ&D in Houston for more than 7 years back in the 1970's. He was a jolly sole and dedicated to the greater good - certainly fun to work with. I last ran across him in Katy one night about 15 years ago, and we had a nice visit. I regret we didn't cross paths again, and also that we never got to trade train stories. Tom was sincere, honest, and I'm sorry he is gone.*

Bruce McKee - October 02, 2009 at 12:57 PM

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“ *My sincere condolences to the family. Please reflect on what is recorded in the Bible at John 5:28,29 about the hope of the resurrection. I sincerely hope that this thought will bring you a measure of comfort as you face the difficult days ahead.*

Cherrie - October 02, 2009 at 09:31 AM

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“ *Tom was our first friend after moving into Elkins Lake a year ago. We thoroughly enjoyed his company. He loved a good chat, a good beer, a good laugh and helping people any way he could. Just know that there are those of us, both young and old, who loved him and will miss him terribly. We rejoice that he has a new body through Christ without pain and sorrow. May God comfort you in your loss. If we can help in any way here in Huntsville, please let us know.*

Esther & Barry Shoemake - September 27, 2009 at 05:37 PM

EB

“ *I was quite distressed to get the call about Tom. I have known him for over 20 years and enjoyed many good times with him. Tom will be missed.*

Ed Bowers - September 25, 2009 at 07:28 PM

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“ *My thoughts and prayers are with your family during this difficult time.*

Heather Henson - September 25, 2009 at 11:09 AM

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“ Our family is saddened to learn of your loss. Our oldest son, Hayden, was heart broken to learn that Mr. Luke had passed away. They'd had several conversations over meals in the putter parlor about trains, weather, or the latest Model Railroad Magazine. Please know that Mr. Luke was a friend to even his youngest neighbors!

The Lesters - September 24, 2009 at 11:00 PM

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“ To Thomas Luke, Jr's family,

May I offer my sympathy on the sudden loss of your loved one. My prayer for you is for comfort at this difficult time, strength to endure the loss, and for gentle healing in the days to follow.

Blessings to you all,

Ethel Thomas - September 24, 2009 at 07:13 PM