



## Thomas Donald Riesett

February 27, 1953 - November 24, 2016

Thomas Donald Riesett (63) of Cary, North Carolina died unexpectedly on Thanksgiving, November 24, 2016. Tom was born in Baltimore, Maryland February 27, 1953, son of Patricia Scheihing Riesett and Donald Francis Riesett. Tom was raised Catholic in Falls Church, Virginia; the oldest of five children, graduated from Roanoke College, and raised his three children in Lexington, North Carolina. He was preceded in death by his father, Donald Francis Riesett. Tom leaves behind his mother, Patricia Scheihing Riesett of Cary, North Carolina; three children, a daughter Stephanie Abbigail Riesett (23) of Durham, North Carolina, Chadwick Jay Riesett (25) and his wife Hannah Bethune Riesett (26) of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and Patrick Thomas Riesett (35) of Clemmons, North Carolina. Tom also leaves behind two sisters and two brothers and their spouses; Jonathan Ames Riesett, Claudia Riesett Cannata and her husband Gene Cannata, Mathew Gregory Riesett and his wife Carol Ryder Riesett, and Nancy Riesett Jones and her husband Larry Jones; as well as a very special Godchild, Katherine "Kate" Elizabeth Cannata. Tom additionally leaves behind many nieces and nephews who he totally adored. Tom loved his family dearly, especially his children. Tom leaves behind many beloved cousins, two Aunts and an Uncle still living, all originally of Baltimore, Maryland.

Tom began his career in the flooring industry running a business with his father in Arlington, Virginia, and at the peak of his career was Vice President of Sales with Mannington Tile Company in Lexington, North Carolina. Tom had a heart that was larger than life itself and he loved Rock-N-Roll music. His favorite artists were Fleetwood Mac and Stevie Nicks, Bruce Springsteen, and Bob Seger. His favorite song was "Against the Wind" by Bob Seger which seemed to mirror his life. Tom's spirit will forever leave an indelible imprint within each of our lives with so many fond memories of abundant love. Tom Riesett will be missed by all in a very special way. Peace be with you Thomas Donald Riesett, our father, son, brother, and precious child of God. Arrangements are being handled by Wake Funeral & Cremation and a Memorial Service will be held Friday, December 2nd, 12:00 p.m. at St. Michael The Archangel Catholic Church in Cary, North Carolina.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

DEC 2. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church  
804 High House Rd.  
Cary, NC 27513  
<http://www.stmichaelcary.org/>

# Tribute Wall

FB

“ *The entire Burk family sends our condolences to the Riesett family. We are so sorry for your loss. We remember you fondly.*

*Elizabeth, Alison, Abigail, Emily, Ginny and Frank*

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**Frank Burk** - December 06, 2016 at 04:34 PM

CC

*Dear Burks,  
Thank you for your kind words of condolence. Tom is finally st peace , no more demons to fight. Hope you all are well, we have such fond memories of all of you!  
Claudia & Family*

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**Claudia Cannata** - December 07, 2016 at 06:21 PM

PB

“ *Dear Riesett Family, I just saw that your beloved Tom has passed away.I am so sorry for your loss. Although I haven't seen you in years. My early high school years hanging around your house and family I always had fun. My best memory of Tom is this. AT the time Nancy being my BFF being freshmen at Marshall and Tom a Junior we wanted to go to the Friday night football game. Tom had a date and Mrs.Riesett said "He" had to also take Nancy and myself. OH boy, he wasn't happy. We climb in the back. His girl in the front. The rules are . NO talking and he doesn't even want to hear us breathing. LOL. We get there and we have a certain time to be back or he leaves us. Of course we believe him..... oh big brothers. I just want to express to all of you my fond memories of my time with your family. again so very sorry for your loss. Page Seits Boothby*

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**page seits boothby** - December 03, 2016 at 01:46 PM

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**Patty Namuth** - December 02, 2016 at 03:08 PM

PN

*Tom on July 20,2001. We wouldn't have celebrated our wedding without him! I love the way Mark and Tom called each other "Cous" - they were so much alike at times.*

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**Patty Namuth** - December 02, 2016 at 03:12 PM

PN

*Mark and I send our sympathy to the entire family. Tom was witty, bright, and loving. No one can replace him! Hope you all are comforted knowing he has found the peace he searched for. . He was loved.*

**Patty Namuth** - December 02, 2016 at 03:21 PM



“ *My Fair Lady was purchased for the family of Thomas Donald Riesett.*



December 01, 2016 at 10:28 PM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Thomas Donald Riesett.*



December 01, 2016 at 10:22 PM

DK

“ Dear Riesett family,

*The first time I ever met Tom was when I visited Bob and Sonja Hallberg with my grandmother, Britta Johnson. There were a bunch of boys playing football on a lawn across from the Riesett house. Allan Hallberg introduced me to Tom. Many years passed and my college roommate was getting married. Come to find out, the wedding I'd be singing for was Tom and Sue's! What a coincidence I'd met her husband before she had.*

*Then came Patrick. Tom was so very proud to be a husband and a father. My memories of Tom are simply he was always interested in what was going on in my life and how I was doing. He truly liked people and wanted to make people happy.*

*Another memory....and maybe I'll call this one "Tom the Prognosticator". I remember visiting Tom and Sue one Saturday afternoon, when they lived on Buchanan Street and Tom talked about the new TV they'd purchased. Tom said, "one day you'll be able to buy things over the TV". WHAT? ARE YOU KIDDING ME? I rest my case. Look at us now!*

*Tom was sweet, polite and a very likable guy. I loved his freckles and reddish hair. I'm so sorry for your loss. He was too young.*

*I pray that God will give you all strength, peace and good memories to comfort you through this difficult time, and, that you'll remember Tom with happy hearts. He will remember you until you're joined again in God's kingdom.*

*God's love and peace be with you.*

*With my deepest sympathy,*

*Donna Keller*

*Hastings, NE*

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**Donna Keller** - December 01, 2016 at 09:57 PM

JT

“ *Jeremy & Sarah Taylor purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Thomas Donald Riesett.*



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**Jeremy & Sarah Taylor** - December 01, 2016 at 09:29 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas Donald Riesett.*



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November 30, 2016 at 10:57 PM

“ Pat, Johnny, Claudia, Matt and Nancy,

*My most sincere condolences to all of you. I have been trembling with grief yet flooded with loving memories of Tom all week. We all wanted Tom to be whole. Tom had so many strengths.....his kindness, intelligence, jovial mannerisms, impeccable attire, creativeness, direct and outspoken, polite, and a tremendous love for his family, all of us.*

*I remember two heroic acts; the time our Annandale townhouse neighbors' house caught fire and Tom rushed in to help the young mother and her three infants get out of the house; and the time our home had a grease fire that engulfed the kitchen within seconds and Tom single handedly put the flames out seriously burning his hands and arms in the process. If I was stranded on a boat or in a life threatening situation, I would want Tom with me. Tom aspired to greatness all his life.*

*December 2nd is fitting for his Memorial service. December 2nd is the date of Grandfather and Grammy Pat's union in marriage, it is Patrick's birth date, and it is the date that Chad and Abbey were baptized. Ironically, February 27th was the date of my mothers' funeral.*

*I am thankful for the time Tom and I were together and I am thankful that Tom is the father to my children. We can all share his likeness in each of them. My parents too loved Tom dearly. We must remember it is not our will, but thy will be done. Peace be with each of you.*

*Love,*

*Sue*

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**Sue Riesett** - November 30, 2016 at 09:43 AM