



## Thomas Benton Edmiston

October 24, 1942 - November 18, 2020

Thomas Benton Edmiston, resident of St. George, Utah, was taken to his heavenly home safe in the arms of Jesus November 18, 2020 at the age of 78 years old. He was born on October, 24, 1942 in Tulsa, Oklahoma to Rayburn And Maxine Edmiston. He was raised in Jenks, Oklahoma and went to Jenks High School where he met his life long love, Linda Lou Byard and they were married in 1962. They raised two daughters, Dana and Jennifer, who gave them two granddaughters, Britny and Emma. Tom worked in the sales industry most of his career where he met many good friends and colleagues. He never met a person he didnt smile at or try to help in some way. Tom made everyone's life he touched a better place because of his positive attitude and hard working demeanor. Tom was a true Christian man who was a good example to many and taught many the value of kindness, giving and love to his fellow man. He loved playing golf and made many friends in his golfing years as well. Tom believed in never giving up and taught others that true hard work and perseverance can yield success. He was very successful in his career and home life because he loved his family and always put God first! He was very active in his church and served as deacon for many years. Tom is survived by his wife, Linda Lou Edmiston, daughter Dana and spouse Todd White and his younger daughter Jennifer and spouse Lee Bethel who reside in Henderson, NV and granddaughters Britny Sapp and husband Cory Sapp and Emma Bethel also in Henderson, NV. He is also survived by his brother Bob Edmiston and wife Christine who reside in San Antonio, Texas, sister-in-

law Sue Ratcliffe and her husband John and brother-in-law Larry Byard and his wife Sam along with many nieces and nephews and friends who all loved him dearly. He was preceded in death by Ray Edmiston, Father, Maxine Gregory, mother, Norman Gregory, stepfather, and Bette Kennedy, sister. The family would like to thank you all for your love and support and friendship during this difficult time. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, services will not be held, however family and friends are invited to share condolences online.

# Tribute Wall

RW

“ I grew up with tommy..good guy and friend a Jenks kid all the way

ron wilson - May 19, 2021 at 08:59 AM

TS

“ I just found out about his passing and am stunned. I should have known something wasn't normal when I didn't receive a call on my birthday. Most of us that worked with him in Tulsa always received one of these calls. Tom hired me at Scott Rice and was a true mentor- not just in business, but in life. I will always be thankful that I knew such a wonderful man.

Tom Seifried - May 17, 2021 at 05:05 PM



Thank you so much for your kind words! Sincerely, Dana

Dana White - May 01, 2023 at 02:07 AM

HW

“ Uncle Tom always called me on my birthday for well over 40 years. His dedication to family and his sweet soul made him a favorite to this day. I always loved when they drove up the driveway at grandma and grandpas knowing it would be a fun visit. I am blessed to have him in my life. What a true treasure and blessing. I love you all even though we are far apart. ❤️😭

Heather Greenwood Wilk - November 24, 2020 at 07:42 PM



Love you too Heather!!!

Dana White - November 25, 2020 at 03:53 PM

BE

“ One of my best blessings in life has, from the beginning, been to have Tom as my big brother. He is three years and two months older than me so he could tell me how things were and I would listen. That mentorship never stopped. Tom has always been there for Betty and me both. What a great man he became. He had so many jobs as a boy and carried a strong work ethic all of his life. I remember our Mom telling me that our town grocer, Mr. Parker, told her that Tom was the best sacker he had ever hired in all of his years operating his grocery store. Tom was only thirteen or fourteen when he worked for Mr. Parker. He hauled hay, he caddied at Southern Hills in the 1959 US Open won by Tommy Bolt, he delivered pizzas for one of Tulsa’s earliest pizza parlors, he sold vacuum cleaners door to door (very successfully) and finally found his career employer, Scott Rice, around 1962 or 1963, for whom he worked the rest of his active career. Tom was a stocker, a delivery man, an order filler, and eventually a salesman (a great one), the sales manager for a few years and then a salesman again. He was the absolute best that could have been at each and every one of the positions he held. His customers relied on him and grew to love him. Tom treated his customers as his extended family and was loved for his kindness and thoughtfulness. I remember my son-in-law, Jeff Barker, after going to work as an accountant at Helmerich and Paine years ago telling how he had heard that on a certain day a man would bring dough nuts for everyone and how on that day everyone would watch out for the “doughnut man”. That was Tom. And he was famous for thinking of ways to bring joy and kindness to his customers.

Tom showered the same generosity that touched his customers on Betty and me. He was always, and I mean always, concerned that I had enough to do what I needed or wanted to do. To my last day, I will be able to recall Tommy’s quiet but serious whisper, “Do you need any money”? He was a giver.

Over the years, we got in the habit of calling each other and inevitably we would get on the subject of Jenks, our activities there



*from 1949 to the 1990's, the people we each knew, the highlights of our fishing together, our hunting together (and not getting shot by dad), our shared church experiences, crazy things that happened that we both knew about that would make us laugh until we wept with good humor. Man, the great phone conversations we would have. We shared our good times and our not so good times like good friends do. Tommy was not just my big brother, he was my best friend. I will always like him, even though he never did willingly stop teasing me about my Peter Pan doll. I will always love him because he was never anything but thoughtful and caring of me, his little brother. Thanks, Tommy, for always being there for me and for Betty and for Mom. Your little brother, Bob*

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**Bob Edmiston** - November 22, 2020 at 07:18 AM



*Love you Uncle Bob ❤️*

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**Dana White** - November 22, 2020 at 12:57 PM

BG

*Thank you BOB*

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**BRAD GREENWOOD** - November 24, 2020 at 07:43 PM

LW

“ *I had the pleasure of knowing Tom and working with him at Scott Rice. Tom knew my Mom and Dad from way before that. I was a young and new outside sales person, Tom always made himself available for guidance and GOLF. He will be missed, my condolences to his family.*

*Chris Williford*

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**Lydia Pense, Williford** - November 21, 2020 at 05:08 PM



“ 7 files added to the tribute wall



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**Dana White** - November 20, 2020 at 05:08 PM



“ 8 files added to the tribute wall



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**Dana White** - November 20, 2020 at 04:45 PM

MP

*My deepest condolences to your entire family . Tom was a wonderful husband and father and will truly be missed. My heartfelt prayers go out to you all during this difficult time. Hugs to you all .*

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**Marcia Rhinehart Pennington** - November 21, 2020 at 07:10 AM



“ 27 files added to the album Memories Album



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**Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah** - November 20, 2020 at 04:31 PM

WA

*Lou and family, my deepest condolences to you and your family. Tom is at rest now and will no longer have to have dialysis. My thoughts and prayers go to each of you.*

*Love you,  
Wanona*

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**Wanona** - November 20, 2020 at 11:20 PM

JB

“Dad (Daddykins),

*I have spent the last couple of days sad about knowing I will not get that birthday call, or calling you “just to hear your voice” (We always say if we have no news to tell). I look at your chair and your absence over the last week has been heartbreaking. I have missed the noise of the TV, whether it was a western or a mushy Hallmark movie. Last Christmas you blessed us with a wonderful message I luckily got on video, and I will cherish with every wonderful memory we made with you. And I am thankful I was raised in a good Christian home that you and Mom created for us.*

*I remember he was watching Christmas movies in July, since he really loved Christmas time. So this Christmas will not be the same but the memories will always be with me. My Dad was such a humble man, he never wanted anything new, flashy, or high tech. He was the type of man that would take the homeless for a meal, and help anyone in need when he could. Daddy was never a selfish man, he thought of so many people rather than himself, and never wanted to make anyone feel uncomfortable no matter what it was. Which was why the past couple of years have been so hard, as he felt so bad for being sick, and again, worrying about how it affected us rather than him. I don't ever remember hearing him say anything bad about anyone ever, and I know he never did anything to have anyone think ill of him as well. I remember as a kid we would be out on the town and no matter where we were, he would run into someone he knew. I know my Dad is loved by so many and I am so blessed to have shared him with the world.*

*I realized I was being selfish trying to hang onto him when his earthly body has had enough. I know in my heart he was tired, and it was my time to not be selfish and be more like my Dad and let him rest in paradise.*

*I will miss you everyday of the rest of my life, thank you for giving me an amazing life.*

*I love you Daddy, see you in Heaven*

*Love always,*

*Jennye (Festes, Jenerfer, Estimón)*

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**Jennye Bethel** - November 20, 2020 at 04:01 PM

KW

*My condolences, love and prayers to my friend of almost 20yrs and the entire family. May God comfort you in this difficult time. May your wonderful loving memories wrap you in peace.*

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**Kathy Williams** - November 20, 2020 at 08:30 PM

SP

*Jennye,*

*I knew from the first time I met him just how special he was to you and Dana. I still tell people the story when he thought I needed some help to buy new jeans because they had holes in them. That is memory that always makes me smile. Terry and I are sincerely sorry for your loss. We send you all our love, prayers and hugs to you and your family. We love you sweetheart.*

*Sharon E Patronik-Mayhew*

*we are here for you always and forever.*

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**Sharon E Patronik-Mayhew** - December 07, 2020 at 05:58 AM



“ *Daddy, I don't know what im gonna do without you! 😭 God blessed me with the best daddy in the World! You have been the most influential person in my life and the best Christian role model. You taught me the best things in life - giving, caring, compassion and loving your fellow man like God loves us! You taught me forgiveness and humility! Most importantly you taught me about accepting Christ in my heart ! The best accomplishment a parent can bestow to their child! You not only taught it but you led by example daily! Everyone who knew you loved you because you loved and accepted everyone no matter what! And were always there for everyone in need! You were one of a kind Daddykins and ill always be your little girl! I love you and miss you and knowing youre free from pain and your body is healed and whole again gives me a peace! You will be our angel now watching over us! I love you more!!!!*

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**Dana White** - November 20, 2020 at 03:43 PM

TW

“ *Tom - you will be truly missed. I cant be more Blessed to have had you in my life for the last 43 years. You were truly a mentor to me and the BEST FATHER IN-LAW anyone could ever have. Thank you for loving me like you did. Without question I know that you are with out pain and most likely playing some Golf. I love you and always will - God promises us that are Christians that we will see each other again. LOVE YOU*

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**Todd White** - November 20, 2020 at 03:06 PM