



Thomas Albert Gappmayer

March 28, 1948 - March 8, 2020

Thomas Albert Gappmayer, age 71, passed away peacefully to meet his Savior on Sunday, March 8, 2020 at his home in Ivins, Utah .

Tom was born on March 28, 1948 in Orem, Utah. His parents were William Gappmayer and Rose (Hennessy) Gappmayer.

Tom graduated from Orem High School in 1966. Following graduation, he entered the U.S Army where he served in the Vietnam war; receiving two Purple Hearts. After his service, he graduated from the University of Utah in 1976. He did PTSD counseling in Fairbanks, Alaska. Later he was employed at Valley Mental Health in Tooele , Utah. In 2001, he retired and moved to Saint George, Utah. He moved to Georgetown, Texas in 2005 and returned to Ivins, Utah in June 2012.

Tom was a member of Redemption Lutheran Church in Saint George, Utah. He loved to golf, gardening and he loved the beauty of southern Utah. He loved all sports, particularly the Utah Jazz. His family, friends and his church family were cherished by him.

He is survived by his children, Mike Gappmayer, Cindy Gappmayer Griggs of Orem, Utah and Daren Gappmayer and Nellie Gappmayer of Bountiful, Utah. He is also survived by his loving and devoted wife, Karen and stepson, Mike (Krista) Miller, two brothers, Bill (Pat) Gappmayer of Pleasant Grove, Utah and

Dan (Sallie) Gappmayer of Herriman, Utah. He is survived by his grandchildren and one great grandson.

He was preceded in death by his parents, aunts and uncles.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday March 12, 2020 at 11:00 AM at Redemption Lutheran Church, 348 North Bluff Street - Suite 204 in Saint George, Ut. There will be a reception following the service. The service will be conducted by Pastor Michael Quandt.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the church Tom loved, Redemption Lutheran Church.

Previous Events

Service

MAR 12. 11:00 AM (MT)

Redemption Lutheran Church
348 N. Bluff Street
Suite 204
St. George, UT

Tribute Wall

GM

“ My condolences to you Karen, the family and all the relatives. I always looked forward to playing golf with Tom in the Phoenix area when you and him came down to visit our mutual friends Tom and Gloria Martin. All of us guys had a lot in common as we were amputee Vietnam Veterans. So we got to share war stories and swap lies and it was so much fun when he was in town playing golf at Hillcrest in Sun City. Great memories of you and may you RIP.
Gary Meir

Gary Meir - March 04, 2021 at 08:14 PM



“ Tom was one of the toughest, strongest people I have ever met. I personally watched him come back from things most people could not, not once but twice. Tom was a good, kind man and I have so much love and respect for both him and Karen. Tom may you Rest in Peace.

Eric Jett - March 19, 2020 at 08:46 PM

PS

“ Tom came in our lives through Karen and Michael. Our family had already moved from SLC by then but that didn't lessen our appreciation and love for Tom. He was a good person who loved Karen dearly and included Mike into his life as is son. Tom was fun to be around, loved life and made everyone comfortable in his presence. He will be missed by all. May he Rest In Peace.

Paula Simenson - March 15, 2020 at 06:23 PM



“ Tom was a very good friend and we had a lot of fun playin golf over the years. Our friendship was strong and your big heart will be missed. Love you your friend Dan Inman

Daniel Inman - March 12, 2020 at 10:24 AM



“ Tom you were a good friend. When I came to Utah you and your beautiful wife were always on my list to go visit.ill miss u and your music play list , playing washers and golfing in your back yard.y heart goes out to your family dear friend. And I know your in a comfortable place.



Nikki Deluna - March 12, 2020 at 08:25 AM



“ Thoughts and prayers for your family. From Joe& Katie Hoak

Joseph hoak - March 11, 2020 at 04:18 PM



“ I was 14 years old when Tommy was born to Rose and Bill. Our families were very close and we all loved Billy, Tommy, and Danny who were like younger brothers to us. Life in the orchards was rich, even for the not so rich. There was an abundance of love then and it still persists in our memories. My condolences to all of you who have enjoyed friendship with Tom, a great man from a great family.

Gail Billings

Gail Billings - March 11, 2020 at 12:54 PM

GS

“ Tom was always so kind and generous to me and could always get a laugh out of me with the stories he would tell. I have great memories of playing basketball, golf and tennis with him. He was one of a kind and will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Glenn Schawang - March 10, 2020 at 10:52 PM

 Korey Schawang

“ My best memories of Tom are being on the golf course with him and Michael when I would come visit. He will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you all.

Korey Schawang - March 10, 2020 at 08:50 PM

KM

“ Tom was such a kind and wonderful man. Thinking of you all and sending lots of prayers and hugs your way. Love ya! Kiley, Taylor & family.

Kiley Maddux-Weisbeck - March 10, 2020 at 08:38 PM

RS

“ Ralph Schawang lit a candle in memory of Thomas Albert Gappmayer



Ralph Schawang - March 10, 2020 at 08:21 PM

KA

“ Karen and family, So sorry for your loss. Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers and will continue to be in the days ahead.
Love you, Ken and Rose Arnold

Ken & Rose Arnold - March 10, 2020 at 03:02 PM

PT

“ Wonderful memories of Tom & Karen in Stansbury Park. We visited them in TX and many times in St George. Where the guys would golf and the girls shop. A true war veteran hero. Happy he was in our lives. XOXO

Pam & Tom - March 10, 2020 at 02:32 PM



“ In this life there are very few men one can call a brother not related by family. Tom is a true brother of mine. We shared the the pain and horrors of war and survived, carrying with us deep physical and psychological scars. These scars are ours too bear, but not as heavy to carry if you find a brother to help carry the load. Tom helped me as I helped him work our way thru this life. My brother is gone now and I will miss him so. I know Jesus will heal his scars and my brother will finally be at peace.

Tom Gappmeyer will always be in my fondness memories and prayers. Tom and his wife Karen were our close friends. When we would get together we would always laugh and enjoy each others company. Tom loved to laugh and I will miss the laugh.

Brother you will be missed and not forgotten.

Roger L & Lillian L Dorcas

Front Desk - March 10, 2020 at 01:20 PM

NL

“ Karen, we are so sorry to hear of Tom’s passing. He had a positive impact on everyone he met. We have sweet memories of the time we spent with both of you, and Toms love of golfing. God bless you and your family as you say goodbye and cherish your memories. ❤️



nancy and larry - March 10, 2020 at 12:16 PM

TB

“ Tammy & Gary Bruns lit a candle in memory of Thomas Albert Gappmayer



Tammy & Gary Bruns - March 10, 2020 at 09:35 AM

MH

“ Tom was the most tough and tenacious guy we’ve ever met! He loved life and his precious wife Karen, whom he could never praise enough. He was Mr. Positive and never afraid to try anything! We will never forget you Tom!

Mike Shirley Herrud - March 09, 2020 at 10:26 PM

TC

“ Tim & Stephanie Catron lit a candle in memory of Thomas Albert Gappmayer



Tim & Stephanie Catron - March 09, 2020 at 10:24 PM

MH

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Mike Shirley Herrud - March 09, 2020 at 10:14 PM

MH

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Mike and Shirley Herrud - March 09, 2020 at 10:05 PM

MH

Tom gloried in golf!

Mike Shirley Herrud - March 09, 2020 at 10:09 PM



“ Too many memories to count! Among my favorites was Tom's "outburst" in our Bible Study one night ... "why isn't every in town here with us right now?" He was so authentic about the grace of his Savior and ached to share it with us all. Karen, our entire family will continue to cherish your Tom the rest of our days. Lord bless you and give you extra strength to cling to the Truth that outweighs all-- He Lives and because He lives, Tom lives! SDG. Love you Tom and Karen! - The Quandt family.

Michael Quandt - March 09, 2020 at 08:54 PM

NM

Gosh. Where do I start with Tom? The U of U where we first met in class. Then your comments about VN and you sharing your stories with. I didnt even know you sacrificed a leg and arm over in that horrible war until later that week when the classh met again. Tom you offered Strength. encouragement and advice over the years we "bumped" into each other "again". I feel I have lost a tremendous friend but knowing you have been released from all the "pain" you suffered over these many years. I'm so fortunate to have known this man "smiling" smartelicly wonderful human being. Karen and the Gappmeyer families may all of you have a "peace of mind" that Tom is with Jesus.

Nicholas Miller and Debbie Miller - March 13, 2020 at 02:12 PM

KS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you Karen and all the family. Kenny and I were blessed by having the best brother-in-law!! He was a good man and we find comfort in Go'd promises. We know you cherish the wonderful memories you have. Love Kenny and Elaine.

Kenny and Elaine Schawang - March 09, 2020 at 08:35 PM