



Thomas Allen "Tom" Pieper

March 23, 1956 - August 20, 2024

Thomas Allen "Tom" Pieper, 68, husband of Martha Gail "Marti" (Surface) Pieper, received his promotion to heaven on Tuesday, August 20, at Cottingham Hospice House, nearly five years after his diagnosis with a rare frontal variant of young-onset Alzheimer's disease. Celebration of Life services will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, August 24, at Seneca Baptist Church, with a dessert reception to follow.

Born on March 23, 1956, at Camp LeJeune, North Carolina, to Thomas Leroy and Mary Sue (Adams) Pieper, Tom spent all but the first eight years of his life playing trumpet with a passion. He used that gift, as well as his love of people and the Word of God, in multiple venues, including churches across the country and on mission trips in several Latin American countries. He was a grateful member of Seneca Baptist Church, where he sang in both the adult choir and Joy Singers. Only weeks before his passing, he was still visiting nursing homes with the latter group, continuing to use his musical and pastoral gifts.

Known for one of his favorite sayings, "No one ever died from too much encouragement," Tom practiced what he preached, extending words of grace, kindness, and humor to all who knew him. A proud alum of contemporary Christian music group Truth, he was also a graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (M.Div.) and Oklahoma Baptist University (B.A., Music Education).

Tom is remembered with love by his wife of 41 years, Marti; brother, Doug

Pieper; children Kristen (Chris) Boomhower, Katherine Pieper, Andrew Pieper, Karissa (Tyler) Smith, and Melanie (Azael Contreras) Pieper; grandchildren Lincoln and Lando Boomhower and Lily, Levi, and Scottie Smith as well as his beloved box turtles. His parents; sister, Sharon Pieper; son Samuel Pieper; and granddaughters Brooklyn Boomhower and Aline Smith preceded him in death.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the music ministry of Seneca Baptist Church or Cottingham Hospice House. They are grateful for the kindness of both Agape Care Group and Prisma Health Hospice at Cottingham House, who ministered to him with great skill and tenderness. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting davenportfuneralhome.com. Davenport Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG **24**. 3:00 PM (ET)

Seneca Baptist Church
1080 S Oak St
Seneca, SC 29678-3832
(864) 882-2731

Tribute Wall

ML

“ Tommy and I sang in the Mixed Chorus at Paschal. One of the songs we performed was " I'm on the Top of the World", a love song by the Carpenters. Our director told us to select someone in the audience or choir to sing it to and flirt with a little bit. Tommy and I always sang it to each other. We never dated and didn't really talk much, but we sang sang "I'm on the top of the world looking down on creation and the only explanation I can find is the love that that I've found ever since you've been around. Your love's put me at the top of the world!" and smiled at each other. Remember his genuine and great love for you. His long ago smiles still make me happy.

Mary Ann Levy - January 29, 2025 at 12:21 AM

LC

“ Lifeway C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Allen "Tom" Pieper.

Lifeway C. - September 03, 2024 at 11:52 AM

DA


“ I had the privilege of knowing Tommy during his high school years. We were in the Paschal High School Band in Fort Worth Texas. Tommy, if I remember correctly, was class of 1974....I was 1973. He loved his trumpet playing and was deeply religious. My memories of him are simple... A good person, a good heart, a young man with a desire to do good in this world. I last talked to him about 6 years ago. RIP Tommy, only fond memories of you even though we haven't seen each other in more than 50 years. I look forward to the opportunity to play trumpet with you again.

david - August 28, 2024 at 12:53 AM

DC

“ I was n the PHS band with Tom (We called him Tommy at the time). He was always smiling and friendly to everyone. His love for music bonded us. His loss will affect all of us. So sorry for your loss but heaven gained another angel. Blessings to his family. David Clay in Fort Worth.

David Clay - August 27, 2024 at 08:34 PM

 James Maynard

“ Tommy was a good friend in our school days. I remember playing miniature golf with him on his birthday once and how wonderfully well he played the trumpet. My heart goes out to his family. I will always hold his memory in my heart.

James Maynard - August 27, 2024 at 02:19 PM

BH

“ In loving memory of a fellow classmate, the Paschal High School (Ft. Worth, TX) Class of 1974 sends their condolences to the family.



Brenda Falconer Harris - August 27, 2024 at 01:25 PM

BH

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Brenda Falconer Harris - August 27, 2024 at 01:23 PM

PH

“ I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this sad time.



Patricia Graham Holcombe - August 26, 2024 at 02:20 AM

DA

“ David, Karen, Kayla, Evan, Melissa, Garrett purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Thomas Allen "Tom" Pieper.



David, Karen, Kayla, Evan, Melissa, Garrett - August 23, 2024 at 07:15 PM

DA

“ David, Karen, Kayla, Evan, Melissa, Garrett planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Allen "Tom" Pieper.

David, Karen, Kayla, Evan, Melissa, Garrett - August 23, 2024 at 07:15 PM



“ Summer's Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas Allen "Tom" Pieper.



August 23, 2024 at 04:28 PM

FF

“ F45 Middletown Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Allen "Tom" Pieper.

F45 Middletown Family - August 23, 2024 at 04:28 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas Allen "Tom" Pieper.



August 23, 2024 at 12:12 PM

MB

“ Matt & Beth planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Allen "Tom" Pieper.

Matt & Beth - August 23, 2024 at 12:12 PM

CK

“ Christine K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Allen "Tom" Pieper.

Christine K. - August 23, 2024 at 06:13 AM

LB

“ Linda Bolyen purchased the Simply Elegant Spat hiphyllum for the family of Thomas Allen "Tom" Pieper.



Linda Bolyen - August 22, 2024 at 08:39 PM

WD

“ With so much love, Thomas & Debi purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Thomas Allen "Tom" Pieper.



With so much love, Thomas & Debi - August 22, 2024 at 02:00 PM

DH

“ I enjoyed doing worship with him at CCWC Estes Park. He was a godly, gifted man. This picture with Becky Spencer is from 2016.



Debbie Hardy - August 22, 2024 at 11:59 AM

CF

“ Cathy Moore Family purchased the Serene Retre at for the family of Thomas Allen "Tom" Pieper.



Cathy Moore Family - August 22, 2024 at 10:47 AM

CF

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas Allen "Tom" Pieper.



August 22, 2024 at 09:59 AM

SR

“ SNL, aka Ramona planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Allen "Tom" Pieper.

SNL, aka Ramona - August 22, 2024 at 09:59 AM

KL

“ Kay Estill and Sharon Lienberger purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Thomas Allen "Tom" Pieper.



Kay Estill and Sharon Lienberger - August 22, 2024 at 09:49 AM

BB

“ Tom was a Godly man, wonderful husband and father. He was a friend to many people. I don't know what he liked best picking on me or me picking on him. Enjoy heaven.

Barbara Bailey - August 22, 2024 at 08:13 AM

PP

“ I remember so well Tom playing his trumpet at first Baptist church of Mount Dora. His music touched the hearts of many. He and Martie were an excellent example of parental guidance and Christian love as I watched their children grow up. Love and condolences to each of you, Patricia Pemberton

Patricia Pemberton - August 22, 2024 at 07:29 AM