



Thomas Ervin Winter

January 28, 1952 - November 16, 2021

Thomas "Tom" Ervin Winter, age 69, of Suwanee, GA passed away on Tuesday, November 16, 2021. He was preceded in death by parents, Warden Curtis and Myrtle Winter and sisters, Trisha Martenn and Nancy Fair. Mr. Winter is survived by children, Chante Winter and Reid Irwin of Buford, GA Thomas Jason Winter of Johns Creek, GA, Candice Nicole and Jarod Kent of Buford, GA; the love of his life, Rita Salenius of Johns Creek; brother, Johnny Winter (Lynn) of McDonough, GA; sisters, Carolyn Hawkins (Carol) of McDonough; Susie Garner of Conyers, GA; five grandchildren, Cooper Irwin, Chase Irwin, Cade Irwin, Cruze Kent, and Easton Kent. Tom was best known for owning and operating Atlanta Paint & Body Shop in Atlanta back in the 70's to early 90's. He went on to start multiple businesses and successful construction companies. Tom enjoyed listening to Bob Seger, cooking, decorating his home, being involved in projects and traveling with loved ones. He loved his family tremendously and was very proud of all of them. A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, November 27, 2021 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at Ruby Forest Clubhouse, 35 Ruby Forest Parkway, Suwanee, GA 30024. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Hope thru Soap at hopethrusoap.org

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

NOV 27. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Ruby Forest Clubhouse
35 Ruby Forest Parkway
Suwanee, GA 30024

Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas Ervin Winter*

November 08, 2022 at 07:37 PM



“ *11 files added to the tribute wall*



rita Davenport Salenius - November 27, 2021 at 06:27 PM



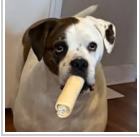
Prayers for family!

Dave Griffith - November 28, 2021 at 08:11 PM



“ *I'm so deeply sorry for the loss of this amazing man! I'll remember Tom always with his incredible enthusiasm, his happiness and his laugh! I was blessed to be able to celebrate his birthday with his favorite Italian food, chicken piccata ! I'll always remember him! May his beautiful soul East in Peace and may he protect his kids and his beloved ones, forever, from Heaven!!!!
Bye Tom, we'll meet again!❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️*

Katiuscia Rinaldi - November 27, 2021 at 12:43 PM



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Jason Winter - November 27, 2021 at 06:20 AM

SK

“ *I have some fond memories of times with Mr. Winter. I remember a lot of liveliness, laughter, and joy. He could handle all our crazy spend the nights, even spend the week events. The Dunwoody house, boating on Lake Lanier, beach trips and togetherness were some sweet times. We lament your great loss of your precious father with you all. May the God of all comfort be with you in a very real and present way. ❤️*

stephanie kitchen - November 26, 2021 at 10:32 AM

KH

“ *I am so very sorry and pained to hear this. I pray for healing for the family. God bless each of you and carry you on your journey.*

Kathy Hall

Kathy Hall - November 26, 2021 at 10:24 AM

“ I met Tom in 1987 at a Bodyshop seminar in Atlanta at which I was an instructor. There was this larger-than-life character sitting in the second row and of course that turned out to be Tom.

During a short break he approached me to ask a question. That exchange began a life-long friendship, Tom inviting me to his home that evening for dinner. Being a Northerner I was unfamiliar with Southern Hospitality, but Tom made me feel like I was one of the family, keeping me up until the wee hours with his stories and even introducing me to his mom. When Tom took you into his inner circle you became one of his family.

Tom had an attraction to other people and they in turn were attracted to him. I watched him and was amazed at how he made strangers feel like they were a part of his circle of friends. I was so impressed I mentioned to our seminar team boss that Tom would be a good fit. Tom was hired, slipping into the roll like a natural....which he was.

Over the next several years Tom and I did many seminars together. While we were in a distant city, he would demand we get out of the hotel in the evening and do something fun. From great restaurants to city tours to BBQ, he was up for anything. The evening always ended at a good restaurant, with us dragging in later than we should.

Tom invited my wife and I to his wedding in Italy. Not just to attend but to spend the entire five days with he and his new wife. I remember saying to him, “Tom, I’m not sure it will be comfortable for you”, he responded, “Come on Bob, it will be a great time.” So off we went from city to city by train, Tom dragging two suitcases as big as he was.

Once we gave up instructing Tom and I kept in touch by email or phone. We were living in Florida by then and we occasionally saw each other for a weekend.

Tom was a brilliant businessman. I was a small-town boy from Iowa and inclined to take the 'safe' business route. Tom was just the opposite, always reaching for the stars. Some shown bright while others faded, but he always gave it his best.

Tom, I'll miss you. The phone calls, the occasional dinners or weekends, but mostly the smile on your face which always seemed to be there.

Your friend, Bob Richards

Bob Richards - November 25, 2021 at 01:04 PM

RS

I met Tom in 2015 and that was it for me! ❤️ He was such a nurturer when I was dealing with my husband's death. Tom was my person. Hard to believe that he is no longer with me.

*Love,
Rita Rita*

rita Davenport Salenius - November 27, 2021 at 06:17 PM

RH

“ *Miss him terribly. All the kindness he showed me over the years greatly appreciated. Rest now dear friend.* ”

Richard Hayes - November 25, 2021 at 12:55 PM

SW

“ *So sorry for your loss!* ”

sarah Wright - November 24, 2021 at 05:56 PM

RK

“ We have many good memories to cherish of our times with Tom! He was fun to be around, kind, smart & loved his family & Rita dearly! In our Phx home, we are reminded daily of Tom's talents & generosity. Several yrs ago, he took on the contractor roll for a remodel & we trusted him to do whatever...turned out great!
R.I.P. Tom,
Love, Rick & Linda Kent

rick kent - November 24, 2021 at 04:25 PM

LA

“ Sheldon and I will always be grateful and remember Tom for the love he gave to Sheldon when he stayed with him and Rita. His humor and joy with the dogs will be my fondest memory. Ready easy, friend.

Lauren - November 23, 2021 at 07:50 PM

JK

“ My father in law Tom was a wonderful person. He dedicated himself to his family, and was always so generous and helpful. Tom took me into the family with open arms, and I will miss the talks we had. Rest In Peace Tom, love you and miss you!

Jared Kent - November 23, 2021 at 12:03 PM

CI

“ 5 files added to the album *Our Pappy*



Chante Irwin - November 23, 2021 at 09:43 AM

LS

“ *I'm so saddened by Tom leaving too soon. I know he will be missed so much. I'll always remember his kindness and his fun loving ways. He loved my dog Shelby and when she stayed with Tom and Rita he called her Buffy. Only Tom could get away with that, it brings a smile to my face.* Lynne Skibinski

Lynne Skibinski - November 22, 2021 at 08:49 PM

AF

“ *My Uncle Tommy, was a wonderful and good hearted person. He loved his family and his mama..He was full of Adventure in Life with his family and friends.. He was so smart and intelligent, helping others, sharing God's word. When my brother Aaron and I was young teenagers, Uncle Tommy took us to Disney World. We will miss him very much.. I know he's in heaven with (sisters) my moma Nancy, and Aunt Trisha, his Moma and Dad. I'm sending prayers and God healing hands over their hearts to my cousins Chante', Candice and Jason*

Love, Andrea



Andrea Fair - November 22, 2021 at 05:59 PM