



Thomas Meiring

September 23, 1938 - April 15, 2022

"Last night it did not seem as if today it would be raining."- Edward Gorey

Tom passed away at home in the early morning on Good Friday at age 83. Though he had been battling Leukemia for the past three years, his death still seemed to have come too suddenly. He is sorely missed.

He was born to Clarence and Otilia (Yeager) Meiring, and was preceded in death by his siblings: Connie Meiring, Rita Fortner McMenamin and Jim Meiring; nephew, Tim Fortner and his wife, Georgia, and nieces: Mary Meiring and Mary Jo Marlow and her husband, Randy. He is survived by his partner, Rick Rothman, many cousins, nieces: Nancy (Jud) Lanzer, Marcia (Peter) Meiring-Tuite, Anne (Ray) Meiring-Brady, and Jean (Peter) Anderson; nephews: Jim Meiring, Tom (Cindy) Meiring, Joe (Mary Sue) Fortner, Greg (Jodie) Fortner, Bob (Marsha) Fortner and Rich Fortner.

Tom could connect with people in a very personal and genuine way which is what, I think, made him such a fine therapist, friend and life partner. He liked classical and jazz music, and was always up for a game of cards or dominoes with family and friends, even days before his death. Fall and Winter were his favorite seasons, and he loved nothing more than a snowy day with a blazing wood fire. He was fond of all things English, especially Queen Elizabeth II, whom he referred to as "a bastion of sanity in a world gone mad." I know I can speak for Tom in expressing heartfelt thanks to Dr. Bhumika Patel of the Cleveland Clinic who oversaw his treatment. He could not have been in better, more caring hands. We are also very grateful to the doctors and staff of the Dana Cancer Center, the wonderful nurses at the UTMC infusion center where Tom received many a transfusion, and all of the folks at Hospice of Northwest Ohio, who so graciously helped fulfill Tom's final wish of dying peacefully and comfortably at home. Finally, we would like to express our gratitude to our families, the Meiring and Rothman clans, and to our friends for their ongoing love and support.

Tom was cremated as he had requested, and there will be a memorial service in the near future. If contemplating a memorial contribution, please consider WGTE Public Media or the Toledo Symphony, which Tom always treasured, or Hospice of Northwest Ohio.

Tribute Wall

SA

“ I always looked forward to my meetings with Tom to discuss retirement planning even though he never had much of a desire to actually retire. He loved his work and his clients!

He loved helping people and was always so caring, and his positive attitude about everyone was so refreshing that it was almost contagious. Thom was a unique individual, and the world would be so much better off if more of us could be more like him.

Sam Adkins - April 25 at 10:29 AM



“ It was a pleasure to take care of Tom every week. We loved how he was always upbeat and into your weekly games. He will be missed.

Desiree, RN

Desiree Singer - April 25 at 10:09 AM



“ Seeing Uncle Tom on family vacation every year was one of the highlights of my summer as a kid. Days upon days of silliness, jokes, and smiles. I'm so thankful I got to know him.

Ty Francis - April 22 at 05:52 PM

NF

“ Tom brought joy to the Rothman family and 39 years of loving partnership to my dear brother for which I am eternally grateful. We are missing him dearly in our Zoom games. His kind and gentle spirit remains as a balm in this time of loss.

Nancy Francis - April 22 at 05:22 PM

JA

“ I have very fond memories of the early days in Toledo and The comfort he gave to so many, especially in the early days of the AID epidemic with the tragic loss of so many friends. I'm sure he is resting in peace and was able to spend his last days at home.

Jack

jack - April 21 at 05:57 PM



SH

“ Sharon Hess lit a candle in memory of Thomas Meiring



Sharon Hess - April 21 at 07:30 AM

SH

Dr. Meiring was a God send to me since 2008. A very caring man with a generous ear...thank you for your help...blessings always.

Sharon Hess - April 21 at 07:32 AM

JL

*Rick so sorry to hear the passing of Uncle Tom,what a Great person and so special to Nancy and I over the past 60 years.Giid times at Christmas Parties and euchre tournaments ,and Rick I think you still have the official trophy.All The Best,
Jud Lanzer*

Jud Lanzer - April 22 at 01:50 PM