



Thomas Merrill Sheets

February 27, 1948 - May 20, 2022

Thomas Merrill Sheets, 74, passed away on Friday, May 20, 2022 with family members by his side. Tom was born February 27, 1948, grew up in the Toledo area and graduated from DeVilbiss High School where he excelled on the Tigers football team as an offensive tackle (all-city). He attended Rutgers University and later The University of Toledo where he earned his Bachelor of Business Administration degree. While at UT, Tom joined the ROTC program. He enlisted in the army and was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant.

He married Nancy (Wollenweber) Sheets and settled in Grand Rapids, MI where they were blessed with their daughter Amanda. After that marriage ended, Tom married Catherine "Kitty" Winze of Grand Rapids, MI. They divorced in 2019 and Tom returned to the Toledo area to be close to his daughter and grandchildren.

At an early age, Tom had a keen interest in butterflies but his life-long passion was everything related to airplanes. He built hundreds of models and loved flying radio-controlled sailplanes. He was also an avid reader and knew vivid details and history of nearly every airplane ever designed. Tom had a very successful sales career at Westinghouse/Wesco for over 40 years and earned the Presidential award for exemplary sales performance. Since retiring, "Papa" particularly enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and attending all of their school events. He will be dearly missed.

Tom is survived by daughter Amanda (Justin) Ballard of Sylvania, OH, grandchildren Gavin, Abigail, and Lyla, sister Laura (Jim) Kroeger of Harrison, TN, brother Charles (Beth) Sheets of Maumee, OH, as well as many nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his sister, Susan (Lewis) Pyenson, and his parents Martha (Merrill) and Ted Charles Sheets.

Visitation will be held at Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd. in Toledo, OH on Sunday, May 29 from 1-4 p.m. with a brief funeral service at 3 p.m. A private burial will be held the following week at Toledo Memorial Park. Donations can be made to the Wounded Warrior Project <<https://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/donate>> in his honor.

Cemetery Details

Toledo Memorial Park

6382 Monroe St
Sylvania, OH 43560

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **29**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home
1770 S. Reynolds Rd.
Toledo, OH 43614

Funeral Ceremony

MAY **29**. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home
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Toledo, OH 43614

Graveside Service

MAY **31**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Toledo Memorial Park
6382 Monroe St
Sylvania, OH 43560

Tribute Wall



“ [Memorial Trees](https://www.coylefuneralhome.com/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was purchased for the family of Thomas Merrill Sheets.

May 29, 2022 at 10:19 AM



“ Heartfelt Memories was purchased for the family of Thomas Merrill Sheets.



May 27, 2022 at 10:17 AM



“ EMILY Flor sent a virtual gift in memory of Thomas Merrill Sheets



EMILY Flor - May 25, 2022 at 04:11 PM



“ I was best friends with Tom. I remember the great times we had together. At that time, he called me the Hair Devil and I called him the elephant. Such fond memories of him. I'm so sorry he's gone.

Thomas Hausman - May 25, 2022 at 04:06 PM

Dan
Ballard

“ Rest in peace Tom, you will be missed by many.



Dan Ballard - May 24, 2022 at 10:42 PM

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“ I was best friends with Tom's sister Susan and spent time at the Sheets home. Tom was a nice quiet guy and a brainiac! So sorry for the family's loss.
Laura Isenstein

Laura Isenstein - May 23, 2022 at 08:09 PM

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“ I went Old Orchard, Devilbiss HS (Prom With Suzzie Goode), and U.T. He had a masterful scientific mind. He was always a gentleman. Have not seen him in 50 years. I would imagine he lived his entire life with the high standards he held for himself. He left me a *hello" several weeks ago on "Classmates.com".
Sorry I haven't kept up.
May your memory be a blessing to Sue and your family.

Dr. Michael L. Scheer

Dr. Michael Scheer - May 23, 2022 at 07:38 PM

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“ Haven't seen Tom in years but always knew him as a great guy! My sincere condolences to his family!

Tim Starner - May 23, 2022 at 07:12 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Thomas Merrill Sheets*.



May 23, 2022 at 05:48 PM