



## Thomas Graves Joseph

February 16, 1941 - December 17, 2013

Thomas Graves, son of Afton LaFay (Graves) and Robert Riley Joseph, was born February 16, 1941 in Alva Oklahoma and passed away at his home in Enid on the 16th of December, 2013 at the age of 72 years, and 10 months.

Tom graduated from Alva High School with the class of 1959. After graduation he worked on the family farm, did carpentry work and custom harvesting. September 1963 he was drafted into the United States Army. He underwent basic training at Fort Eustis, Virginia before he was transferred to Fort Sill, Oklahoma. In December of 1964 he was sent overseas to Vietnam.

Mr. Joseph was married to Marjorie Wilcox on September 17, 1966, at the Alva first Christian Church. To their union a son Jeff was born.

Following their marriage they returned to Enid to make their home and he worked at Vance Air Force Base as an airplane electrician.

He was a member of the Enid First United Methodist Church.

Tom continued farming the family farm, and was an avid hunter and fisherman.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a stepmother Mary Elizabeth (Poe),

a sister Jolene Fay Huffaker, and close family friends Pat Banse and Lorene Rust.

Tom is survived by his son Jeff Joseph of Garber Oklahoma, a sister Linda Lou Joseph of Alva, 7 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren a number of nieces nephews and other relatives and friends.

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# Tribute Wall

IC

“ Linda....so very sorry to hear about your brother...your brother, Tom, and my brother, Tom, were in the same class. Prayers are with you.

Ira Dale and Kay Campbell - December 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Linda, I was very sorry to read of your brother's passing. May God be with you and your family.

Jim Scribner - December 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ My sincere condolences for your loss of Tom. He holds a special place in my heart for his thoughtfulness and kindness he gave to my mother, my children, my family and myself. He will truly be missed, but his memories will stay with us forever.

Doris (Wood) Mercer - December 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Tom was an amazing mentor, friend, father and grandfather! As a Boy Scout, he taught me how to tie a fishing knot, as a friend he taught me how to fish with a plastic worm, and as a second father to me he helped me decide what to do with my life after retiring from the Air Force. Tom was always there for me and my family! I know he is sitting next to the Lord and will be watching as we move forward ... it will be odd not being able to cal him, just to hear his voice. He will be missed by everyone he touched in life.

John Wood - December 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Tom,

*You were never blood related to me but that never mattered to us, ever since I could remember you were my third grandfather and was always there for my family and I. I wish I could be there for you like you were always there for me, but now you are happier than ever up in heaven sitting in a deer stand looking for that perfect buck. One day we will be reunited again but till then I know that you are standing there looking out for my family and I being my third guardian angel. Thank you so much Tom and I can't wait to see you again. I love you and miss you. You will be missed but never forgotten.*

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**Lacey wood** - December 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Tom was one of my closest friends and like another dad to me and a grandfather to my kids. We have all had so much fun through the years. He will truly be missed.

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**Bobby Buckingham** - December 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ you are and awesome man u will always be remembered in our hearts.

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**karen davis** - December 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ Sorry to read of the passing of Tom. Our thoughts and prayers are extended to your family.

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**Shirley (Blue), AK Armstrong** - December 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ Toms family...I'm so sorry to hear of the loss of Tom...Tom was the Center on the '59 Goldbug Football team, my brother, Butch, the Quarterback....good memories of a "gentle giant"....Rest in Peace, Rosie...

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**Charlotte Holt Edwards** - December 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ AHS Class of 59 to the family of Tom Joseph. Bill and I send our deepest condolences to each of you. We know he will be missed. Love to all.

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**Bill and Linda Beeler** - December 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

WF

“ I worked with Tom at the base for 41 years and also square danced with him. I will miss my wonderful friend.

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**Wayne Fox** - December 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ Jeff I am sorry for your Loss I worked with your dad for a long time at Vance

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**Bill King** - December 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ God Bless you Tom. You were such a good friend to have and you always had something funny to say. I will truly miss you and I know the rest of your Vance friends and associates will miss you too.

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**Allen Williams** - December 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM