



Thomas D Childress

May 21, 2019

Thomas Childress (78) of St. Pete, Florida, passed away on Monday, May 21st, 2019 with his wife and friends at his side. He is survived by his wife, Olita, of 20 years and family in Florida and Kentucky. We loved you, dear man. Tom was a brave, good man, willing to try hard, interested in new things, loved his wife, family, and friends, and he never said a mean thing. He loved life and people and was outgoing and funny. Tom was smart and he loved history, adventures, trains, and fishing. He could tell a great story about fishing or about trains and he worked at being independent and doing the things he was able and learning new things in order to live in the community in his supported living program. He worked at Ted Peters smoked fish house doing dishes and worked at PARC for many years. He worked hard to achieve his

goals and to be independent.

Tom enjoyed life in general - from old movies to country music to going out to eat and having great trips and adventures. He loved fishing and he loved and knew a lot about trains. He was born in Corbin, Kentucky, down the road from Colonel Sanders. His dad worked for the railroad and they moved to St. Pete when Tom and his sister were young and Tom loved trains ever since. He created several train cities in his garage at home with N-scale trains which he enjoyed building on and showing in the H&R annual train show.

We wish to thank Jim for being at his side for the past 24 years and guiding him through his daily routines.

We also wish to thank the doctors in Tom's life who cared for him for the past 20 years and the oncology nurses and APRN's at Florida Cancer Specialists at the St. Anthony's location.

There are no services scheduled at this time.

Tribute Wall



“ *The family of Thomas D Childress uploaded a photo*

August 19, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *James Hamm - friend/caregiver posted a condolence To Tom, I must say that I have had the best twenty four years with knowing you and growing to love you as time goes on. I was there when you married your beloved wife Olita who you always called her pretty. Taking you to the dances and places that you always enjoyed like fishing and going to the train store which was a few of the thing's that you and I did over the years. I will always remember your smile as well as never saying anything bad about someone. You always have shown love and kindness to anyone in your life. You was loved by everyone Tom and I hope that you know that. You will be missed dearly. I will promise you that every night I will give your wife a hug for you. There will never be a person like you that I will meet who gave so much kindness and love to others. And I want you to know Olivia will miss you as well.*

James Hamm - friend/caregiver - May 23, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *B. Wilcher - Friend S posted a condolence Sorry for your loss. He was an example of a beautiful spirit.*

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