



## Thomas Doss

December 12, 1941 - February 12, 2020

Thomas Warren "Tom" Doss 78, passed away on February 12, 2020 at home in Memphis, TN with his two daughters at his side.

Born in Chattanooga, TN on December 12, 1941, he was the son of J. Fenton Doss and Catherine Mary Doss. Tom attended Christian Brothers High School graduating in 1959. He played saxophone in the band. He attended Christian Brothers College graduating in 1963 with a degree in Electrical Engineering. He continued to be involved in alumni activities for both schools over the years, most recently enjoying a 60th year band reunion this past fall. He graduated Southern Methodist University in 1968 with a master's degree in Electrical Engineering. He worked at Texas Instruments in Austin, TX from 1964-1983, specializing in integrated circuit and super computer design. He worked in real estate investments and sales and marketing. He retired from Celestica Corporation in 2005 as a sales manager for defense and aerospace manufacturing services.

Tom was a member of Saint Louis Catholic Church in Austin, TX where he was an acolyte serving on the altar for 15 years. He also served on the Financial Council for 14 years. He joined the Knights of Columbus Council 5967 and served 6 years as Council Trustee and served as Grand Knight in 1990-1991. He worked with the Boy Scouts of America in Austin, TX and was appointed Assistant District Commissioner for the Capital Area Council for

many years. He moved to Nashville and became a member of Saint Stephen Catholic Church and transferred to Council 9282 in 2006 and served as Council Trustee for 10 years. He served 5 years as Board member and Treasurer of the Tennessee Hemophilia and Bleeding Disorders Foundation in Nashville. He also tutored elementary and middle school students as part of the “No Child Left Behind” program in Nashville schools.

Tom had many hobbies. He loved to hunt and fish and was a member of the Texas Instruments Bass Club in Austin, which he caught the “BIG ONE”, a bass weighing 7 lbs. 2 oz., which he proudly mounted and displayed. The family enjoyed many fishing trips and camping trips together. The Smoky Mountains and The Rocky Mountains were his favorite destinations. He loved to travel and went all over the world for business and with his wife Joann. The most recent international trip was to the Holy Land where he renewed his wedding vows with Joann in Cana of Galilee on May 11, 2015. He enjoyed using his engineering expertise to build and repair all things household and automotive. He was a jokester and usually the life of the party. He and Joann were very social and had many friends. He loved his family and always wanted to spend quality time as often as possible.

Tom is survived by his wife of 39 years Joann Benassi Doss, his two daughters: Elizabeth Doss, Catherine Petrie, and her husband Joseph Petrie. Stepchildren: Donald Meyer, Sandra Armstrong, her husband Jim Armstrong, Christine Worlow, and her husband Larry Worlow. Grandchildren: James Doss, Alexander Petrie, Abigail Petrie. Step grandchildren: John Miller, Georgia Utech, David Capps, Shawn Worlow, Patrick Schrader, Joanna Vogel, Chelsea Worlow, Dustin Meyer, Timothy Meyer, Donnie Lee Meyer, Thomas Armstrong and one great grandchild Elliott Thomas Doss.

Tom was predeceased by his parents, J. Fenton Doss and Catherine Mary Doss, his grandparents, James Franklin Doss and Minnie Vanderpool Doss,

infant Doss, and Step daughter Carla Capps.

The funeral service will be held at Saint Stephen Catholic Church on March 14, 2020 at 1:00pm in Nashville, TN. The address is 14544 Lebanon Road, Old Hickory, TN 37138. The visitation for family and friends will be held just prior to the funeral. Memorial donations in lieu of flowers may be made to the Hemophilia and Bleeding Disorders Foundation, 242 Heritage Park Dr. suite 105, Murfreesboro, TN 37129.

# Tribute Wall

MM

“ I am so very sorry to learn of Tom's passing. He was someone I admired and respected. It was always such a positive thing to see the love he and Joann shared,even in illness. He will be missed. I am so sorry I was not aware of his passing until now.  
Mike McKee

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**Michael McKee** - May 12, 2020 at 09:46 PM

GW

“ Tom Joined a group of us that spend an entire week in a houseboat each spring fishing. Tom loved his Bass fishing and pounded every inch of the lake he could with Bass rigs of many different styles and things I've never seen before. He and I were normally the first ones awake each morning to start getting the coffee made and maybe breakfast, then out on the water we went fishing. Tom was the morning alarm clock for us all. Tom had some great fish stories and I'm sure they were all true. He loved his family and I loved his stories of how he and Joann played practical jokes on each other. Tom will be greatly missed. To Tom's Family thanks for sharing him with us for a week each year.  
Greg Wade

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**Greg Wade** - March 13, 2020 at 11:25 AM

SP

“ Tom made so many great contributions to our St. Stephen Community, the Knights, and the community. He is truly missed and we have been blessed to have known him.

Our thoughts and prayers are with JoAnn and all of the family. May God's peace be with all of you and may wonderful memories comfort you.

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**Sandra and Mike Porter** - March 09, 2020 at 10:28 AM

KA

“ *My husband and I have shared many happy memories over the years since Tom and his wife moved to Nashville. Tom was so very intellectual and so very active in our community. We will definitely miss him and will cherish the short time that we had together. We extend our sympathy to all of his family.*

*Jack & Karen Myatt  
Hermitage, Tn*



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**Karen** - March 08, 2020 at 08:28 PM

KD

*I met Mr. Doss as a new dialysis nurse and he taught me so much in a short period of time....humility, compassion, kindness and love. My mother who had just been diagnosed had the opportunity to meet him and they both grew up in Memphis and knew alot of the same people. He went to Chritian Brothers where my grandfather went. Then what a surprise when our paths crossed again at St. Stephens. I'll never forget this man and my heart goes out to his family and friends! I pray for peace and comfort for you all!*

*Kelley Dwyer  
Old Hickory, TN*

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**Kelley Dwyer** - March 09, 2020 at 10:39 AM

ST

“ *Tom was a fantastic man. While I only spent a week a year with him on the fishing trip, it was always a pleasure and he was someone who I always looked forward to catching up with. The way he spoke of his family was inspiring, and he always had great advice and an amazing sense of humor. He has been and will continue to be missed on the trips. May he rest in peace. Scott, Columbus Ohio.*

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**Scott T** - March 08, 2020 at 11:34 AM

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**Scott T** - March 08, 2020 at 11:29 AM

PA

“ R.I.P. Tom.  
Philip Arnoult  
CBHS Class of '59  
Baltimore, MD

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**Philip Arnoult** - March 07, 2020 at 07:38 PM

BB

“ Am saddened to learn of Tom's passing. He was a great classmate at CBHS (Class of '59) and fellow musician in our school's highly regarded band. Tom was an outstanding saxophone player and won many medals in band competition. Jeanne & I were lucky enough to see Tom and Joann (and daughter Kathy) in 2017 as we drove through Tennessee on vacation, our last in-person visit. Rest in Peace, my friend. Our sympathies to all the family. Brian and Jeanne Bland, Santa Monica, CA

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**Brian Bland** - February 20, 2020 at 02:12 AM

RC

Terrific member of the CBCHS band. Always a million \$ smile.  
Richard Curran. CBCHS '59

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**Richard Curran** - March 14, 2020 at 07:39 PM