



Thomas Russell

June 16, 1951 - June 7, 2013

TOM G. RUSSELL

Thomas Glen Russell, 61, of Fort Myers, Florida passed away June 7, 2013. He was born June 16, 1951 in Kansas City, Missouri the son of Earl Eugene and Maxine (Bean) Russell.

Resident of Fort Myers for 53 years - 1969 Graduate of Fort Myers High School

Cabinet Designer and Owner of Tiger Residential Designs. Designed and sold cabinetry for many local cabinet companies as well as for his Amish friends at Hilltop Wood Working in Fredericksburg, Ohio. Co-owned and managed Russell Cabinets of Fort Myers along with his brother Larry Russell for 23 years.

Current Life Group Teacher and former Director of the Divorce Care Ministry serving 14 years at McGregor Baptist Church, Fort Myers.

Recently attended HOPE Biblical Counseling & Training Center and was looking forward to finishing his last course for certification to become a Biblical Counselor this semester. His desire was to help struggling married couples and show them "Marriage God's Way".

Loved golfing, fishing, playing and coaching Little League Baseball, devoted fan of Kansas City Chiefs Football, sports cars, seafood, traveling, glass art, his devoted puppy "KC", Smokey Mountains, sunsets, talking about Jesus Christ and how He had changed his life, reading his Bible, teaching and helping others.

He leaves his loving wife, Cindy Russell; two children, Joshua (Mindy) Russell and Jason Russell; step-son, Tony (Vivian) Hanstedt; sister, Marilyn (Ken) Karnes, brother, Larry Russell; and grandchildren, Kala Culligan, Caliah Russell, Evan Hanstedt, Andrew Hanstedt and his new grandson, Cooper Thomas Russell due to be born in August who will share his Pa's name.

Our sincere appreciation to the wonderful staff of Hope Hospice (Hope Healthcare Services), Florida Cancer Specialists and 21st Century Radiation Oncology who cared for Tom. Special gratitude to our church family for all their love and support.

Tom's request was for us to have a "Celebration of his Graduation to Heaven" which we will do on Sunday, June 23rd at 2:00pm at McGregor Baptist Church - Worship Center. Potluck & continued celebration immediately following at the Hope Building - Fellowship Hall. For more information on potluck - please contact Sara Cramer at sara.cramer@mcgregor.net or 239-689-2552.

Memorials can be made to: Hope Hospice, 9470 Healthpark Circle, Fort Myers, FL 33908.

Tom's reminder to all of us - "Think Eternal".

Funeral arrangements under the direction of Gendron Funeral & Cremation Services Inc., 4224 Cleveland Ave, Suite 1, Fort Myers, Florida 33901 239-

274-0088. Online condolences may be made at www.gendronufuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Celebration

JUN **23**. 2:00 PM (ET)

McGregor Baptist Church
3750 Colonial Blvd.
Fort Myers, FL

Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas Russell*

October 09, 2023 at 02:01 AM



“ *Thomas Russell*

January 28, 2023 at 12:09 PM



“ *Cindy, I am so sorry for your loss. Even though Tom is not physically still with you, his life, his legacy, his love and his teachings will live on in your heart forever.*

Mike

Michael Crigger - July 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Tom, Missing You and Your Love of People but Know You Are Rejoicing In Heaven. Undoubtedly, You Are In Charge Of Heavenly Cabinets NOW!*

My Sister In Christ, Cindy...I am so Happy that God Blessed You and Russel With Love For Each Other. You Are A Beautiful Christian Example of A Faithful Servant. Your Heart Misses Russell, I know; but As Part of the Body of Christ, You Also Know...You Are Reconnected For All of Eternity. You are in My Prayers. Love, You Sister!

Jean Goetz - June 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Cindy and family,

It's hard to believe a life was lost so quickly but I know you are thankful for the just under two months you had with him after his diagnosis! I am so thankful Kio and I had the chance to visit Tom in April. Tom, through his teaching and leading of the Oasis class, has a special place in many, many hearts as he encouraged and disciplined so many. He, and you, will always have a special place in my heart! I continue to life you all up in prayer.

Kim Hopkins - June 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ Tom will be sorely missed by me. I treasured his friendship; he was like a brother to me. We had many good times serving together in the Divorce Care ministry, Life Group classes and Single ministry. His smile will be greatly missed!

Peggy Lopez - June 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Tom was such an amazing and kind man, Cindy you and Tom gave me hope that there was love still out there for us and how beautiful the two of you were together. Tom will be so greatly missed and always remembered and loved. I will not be able to be there for Toms Life Celebration I will be out of town but you are in my prayers, Lovingly Cindy Hollon

Cindy Hollon - June 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

VS

“ Dear Cindy;
My deepest thoughts are with you and your Family at this time.
May the Lord hold you all close.
Hugs,
Vicky

Vicky Strine - June 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Your loving Father has welcomed you home. Jesus is holding you in his loving arms for all eternity.

Barbara Becchino - June 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ We are thinking and praying for you Cindy. Love Janice and Maddog.

Janice & Mike Broughton - June 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

ED

“ I first met Tom when he joined the staff at The Cabinet Shop of Lee County. Although we only knew each other a short time, he was always a gentleman and never had anything bad to say. He had an upbeat and happy disposition. He always made time to chat with me, made me laugh and shared funny stories. He was a pleasure to work with and he will be sadly missed. My condolences to his entire family, my prayers are with you.

Elaine Durso - June 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Our loss is God's gain. There are no words to express how deeply my heart aches for all of your family. Tom was and still is a devoted man of God who walked his talk! There is no telling how many lives he touched and lives that have been changed through his teaching and life examples. I can only imagine heaven's celebration seeing Tom at the pearly gates and being told "Well done good and faithful servant." If anyone reading this has not accepted Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior, please do NOT procrastinate any longer. Everybody is only 1 heart beat from their eternal destination. Jesus loves and went to the cross FOR YOU.

Debbie Pesek - June 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

YT

“ Cindy,
On behalf of all of us at Hope HR, you and your family are in our thoughts every day. Take good care.

Your HR Team - June 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ Cindy,
My thoughts and prayers are with you as you grieve your loss and celebrate Tom's "graduation". I know he is praising Jesus in person right, all the while watching for all of us to join him.
Much Love in Christ,
Terri

Terri Rider - June 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ *Cindy and Family,
God blessed my family to become a part of your lives and we have
been truly blessed. Mr. Tom I know you are truly enjoying Jesus
now. You not only talked the talk but you walked the walk. We will
keep you all in our thoughts and prayers.*

Sharner Brooks - June 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ *Cindy,
We are sorry for your loss, and send our love and prayers to
everyone. May all of your shared memories and eternal love fill your
heart with peace and comfort.*

Travis & Maria Williams - June 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *Tom you will be missed by all those that knew and loved you. You
have left your mark on my life and I will hold my memories in my
heart until I see you again. Thanks for being there when I needed
you and being an example of God's love.*

Martha Menser - June 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *Tom you were place in my life by God to facilitate my healing after
my divorce. You guided me and loved me along my greiving the loss
of my marriage. I am a light that you leave behind as part of you
legacy. You will always have a special place in my heart.*

Judy Healey - June 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TJ

“ Tom was a good man with a soft voice. One of my first customers at Travis Reprographics he was always a great one to share life with and positive. He will be missed here by many he touched but we can only be happy for him to say one day. We'll see you soon. God bless his family & friends who are sad in their loss.

Travis Jolliff - June 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ I met Tom on our Palmer House Project in Chicago, Illinois. I immediately could tell how great of a person he was and enjoyed the fact that he brought laughter into every conversation we had. I am sure that laughter is making heaven a better place. Condolences from Everyone at CG America.

Scott Curto - June 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Tom,

I really considered you a close friend. I admired your faithfulness to the Lord and your service in thje body of Christ. I will miss golfing with you. (I'll miss you flattering me on my golf swing, even though I was bad). I'll miss your expertise when I want to upgrade my cabinets / kitchen. I'll miss the fellowship with you. I'll miss your encouragement & positive feedback.

I'll always remember the time we spent "iron sharpening iron". Those were some great "bachelor" days! The time we spent in the Oasis class together were very special.

You are the lucky one because you have seen Jesus!

Kip Hopkins - June 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. There is always peace in knowing where he is now.

Jennifer Herrmann - June 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ Knowing Tom for 12 + years I join in mourning his loss and Christ's gain. Coming to Jesus' saving grace thru the DC program and joining him in starting the Oasis Class. He truly was a guiding, comforting influence in my life and the lives of many, many others. I'm sure that he was a great blessing to more than any of us can or will ever know. Jesus is and will always be the answer. Cindy I have hurt with and for you thru this journey to his graduation. I am thankful that the Lord allowed him home without enduring months more suffering and join you in the blessed hope of our reunions to come.

LeAnne Johnson - June 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Tom changed many lives, mine included. A true warrior of Gods word. Thank you Cindy for always standing in partnership with him as he lead many of us closer to the Lord in the worse times of our lives. You are both a blessing to all of us fortunate enough to know you.

Denise Bridges - June 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted. May the blessed Grace and Mercy God has holding for us in the service of his son, Jesus Christ, be poured on you until your cup is overflowing. Our faith unites us and reunites us in that final reunion. Our prayers are with you during this time.

Steve & Cindy kenned - June 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

EL

“ Tom, I am sure you are singing with Jesus, hanging with Britt and meeting all of our extended families. I am sure there is a beautiful log home in Gods heavenly mountains where you will enjoy eternity. You inspired me, loved me unconditionally showing me, God not a man was all I needed. You made me laugh when I was crying and helped me see, emotions and feelings are the healing liquids of life. I will always remember you saying to me when I was feeling lonely and hurt, "You can come here to Oasis class, hear a mans voice, and get a hug from a man, and enjoy going home to peace and quiet." You grinned and hugged me. Thank you Tom, you helped me begin my journey of healing and learning men of God are an awesome gift. Thank you...Jesus loves you and so do I brother.

Edie Langston - June 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ Our Heartfelt prayers and thoughts are with you all at the loss of your beloved Tom. He was a special guy and he always had a smile on his face whenever I crossed his path. He always was willing to extend his hand of fellowship to those in need. He exemplified a magnanimous spirit as he served those he called brothers and sisters in Christ. Heaven is our home and Tom sits at the feet of our Lord and Savior and we have the promise of knowing that eternity will be shared by all of us that call Jesus Lord. AMEN

Rick & Jackie Tripp - June 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM