



Thomas Deatruck

June 24, 1942 - December 16, 2025

Thomas Browning Deatruck was born June 24, 1942, in Topeka, Kansas to Ambrose Winston and Viola Hester Deatruck. He graduated from Topeka High School and remained an active alumnus. Tom started work in law enforcement and then moved to Santa Fe Railroad. He started his own business in 1971, American Sentry Security Systems, a premium private security company that he ran for over 48 years.

Thomas is survived by his three daughters, Elizabeth Deatruck, Angela Hensley and Michelle Cannon; grandchildren, Benjamin Hensley and Miranda Cannon; his surviving sibling, Nancy Jones; and four nephews. Thomas was preceded in death by his siblings, Robert, Georgia, and MaryAnne, and twin brother, Anthony.

Tom was a long-term Shriner, sponsored youth sports events, and traveled internationally. Even in his later years he remained a suave and dapper man who enjoyed classic cars and gardening.

Tom passed away Tuesday, December 16, 2025, after a short battle with leukemia and will be greatly missed by his family, many colleagues, and friends. A remembrance is scheduled from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, December 21, 2025, at his residence. Burial will be private.

Condolences may be sent online at www.kevinbrennanfamily.com

Previous Events

Remembrance Ceremony

DEC **21**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM.

Tom's Residence

Tribute Wall

KH

“ *Mr. Deatrick hired me as a security guard back in the mid 80's at White Lakes Mall. It was my first introduction into law enforcement. Mr. Deatrick was a wonderful man and let me internship with American Sentry during my time at Washburn University. Condolences to his friends and family.*

Karim Hazim - December 22, 2025 at 05:07 PM

DT

“ *Tom and my brother were good friends back when they were in Jr. High and though out THS. He always took time to say hi to me back then. In later years when I would run into him, he had that smile and we would chat for a while. One of the good ones.*

Don Taliaferro - December 21, 2025 at 07:33 PM

JC

“ *U hadn't seen Tom for several years. I do have warm, fun memories of someone who had a genuine care & concern for others. We are missing a day brightener with Toms passing.*

Jim Cates - December 21, 2025 at 07:16 PM

KR

“ *Worked with him at Pizza Hut when it was in White Lakes mall and I was in high school he did security Great Guy*

kevin Ratekin - December 21, 2025 at 01:27 AM

RS

“ I worked for Tom when I got out of the Marines 6/71 me and Tom would work the roughest places he had for accounts. Tom and I remained friends throughout the yrs. I last talked to him veterans day 25.

Tom will always be remembered cause I will say his name often.

Tom Deatruck

Miss you brother

Rick Starkey - December 21, 2025 at 12:37 AM

BM

“ I absolutely loved visiting with Tom and so many fond memories over the years. I have known him so many years. God bless.

Prayers to his family.

Becky Martin - December 19, 2025 at 03:15 PM

BO

“ Tom was a good guy. I have known him for several decades. God rest his soul. Bob

Bob - December 19, 2025 at 08:27 AM