



## Thomas W. Gooch

May 9, 1943 - August 11, 2017

Thomas Gooch, 74, Topeka, passed away on August 11, 2017, at Stormont-Vail Hospital.

Thomas was born in Livermore, California, to Ira Lee and Judd Hill Gooch. He married Judy on August 6, 1966, in Junction City, Kansas. Thomas had a degree in Animal Husbandry from Kansas State University. He had a long and successful career in computer programming for the federal government. Thomas retired after 38 years of federal service. Thomas ended his career, having been the first plank for the Coast Guard Pay and Personnel Center in Topeka. In retirement, Thomas enjoyed woodworking and spending time with his grandchildren. Thomas had a life-long love of farming, learning, tinkering and story-telling.

Thomas is survived by his wife of 51 years, Judy; daughters, Shirley Schulz (Jason), Kathy Gooch (Bear) and Jeannie Cotten (Aaron); three grandsons, Thomas, Robert and Ian; brothers, Lawrence Gooch (Penny) and Jerry Gooch (Susan); half-sisters, Jean and Connie; and brother-in-law Tom Kelly. He was preceded in death by his parents; sister Deborah Kelly; half-brother Floyd; and half-sisters, Donna and Norma.

Celebrations of Thomas' life will be 11 a.m. Saturday at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614.

Graveside service will be 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Union Cemetery, Indy Road, Abilene KS 67410.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association, sent in care of the funeral home.

# Cemetery Details

## Union Cemetery

Indy Street  
Abilene, KS 67410

# Previous Events

## A Celebration of Life

AUG 19. 11:00 AM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home  
2801 SW Urish Road  
Topeka, KS 66614  
(785) 272-7888  
[info@kevinbrennanfamily.com](mailto:info@kevinbrennanfamily.com)

## Graveside Service

AUG 19. 2:30 PM (CT)

Union Cemetery  
Indy Street  
Abilene, KS 67410

# Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas W. Gooch*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Heart's Companion Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas W. Gooch.*



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August 17, 2017 at 07:55 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Thomas W. Gooch.*



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August 17, 2017 at 07:45 PM

RA

“ Dear Judy and Family,

*I am so saddened to hear of Tom's passing. He was my closest friend at Capper JH, Topeka High and first couple of years at Washburn U. before he went to KS.*

*I lived with his mother and sister my last semester at Washburn after my mother moved to Oregon. Mother, brother Brian and I attended Tom and Judy's wedding in August 1966 before driving off to Oregon. Remember his car on the church steps as he and Judy ran past it and drove off in his mother's car?*

*I wrote to Tom a few times during my career in the USAF, but never knew if I got the right address. So sorry to have not heard from him!*

*Lawrence, please contact me at [bandj4350@hotmail.com](mailto:bandj4350@hotmail.com) when you can.*

*Judy, all my love and condolences.*

*Robert (Bob) Armstrong*

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**Robert Armstrong** - August 17, 2017 at 10:35 AM

DB

“ Kathy & Jeannie,

*Sorry to read of your dad's passing. What grief. Prayers for strength and comfort.*

*Debra Briant*

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**Debra Briant** - August 16, 2017 at 03:30 PM

DL

“ So sorry to hear of Tom's passing. We spend alot of working years at the Coast Guard. My thoughts and prayer are with you.

*Danny Long*

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**Danny Long** - August 16, 2017 at 02:35 PM



“ The Broken Chain Catholic frame was purchased for the family of Thomas W. Gooch.



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August 14, 2017 at 08:59 AM

DF

“ Kathy & Bear  
So sorry to hear about your dad passing. May God wrap his loving hands around you and your family during this difficult and always.  
*Richard & Debbie Folk*

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**Debbie Folk** - August 13, 2017 at 02:09 PM

DF

*Difficult time*

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**Debbie Folk** - August 13, 2017 at 02:10 PM

CN

*The families of Jean Gooch Antsen and Connie Gooch Noren sending condolences.*

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**Connie Noren** - August 13, 2017 at 04:03 PM

TK

*With heavy hearts and tearfull eyes they watched his ship sail into the sun set .....and on a distant shore loved ones expectantly awaited his arrival. May God bless all who mourn his loss. Tom Kelly*

**Tom Kelly** - August 13, 2017 at 05:37 PM

RN

*Jeannie, I am so very sorry for your heart wrenching loss. Losing a parent is never easy. Many prayers for strength are being sent up for you & your family.*

**Rosemary Nealy** - August 14, 2017 at 08:03 AM

FD

*To the Thomas Gooch Family : Tom and I were good friends when we walked the Halls of Troy ! My condolences to his family. May he Rest In Peace.*

**Frank Duran** - August 16, 2017 at 07:14 AM

ML

*To the family: Our condolences to you all. Words are never enough in a time like this, so please know that our prayers are with you all. The Lewis Family (Milton, Malia and kids)*

**Malia Lewis** - August 16, 2017 at 12:53 PM

CA

*Judy & Family, We are so sorry to hear of Tom's passing. Out thoughts and prayers as with you all.*

**Chub & Jackie Acker** - August 19, 2017 at 08:19 AM