



Thomas P. Lemon

January 1, 1944 - September 15, 2011

Thomas Perry Lemon, 67, passed away Mon., Sept. 12, 2011, after an extended illness. Tom was born on Jan. 11, 1944 in Topeka to Charles W. and Frances Perry Lemon. The youngest of four boys, Tom grew up in the Oakland area and graduated from Topeka High School in 1962. Tom married Margaret "Peggy" Love on April 22, 1967 and they shared 40 years of marriage together before Peggy passed away in 2007. Tom's career and lifelong passion was law enforcement. In 1965, he joined the Topeka Police Dept. as a patrol officer and rose through the ranks, retiring as a Detective Lieutenant in the juvenile division, after 29 years of service. Soon after, he began work as a Special Agent in the Criminal Litigation Division under Attorneys General, Bob Stephan and Carla Stovall. After retiring from the AG's office in 1997, Tom took a position as a bailiff for the Kansas Supreme Court where he was employed part-time until he became ill earlier this year. Through all his years in law enforcement, Tom was known for his strong work ethic, integrity, and dedication. Tom made lifelong friends and was affectionately known for his thriftiness and great sense of humor. He was a kind and compassionate man with a gentle heart, which shone through especially as he cared for Peggy during her long illness. When Tom's children were in school, he was active in their education, serving as PTO president at Holy Name School and a Pace volunteer at Hayden High. He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Police, the Knights of Columbus and Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church. Tom loved wildlife and the outdoors and was an

avid gardener. Every year in late summer, he could be found in the kitchen canning his bountiful harvest of tomatoes which he then shared with his family. He loved everything sports and supported all Kansas teams but was partial to his beloved Jayhawks. Tom was "Papa" to his granddaughters, whom he was crazy about. He would have all seven of them over for sleepovers, sometimes regretting it by morning, but always willing to do it again. He loved attending their ball games, music programs, and school activities. He will be dearly missed by all his family and friends. Tom is survived by his children, Thomas G. Lemon (Karen) of Topeka, Mary Hanson (Lonnie) of Hoyt and Angela Smith (Richard) of Topeka; granddaughters, Ava and Maggie Lemon, Clare, Kate and Caroline Hanson, and Alaina and Olivia Smith; his brothers, Charles (Mary) of Duluth MN, Larry (Pat) of Topeka, and Bob(Jeannie) of Lawrence and his friend, Darla Reust. Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m., Thurs. at Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church, 2014 NW 46th St. Family will greet friends at the church from 6 to 7 p.m. and a parish prayer service will be at 7p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Fri. at the Church. Burial will follow at Mount Hope Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church or Kansas Dialysis Services Patient Assistance Fund sent in care of the funeral home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas P. Lemon*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Tom, Mary, and Angie;
I am so sorry for your loss. Your parents were wonderful, caring people. I met them many years ago, when Peggy and I worked together and became friends at St. Francis. They were so proud of you guys. May God be with you.*

Alice Schmitz - September 17, 2011 at 09:51 AM



“ *Dear Tom and Family, so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. He was a great Guy and I will always remember him fondly as I'm sure others will also. My prayers and love go out to you and yours. Again my most sincere condolences to you and your family.
Dave Bentley*

Dave Bentley - September 16, 2011 at 07:02 PM



“ *Tom, Angie and Families, I am sorry to learn about your Dad's passing. You will be in my thoughts and prayers. I really enjoyed knowing your Dad. He was one of a kind. Take care...Greg*

Greg Meier - September 16, 2011 at 11:02 AM

VA

“ *Darla,
Carry all the happy times in your heart, and perhaps it will not seem
so heavy. My thoughts and prayers are with you. I am truly sorry for
the loss of your beloved Tom.*

Valarie - September 16, 2011 at 10:52 AM

VA

“ *My condolences to the Lemon family. Sorry for your loss.*

Valarie - September 16, 2011 at 10:52 AM

WW

“ *Tom & Family...*

*My condolences on your loss. Your dad was a great guy and will be
remembered well by many. Thoughts and prayers your way!*

Warren

Warren Wilson - September 15, 2011 at 03:34 PM

JB

“ *I am sorry to learn of Tom's death. I, of course got to know Tom
during his years as bailiff for the SC. He was always such a
gentleman and a pleasure to visit with. I know he will be missed by
his family and friends and all the people at the judicial center.
He and the family are in my prayers.*

Pat Brazil

JP Brazil - September 15, 2011 at 12:41 PM

MS

“ *Mary, Angie, and Tom - My sincerest condolences to you and your family. Keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers.*

Mary Schroll - September 14, 2011 at 09:08 PM

MG

“ *So sorry to hear about your dad. He was a great guy. He enjoyed so much going to the grandkids activities. Our prayers are with you.*

Mary Gooderl - September 14, 2011 at 06:38 PM

LR

“ *My most heartfelt condolences to the Lemon family. Your family will be in my thoughts and prayers.*

Lisa Ritchey - September 14, 2011 at 03:24 PM

LW

“ *My prayers to the family as you mourn Tom's loss. He was such a great guy and I enjoyed working with him at TPD.*

Linnie Winters - September 14, 2011 at 02:45 PM

MW

“ *My sincere condolences for the loss of Tom. He was an excellent Detective and I enjoyed working with him and his brother at TPD for many years. He was a real nice guy.*

Maggie Waggoner - September 14, 2011 at 02:01 PM

SP

“ Dear Mary, Angela and Tom,
Our hearts go out to you and your family as you grieve the loss of
your father. May you find some small comfort in your warm and
loving memories. We'll be praying for you and your family. Love,
Linda & Sid

Sid & Linda Pracht - September 14, 2011 at 08:58 AM

TE

“ I offer my sincere condolences to Tom's fiance, Darla Reust. You
stood by side now let us stand by yours.

Terry Evans - September 13, 2011 at 10:03 PM