



Thomas G. "Tom" Cunningham

January 16, 1939 - October 9, 2013

Thomas G. Cunningham, 74, of Topeka, died October 4, 2013, at his residence. Tom Cunningham was born January 16, 1939, in Topeka, the son of the late Edward Thomas and Rosemary (McElvain) Cunningham. He was a 1957 graduate of Hayden High School and he attended Washburn University. He retired from the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad after 42 years of service. During his time at Santa Fe he also worked at Montgomery Ward. Tom also retired from the 190th Air Refueling Group of the Air National Guard serving in the Gulf War and in the 1961 Berlin Air Lift. Following his retirement, Tom worked for several American Family Insurance agents and with his sister in property management. He was a caring and compassionate person to his family and friends and he will always be remembered. Survivors include his wife of 48 years, Vicki J. (Stockton) Cunningham; daughter, Dana; son, Jon (Stephanie); two grandchildren, Brandon and Allison; sister, Vicki E. Cunningham; and mother-in-law, Helen Stockton, all of Topeka. A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m., Wednesday at Mount Calvary Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Helping Hands Humane Society, sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Rd., Topeka KS 66614.

Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas G. "Tom" Cunningham*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Steph, Jon and family,*

*Please know how sorry the girls and I are to hear about Jon's dad.
We have been praying for God's comfort and healing for your family.*

Ruth, Michele, Niki and Krista.

Ruth Ayers - October 12, 2013 at 08:25 PM



“ *Dear Vicki & family, we were shocked to her of
Tom's death. Dale worked with Tom for over 40 yrs
Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this very difficult
time. May his soul rest in
peace and may he know the joy of seeing the face
of God. Dale & Doris Hammond*

Dale Hammond - October 11, 2013 at 09:55 AM



“ *May God hold you and protect you Vicki and families, during this
most difficult journey.*

Call anytime, night or day. xxoo, ShirleyA

Shirley Akers - October 11, 2013 at 09:24 AM

RA

“ *Very sad news. I served with Tom for many years in the 190th. He did excellent work in the command post, exceptionally dedicated and reliable. Everyone liked Tom; a fine man and a good friend. He was someone you always were glad to see.*

Roland Anderson - October 10, 2013 at 09:43 PM

BH

“ *Vicki,
We were saddened to read of Tom's passing. He was a friend and a great neighbor. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and family at this time.*

*Bill & Cheryl Hodges
Bella Vista, AR*

Bill Hodges - October 08, 2013 at 07:09 PM

MC

“ *Vicki - I am sorry to read of the loss of your husband. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Mildred Collins - October 08, 2013 at 04:31 PM

CP

“ *Vicki E. So sorry to learn of the loss of your brother. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Connie & Paul - October 08, 2013 at 02:23 PM

EK

“ We can't know why the lily has so brief a time to bloom in the warmth of the sunlight's kiss upon its face. Before it folds its fragrance in and bids the world good night to rest its beauty in a gentler place. But we can know that nothing that is loved is ever lost, and no one who has ever touched a heart can really pass away, because some beauty lingers on in each memory of which he has ever been a part. Rejoice in all the time you shared together.

Thoughts of deepest sympathy are with you, Vicki and with your family

Emil and Cathy Kutka - October 08, 2013 at 01:39 PM

DO

“ Vicki,
I am sorry to hear of your loss! You and the kids will be in our thoughts and prayers!

Dorothy Overbey - October 08, 2013 at 12:42 PM

DM

“ I'm saddened to hear of Tom's passing. He was a good friend for the many years that I knew & worked with him at the 190th and after we both were retired. We may have differed on politics; but we remained friends.

Always soft spoken, quiet, and unassuming, Tom was a reliable, dedicated, patriotic, American that was well liked by everyone that knew him in the 190th - and I suspect it was the same everywhere he worked. His many years of honest & faithful service to our country & the Air Guard was never adequately recognized in terms of awards & decorations, but Tom never sought personal recognition for his accomplishments & those of us that knew admired and respected him.

I am proud to have know & worked with Tom. I will miss him.

Doug McHatton - October 08, 2013 at 09:53 AM

LA

“ Dear Vicky, there are no words to express how sad I am to hear that my old friend has passed on. Tom was a good friend of mine since our first TDY in California in 1987 and throughout our time in Jeddah. I will miss him and all of our email posts. He was a good man. Although no one can take away your sorrow just remember we are all praying for you at this time. If there is anything I can do please let me know.

Rest in Peace Tom.

Larry

Larry Aldridge - October 08, 2013 at 09:45 AM

HH

“ Dear Vicki I am also very saddened to read of Tom passing. He was a very trustworthy and close friend for the many years we worked together at Santa Fe. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in this time of sorrow. Horace

Horace Hoobler - October 08, 2013 at 08:02 AM

RL

“ Dear Vicki and Kids,
Needless to say, I am stunned and hurting without having my old buddy around any more to send jokes and spar about politics. I only hope you can find solace in the fact that he's no longer in pain. I'm sure we'll all be together again someday and the debate will be back on! Rest in Peace Tom, you're gonna be missed by lots.
Ray

Ray Lisher - October 07, 2013 at 03:47 PM