



Thomas Cecil Hyde Jr.

July 30, 1952 - July 24, 2020

Thomas Cecil Hyde Jr. was born on July 30, 1952 in San Antonio, Texas to Thomas Cecil Hyde Senior and Grace Ethel Strater Hyde. He was known to his friends and family as Tom or Tom Junior. Tom was the youngest child and the only son in his family and had two sisters, Mary Kay and Jennifer.

Tom's father was career military serving in the US Air Force and achieving the rank of Colonel. As such, Tom spent his early years living in Japan and Pakistan where his father was stationed and visiting other countries like India and Kashmir. These early life experiences led to Tom's lifelong love of Eastern Culture.

Tom attended the University of Texas where he studied Psychology and Philosophy and graduated in the early 1970's after earning a Bachelor's Degree.

Tom spent most of his adult life working in the computer industry beginning at Advanced Micro Devices (AMD) in the late 1970's and retiring from Hyperformix in 2014. Like his father, Tom was a member of the Perfect Union Masonic Lodge #10 in San Antonio. He was a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason and past Grand Master of his lodge.

One of Tom's greatest pleasures in life was football. He was an avid Longhorns fan and spent decades playing Strat-O-Matic football, and later baseball, with a small group of his closest friends. Tom had a keen sense of humor and was a master of puns which he inserted into most conversations as naturally as breathing. Tom practiced yoga, tai chi and meditation daily. He had a deeply spiritual understanding of life and was always willing to share his thoughts and beliefs with others. Tom could be intractable and was often stubborn especially when he believed strongly about something. He was also a kind and generous man who helped others in whatever ways he could and did so quietly without any expectation of acknowledgement or personal reward. He will be deeply missed by all of us who knew him.

Tom passed away on July 24, 2020. He is survived by his wife Sherri Hyde, his daughter Sabrina Hyde and his son David Hyde, as well as a large family of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and many cousins. He is preceded in death by his son TC Hyde III, his parents, Tom Sr. and Grace Hyde, and his sisters, Mary Kay DePew and Jennifer Booth.

Comments



“ I spent a lot of time with Tom in my youth. He was my older cousin, and we shared many adventures. He was smart, funny, full of vitality, curiosity, and wisdom. I had so much fun with Jenny and Tom when visiting them at Kelly AFB. We swam, bowled, and ran around SA in his Chevy. What a treat for a 12-year-old that her 16-year-old cousin would let her tag along. He introduced me to many philosophies and different ways of looking at the world through gifts of books such as Yoga, Youth & Reincarnation, The Teachings of Don Juan: A Yaqui Way of Knowledge, The Hobbit, Lord of the Rings, and Dune. All before I reached the age of 16. Because of his influence, I am an avid reader today. I still read philosophy, metaphysics, science fiction, and adventure. Our families spent many Thanksgiving holidays together in Dallas, San Antonio, and at the Lakehouse. I cherish these memories. Tom was passionate about football. (most Hyde's are) For many years he came to Dallas, and we attended the Texas Longhorn vs. OU Cotton Bowl games together. What fun we had! I have such fond memories of Tom over the years from the Hyde Family reunions. His laugh was infectious, his opinions voiced without apology, and his love for our family never wavered. I thank God for my cousin, who's love, enriched my life's journey. I will miss Tom much.

Lori Hyde Stafford - September 22 at 05:51 PM



“ I remember Tom, in his best days, to be strongly independent and fiercely opinionated – with a unique sense of spirituality and a love for children. He was much loved and will be dearly missed.

Wayne D Sigler - August 15 at 08:39 AM



“ I met Tom in 1975. I was 22 years old and he was 23. We both worked the night shift at Howard Johnson's Restaurant in Austin. Tom was a cook and I was a waitress. Tom was always smiling and friendly and never got angry or upset with the waitresses. But he was also a quirky kind of guy, often wearing mismatched clothes and two different colored socks. So I wasn't sure what to expect when he asked me out for drinks one night after work. Turned out to be instant simpatico. Tom and I talked until the bar closed and then we went to Jim's Restaurant for breakfast and continued talking until the sun came up. I fell in love with Tom that night – his intelligence, his way of looking at life, his gentle kindness, his wit and delightful sense of humor – and it didn't hurt that he was adorably handsome with that big mischievous grin, the sparkle in his eyes and that little bit of arrogant confidence in the way he carried himself. Tom and I spent the next 50 years sharing one another's lives. Through good times and bad, joys and sorrows, we were always there for each other. He was my husband, the father of our two children, my mentor, my dear friend and my soul mate.

You are the love of my life Old Man, and I'll miss you every single day.

Sherri Hyde - August 14 at 06:13 PM



“ I still remember the day my sister, Sherri, introduced me to her boyfriend and future husband, Tom. I was 18 years old and he was the first true hippie I had ever met with his long hair, sandaled feet, patchouli scent and pot smoking ways. We became good friends thru the years and we even had the pleasure of working together at Hyperformix. Tom was a wonderful conversationalist and we shared many long talks that I shall miss terribly. But even more than that, Tom was a spiritual mentor to me, and I learned so much from him in this regard. I will always treasure the last long talk we shared as we walked his route around the lake house outside at 11 p.m. We were only going to do the loop 2 or 3 times but we got to talking and we quit counting at the 8th time around. Tom and I were fellow Leo's with out birthdays being only a few days apart and for many years we shared a birthday dinner together always going to a new place and enjoying a nice long evening. My heart is truly saddened at the loss I feel. I shall think of you often Tomasito and I will continue sending you my Love and Light forever. Rest in Peace my Friend. I love you....Kay



Kay Johnson - August 14 at 02:35 AM



“ Kathy Hudson lit a candle in memory of Thomas Cecil Hyde Jr.



Kathy Hudson - August 13 at 11:38 PM



“ Tom has been a huge influence in my life. We had so many good times together. I never saw anyone who could keep a Volkswagen on the road for so long. I remember a trip in a Volkswagen with Tom and the car had no brakes. I was freaking out but he was laughing. I will miss his laugh most of all.
Love to Sherri and Sabrina.
Kathy Messinger Hudson

Kathy Hudson - August 13 at 11:36 PM



“ We love you And will be thair every step of the way!!

chloe .M. clark - August 13 at 08:21 PM



“ Chloe .M. Clark lit a candle in memory of Thomas Cecil Hyde Jr.



chloe .M. clark - August 13 at 08:19 PM



“ Ricky Messinger lit a candle in memory of Thomas Cecil Hyde Jr.



Ricky Messinger - August 13 at 05:05 PM