



Thomas McCardell

January 16, 1955 - August 2, 2019

Thomas McCardell, age 64, of Alta, Iowa died on Friday, August 2, 2019 at his home in Alta.

Graveside services will be held on Thursday, August 8, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. at the Omaha National Cemetery in Omaha, Nebraska. Visitation will take place on Wednesday, August 7, 2019 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. with a vigil prayer service at 7:00 p.m. all at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in STORM LAKE. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Thomas Michael McCardell, the son of Joseph and Mary (Haugh) McCardell, was born on January 16, 1955 in Washington, D.C. As an infant, Thomas was baptized at St. James Catholic Church in Falls Church, Virginia. In 1963, Thomas was confirmed at St. Philips Catholic Church in Virginia.

Growing up, Thomas was mostly raised in Virginia, but did spend some of his time in Peru; his father worked for the Agency for International Development for the Federal Government. Thomas attended grade school at St. James. At the age of 17, Thomas enlisted in the United States Army. He also earned his GED from St. James High School. He eventually attended college at Central Texas College.

Thomas served his country from 1972 until 1996. During his service, Thomas was in paratroopers for 12 years until breaking his leg in a jump. Afterwards, Thomas was a drill sergeant and trained troops for combat. His last assignment before retiring was as a 1st Sergeant and Senior Instructor for ROTC at Augusta State University in Augusta, Georgia. He was also stationed in Alaska, North Carolina, and Hawaii during his service.

In 1980, Thomas was united in marriage to Sueann McCardell in Fayetteville, North Carolina. The couple was blessed with three children: Cynthia, Joseph and Lisa. The couple was later divorced.

On January 3, 2009, Thomas was united in marriage to Leslie McCardell in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Thomas' favorite hobbies include gardening and grilling. He would grow something new in the garden every year and loved to be outside, as long as weather permitted. He was also a thrill seeker and loved roller coasters.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Leslie McCardell of Alta, Iowa; children: Joseph and Lisa McCardell; brothers: Daniel (Mary) McCardell and John (Bridget) McCardell; sisters: Joan (Jimmy) Abray and Katleen (Andy) Prinz; grandson, Colton Michael McCardell; and extended family and friends.

Thomas was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Cynthia Marie and his parents.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 7. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Storm Lake
1615 W Milwaukee Ave,
Storm Lake, IA 50588
(712) 732-1911
jensenfuneralhomes@gmail.com
<https://www.fratzkejensen.com>

Vigil Service

AUG 7. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Graveside Service

AUG 8. 1:00 PM (CT)

Omaha National Cemetery
14250 Schram Rd
Omaha, NE 68138

Tribute Wall



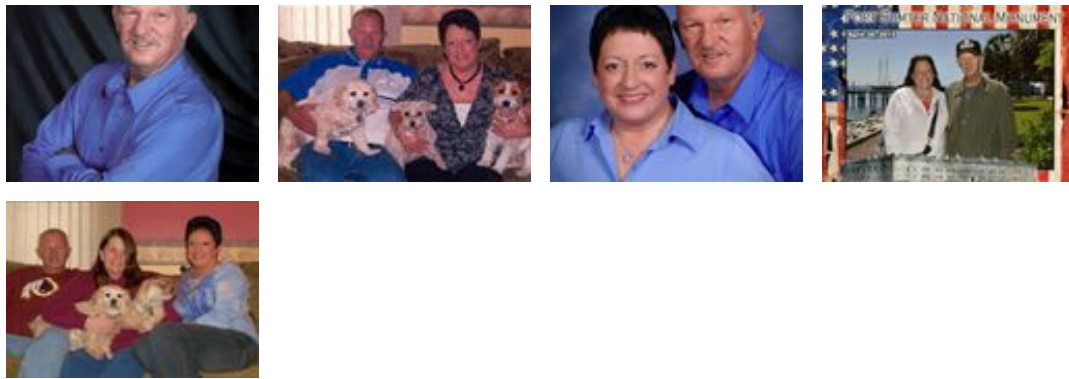
“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Thomas McCardell*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - August 06, 2019 at 04:21 PM



“ *47 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - August 06, 2019 at 04:20 PM



“ *2 files added to the album Memories Album*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - August 06, 2019 at 11:08 AM



“ *Pam Henderson lit a candle in memory of Thomas McCardell*



Pam Henderson - August 05, 2019 at 06:08 PM

SM

“ Sueann Mccardell lit a candle in memory of Thomas McCardell



Sueann Mccardell - August 05, 2019 at 06:05 PM

TM

“ Tyson Fresh Meats lit a candle in memory of Thomas McCardell



Tyson Fresh Meats - August 05, 2019 at 01:18 PM

KF

“ Kathy & Andy Prinz and family purchased the Classic Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Thomas McCardell.



Kathy & Andy Prinz and family - August 05, 2019 at 12:34 PM

TM

“ Tammy Miller lit a candle in memory of Thomas McCardell



Tammy Miller - August 05, 2019 at 11:12 AM

PC

“ Pegi Cavanaugh lit a candle in memory of Thomas McCardell



Pegi Cavanaugh - August 05, 2019 at 07:31 AM

Kathy Grienke

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Kathy Grienke - August 04, 2019 at 07:37 PM

SM

“ Sue Mason lit a candle in memory of Thomas McCardell



sue mason - August 03, 2019 at 10:54 PM

DF

“ Delate Family purchased the White Standing Spray for the family of Thomas McCardell.



Delate Family - August 03, 2019 at 07:08 PM