



Tucker Craig Thomas

September 22, 1952 - August 13, 2018

Tucker Craig Thomas, 65, of Louisville, passed away on Monday, August 13th, 2018 surrounded by family, friends, and favorite songs.

A lifelong Louisville resident, Tucker retired from his role as Human Resources Representative with Norton Healthcare in 2015, where he'd worked for over 27 years. Tucker was known for playing Santa Claus, his love of music, a unique sense of humor, and his contagious warmth.

Tucker was preceded in death by his wife of 31 years, Martha Nelson Thomas, in 2013. He is survived by his three children, Seth, Carl, and Mara; his daughter-in-law, Liz; his brother, Tom; and by his granddaughter, Audrey, born August 4th of this year.

On Friday, August 17th, the family will be welcoming visitors at Pearson's Funeral Home, 149 Breckinridge Lane, from 4 to 8 p.m. Feel free to bring an instrument and your singing voice. He was rarely silent; why should we be?

People are also invited to attend a memorial service and reception held in his honor at Highland Presbyterian Church, 1011 Cherokee Road, on Saturday August 18th at 11 a.m. Tucker would want you to come as you are; overalls are welcome.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts can be made to "Martha's Squad" who will be riding in the Bike to Beat Cancer to benefit Norton Cancer Institute. More information can be found at http://foundations.nortonhealthcare.com/site/TR/Events/BiketoBeatCancer?px=1175275&pg=personal&fr_id=1200.

Events

AUG **Visitation** 04:00PM - 08:00PM

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Pearson Funeral Home

149 Breckenridge Lane, Louisville, KY, US, 40207

AUG **Service** 11:00AM

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Highland Presbyterian Church

1011 Cherokee Road 40204, Louisville, KY, US

Comments



“ Dear Tucker - your love of this music we share along with your vast knowledge and appreciation of the artists, both well-known and not so well-known, who carry on these musical traditions, cannot be matched by another. You are one-of-a-kind, my friend. My heart is broken at the loss of my friend, my mentor, my adviser, and my partner in Kentucky Music Weekend and Kentucky Music Week. I am not sure exactly the day we met....but the memories we shared through the years have been astounding! You have always been one of the strongest voices, whether singing solo or in the choir, or standing up for things you believed in. It seems I've always known you, and I treasure each and every memory. Due to your knowledge of the artists, and your ability to manage stage introductions with precision and style, it was a "natural" for you to become the voice of Kentucky Music Weekend (Iroquois Amphitheater), Kentucky Music Week (Bardstown) and Kentucky Music Winter Weekend. You choreographed your words as a dancer choreographs his moves, as you guided each afternoon or evening performance to the delight of the audience and the trust and appreciation of those performing. Everyone wanted you to MC their events....your reputation grew fast as someone that all could count on to do a great job on their stage. Your years of also being the voice of the Ohio Valley Gathering, as well as being one of the founding fathers of that organization, are legendary. You were also one of the early members of the Louisville Dulcimer Society, as well as other folk song and music organizations. Your passing leaves a hole that simply cannot be filled. Always a smile for everyone, always a kind word, a supportive word, and helpful nature all wrapped up in overalls, carrying a dulcimer.....that's the picture I have of you and I'm sure I share it with hundreds, even thousands of others. Thank you for your help, your friendship, and your joy, Tucker. Nancy "mom" Barker

Nancy Barker - August 17, 2018 at 12:25 PM



“ Thank you Nancy, for expressing how we all felt about Tucker, but lacking your eloquence to express our sadness at the loss of our dear friend.

John - August 17, 2018 at 02:33 PM



“ Beautifully said Nancy. I echo your love and appreciation of Tucker's character, friendship and passion. He was truly a great man, father and friend.

Lisa Tong - August 18, 2018 at 08:21 AM



“ I met Tucker a few times at festivals over in the USA. I did not know him well but he was always gentle and kind, qualities I value.

Dan Evans - August 17, 2018 at 12:35 AM



“ Beverly Nall Snawder lit a candle in memory of Tucker Craig Thomas



Beverly Nall Snawder - August 16, 2018 at 04:35 PM



“ Tucker was compassion, kindness, humor and talent. His spirit and memories will always be with us.

Beverly Nall Snawder - August 16, 2018 at 04:33 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Tucker Craig Thomas.



August 16, 2018 at 03:19 PM



“ I worked with tucker the entire time he was with norton hospital. He was a good friend to all.

nancy spencer - August 16, 2018 at 01:50 PM



“ As the current president of the Hills of Kentucky Dulcimers, I think I can speak for many of our members. As a club, we really looked forward to coming to the Ohio Valley Gathering every year and were grateful to people like Tucker who invested time and talent to make this event such an enjoyable one. Not only did we enjoy being able to perform ourselves, we looked forward to seeing many others perform. All of the performances were introduced by Tucker who did an awesome job as emcee. He was a fun musician to be around and had a beautiful voice that I could listen to all day. I especially enjoyed the Sunday morning gospel jams of which he contributed much. My personal favorite every year at OVG was hearing Tucker sing a capella, “Shut the Door.” Prayers and condolences for the family he left behind. May

the treasured memories of your loved one bring you much comfort at this time and for the days to come. Patty Smith

Patty Smith - August 15, 2018 at 07:30 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Tucker Craig Thomas.



August 15, 2018 at 12:32 PM



“ I had the pleasure of working with Tucker in the HR department of Norton Healthcare. He was big on life, with a big heart and a great love for people. Tucker was a talented music maker and a sweet soul. He also made a great Santa! Rest in peace, old friend. You will be missed by many.

Karlana Rieck - August 15, 2018 at 08:54 AM



“ Tucker was the friendly face and wonderful voice I associate with my many visits to Kentucky Music Week. On the final Friday night one year, Molly McCormack was leading a singing Jam. Tucker was there providing beautiful harmony and cheerful chat. It was a special evening, made more special by his company.
Karen B.

Karen B - August 15, 2018 at 08:41 AM



“ My first memory of Tucker was as a next door neighbor of my husband Clinton. It didn't take but a flash of time to realize how special he was. From then on we shared many wonderful times together. Tucker&Martha were the best friends who shared their
With all their friends. I will cherish his memory. He has now crossed into life everlasting and may God surround he and his family with loving arms. I love you all.

jeanie Grosz - August 15, 2018 at 04:51 AM



“ Tucker was always friendly , always wear a smile, and whatever you need in HR ,he will always try to help the best he can ..He will be greatly missed.My condolences to the family.

Myrna Bennett - August 14, 2018 at 11:54 PM



“ Tucker was always there for everyone with his big welcome smile & helping hand. I cherish the memories I have working with him. What a special friend & colleague. He will be dearly missed.

Susan Booth - August 15, 2018 at 08:08 PM



“ Your Adapt for Life Family purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Tucker Craig Thomas.



Your Adapt for Life Family - August 14, 2018 at 11:24 PM



“ My first recollection of Tucker happened on a hot August day during Kentucky Music Weekend at the Iroquois Amphitheater. Tucker and I had volunteered to work the record booth to sell the musicians' records and raise a little money for the Louisville Dulcimer Society. I really liked Tucker's friendly demeanor, but I was astounded by his knowledge of the musicians and their recordings. He quickly matched customers' wants with the appropriate record, offering history and insight along with the sale. About all I could do was stand back and learn from the master, and that feeling went on through the following decades as we bought neighboring houses in the Highlands, raised our kids there and saw them off to adulthood, and shared countless hours of old time music on our front porches, then festivals, coffee shops, and other venues. What started as a chance meeting blossomed into a fantastic friendship, for which I will always be grateful. Many thanks to you, Tucker - you will be missed in so many ways. John French

John French - August 14, 2018 at 08:54 PM