



Dr. Thomas L. Reynolds

August 3, 1953 - September 16, 2021

“If you read history you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were precisely those who thought most of the next.”

-CS Lewis

The remarkable Dr. Thomas Lester Reynolds went home to Jesus on September 16, 2021 while in the arms of his adoring wife and children. His delightful, witty mother, Anna Mae Reynolds and father, William “Bill” Reynolds, raised six children together. Tom and his twin, Tim, were born on August 3, 1953 in Erie, PA.

As a Christian book salesman, Bill, relocated his family often, living in Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Florida, and Canada. Tom moved to Loma Linda, CA at 26 years old. Gifted with a heart of compassion, Tom chose to help the community through dentistry graduating from Loma Linda University in 1983 along with his twin brother, Tim. In his final year of dental school, he met his future wife and ultimately his best friend, Karin M. Smith. A marriage filled with unconditional love, support, encouragement, and understanding they raised two children. In 1991 the family of four moved from San Diego, CA to Moses Lake, WA as Tom joined the Community Health Center to pay off his student debt and assist the underserved. In 1998 they relocated to Wenatchee, WA where Tom joined Tim, practicing at a sister Community Health Center. In October of 2000, Tom and Tim opened the doors to Wenatchee Valley Dental Village, with envisions of a visit nothing shy of

Disney Land, complete with a castle, a main street with storefronts, seasonal decorations, and infinite smiles. Tom worked on average 6 days a week, sometimes 8, making the practice “a well-oiled machine.” After 38 years retirement was in his sights. One month after retirement, Tom and Karin began to plan a future filled with trips to Lake Chelan, Aruba, Las Vegas, and Key West when Tom was diagnosed with an extremely aggressive form of cancer, Stage IV Adenocarcinoma, life expectancy: one to three months. Tom assured his family, “This is God’s plan and we need to respect the plan.” Tom’s entire life, he optimistically said, “I’ve really had the best life!” Tom repeated that until the day he passed away, seven short weeks after diagnosis.

Tom will be profoundly missed and is survived by his best friend and adoring wife, Karin M. Reynolds of Wenatchee; his son and daughter-in-law, Alex and Ashley Reynolds of Wenatchee; his daughter and son-in-law, Paige and Trevor McMahan of Leavenworth; his grandson, Brecken McMahan of Leavenworth; his eldest brother, William “Bill” Reynolds; his twin brother and sister-in-law, Dr. Timothy and Kris Reynolds of Vero Beach, FL; his eldest sister and brother-in-law, Judy and Ted Wagner of Beaumont, CA; his youngest sister, Cheryl Reynolds of Bowling Green, KY; his nephews, Pieter Nystrom, Graham Nystrom, Kevin Reynolds, Dr. Brandon Wagner, Spencer Wagner; and niece, Taylor Griffith. Tom is preceded in death by his father and mother, William “Bill” and Anna Mae Reynolds; and his youngest brother, Robert “Bob” Reynolds.

The family welcomes all to Tom’s funeral service Monday, September 27th at 10:30am at Jones & Jones-Betts Funeral Home in Wenatchee and the wake following at Bianchi Vineyards in East Wenatchee from 1:00-3:00pm. To make a memorable donation for Tom, please discretely pay for a stranger’s dinner, wash a friend’s car, or simply offer a word of encouragement.

“...let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works

and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”

Matthew 5:16

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZWXALrn_4LM

Cemetery Details

Wenatchee City Cemetery

1804 N. Western
Wenatchee, WA 98801

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

SEP 27. 10:30 AM (PT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Jones & Jones - Betts Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. Thomas L. Reynolds



Jones & Jones~Betts Funeral Home - September 27, 2021 at 03:35 PM

DM

“ I remember Tom as a good, kind man with a warm, friendly smile for everyone. My heart goes out to his family, and I pray that God will wrap you in his loving arms and bring you comfort.

With love,

Debi McBroom

Debi McBroom - October 19, 2021 at 01:51 PM

KC

“ My deepest condolences to the family. You were a great dentist, just to start. Thank you for taking care of so many children's dental health. But I got to know you a different way. Thank you for always having a smile, a positive attitude, and a generous loving heart. It was infectious and didn't go unnoticed. You are loved and will be dearly missed by so many.

Kristy Caulfield - September 28, 2021 at 12:27 AM

BF

“ Tom, you were an amazing husband, father, friend, role model and person. God blessed all of us with you as you touched so many lives. Meeting you as a kid growing up I had the opportunity to see you interact with your family in a positive and loving way. We were so fortunate to have neighbors like you and Karin in San Diego, you both were inspiring. The love you had for each other and others was contagious. It was an absolute gift to care for and babysit Alex and Paige while being a part of your lives in all of our early years of the 80s and 90s. God is now with you and by your side forevermore. May the Lords wings of comfort be with Karin and the family at this time.

Brenda Salas Freeman - September 27, 2021 at 02:50 PM

TC

“ Dr. Reynolds was the dentist for my 4 daughters as they were growing up. He was a wonderful, kind person that made every visit fun and not scary for my kids. He was always genuinely interested in their lives and well-being. It was a privilege knowing him, and he is someone who will be very much missed in the community.

- Trish Crane

Trish Crane - September 26, 2021 at 09:26 PM

SE

“ Dr. Reynolds was one of the most kindest dentist and person. He was the type of dentist you wanted for your child as he had a great personality and a kind soul. He always insisted to me before I would leave to have his helpers grab me a water bottle and trail mix to take with me. I believe he made a very positive impact in people's life and I will personally miss his smile and warm spirit.

-Shanayne Evans

Shanayne Evans - September 25, 2021 at 04:42 PM

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Melissa Lua - September 24, 2021 at 10:35 PM

JS

“ *Dear Karen, we were so sorry to hear about Tom. I know your heart is broken and you feel this huge loss deeply. Though we were in Moses Lake a short time, I enjoyed and appreciated seeing you each day at school, and having Tom work on my dental nightmares! He worked so hard and cared so very well for his patients. We will be in prayer for you all!*

janet stromberger - September 24, 2021 at 07:58 PM

MI

“ I have so many photos of memories with Papa Tom whether in Leavenworth, Wenatchee or CA, they're there. All taken on a digital camera and not easily accessible but I was able to find this one and it's a treasure. I met Papa Tom probably around 2006 or 2007. I remember instantly loving him and mama Karin. This is what friends of Paige would call her parents back then because they made you immediately feel like family. I'll never forget a dinner at Visconti's in Wenatchee. It was me, Paige, papa Tom and mama Karin. I remember Tom always making me feel welcomed, loved and important. He always wanted to know what was up in my life or how everything was going. I will always remember his wit. The wit was strong and quick and that is a true trait that Paige inherited. I remember every time I'd be with Paige and he called her, he'd always send a very special hello. You couldn't not feel warm and fuzzy when you were around Tom. He was truly a gift to know and have in your life. I'm so thankful to know him in my lifetime and to have the memories that I do and I am so thankful he's resting peacefully with Jesus now and has no more pain. I hope he's playing with Sweet Emma bear right now. Sending all my love and prayers to Karin, Paige and Alex. And all those that love and know him.



Misty - September 24, 2021 at 01:37 PM

SO

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



sophie - September 24, 2021 at 10:26 AM



“ 70 files added to the album Life Tributes



Jones & Jones~Betts Funeral Home - September 23, 2021 at 02:25 PM

RL

“ There are so many memories of spending time at the Reynolds house as a kid, but my most cherished memory is Paige and Trevor's wedding. Tom shared the most special words that day, acknowledging and honoring the incredible friendship our group has had and held on to all these years. Even as time went by, he made sure we each felt like family. I'll always remember his smile, his kindness and his tender heart.

- Ronilea Lombard

Ronilea Lombard - September 22, 2021 at 02:37 PM