

On The Record

OBITUARIES

READE—Thomas Michael Reade (aka Tom), 74, born May 23, 1946, passed away Dec. 18, 2020, at his home in Florence, Ore.

While he had several medical issues, it was a quick and unexpected event, with his wife, Nancy present.

He was born and raised in Chicago, Ill., the youngest of four children of William Dudley Reade and Helen Alice MacMullen.

He is predeceased by his sister, Mary Alice George, and his beloved first wife of 38 years, Judith “Jody” Crinin.

He is survived by their children: Thomas Patrick Reade of Naugatuck, Conn., and Kimberly Reade of Salt Lake City, Utah. He is also survived by his sisters: Margo Divenere of Michigan City, Ind., and Diane Kolosh, of Tinley Park, Ill.; two stepsons: Brian and Kevin Bumgartner, of Reno, Nev.; six grandchildren: Stacy, MacKenzie, Haedyn, Corbin, Riley and Karma; and two great-grandsons, Daemyn and Brenden.

Tom was born with club feet, and a cleft palate, which involved him in a childhood full of surgeries. His best early memories were of the times his father massaged his feet every night.

Along with playing in the yard with walking casts, he often told of trying to help other children in the hospital forget their fears and pain.

Those years he was small, and often bullied some in school. He said that those experiences led him to learn to defuse situations with humor. Later, he became strong and healthy and loved playing football! His dad had a market, and later an A&W Rootbeer stand. Tom’s favorite stories of those times included his dad saying “Whatya working on Reade?”

He taught him to work hard and be fair. Even when Tom was a teenager, his dad gave him a lot of responsibility. He hauled produce and worked in the market. Every few years, Tom got to research, and negotiate buying the family car — He loved cars!

Spending time at the annual Car Show in Chicago was an essential event.

He was accepted to and attended St. Ignatius Prep School and completed his diploma at age 16. His attending there required him to bus across town more than an hour each way. He also bussed down to the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry and the Natural History Museum as often as he could.

Not to be forgotten was his lifelong love of the Chicago Bears.

Tom affected all who knew him, and no one was a stranger. He loved to surprise people with a pun. His very sharp wit was something he always tempered with kindness and love. His life decisions were based on what would be best for those he loved — and he loved very well!

Many years he worked more than one job to provide what was needed. When his wife Jody had job opportunities, they moved to where those were — even across the country.

When she was working for her doctorate, he provided support in every way.

He was devastated by the loss of Jody. He had moved them to Ogden, Utah, to be more accessible to medi-

cal treatment for her (from WY). It was difficult, but his innate strength and purposefulness led him to explore the area.

He volunteered at a museum, cleaning fossils, and developed his skills in photography.

In 2009, he met Nancy Arnold, who was teaching in a tiny town on the Utah/Nevada border.

They married in 2010, and he moved once again, to allow her to continue teaching there. In no time, he had made friends and often volunteered in her kindergarten class. A favorite memory was getting to play Santa at the school fundraising Christmas Craft Show.

Living close to the Bonneville Salt Flats, he loved watching the races as well as taking his Chrysler 300 hemi out for a blast himself.

While in Wendover, Tom became a caretaker once again, when Nancy had lymphoma. His positive and amazing encouragement on a daily basis for five months, brought healing to her. Two years later, in 2016, she retired, and another big move was made.

This time, as all the family was spread across the country, the decision was made to find a big adventure. The lure of fishing, green trees and the ocean brought him to Oregon.

At first, to a beautiful home on the Alsea river. This was in the heart of the coast mountains, more than an hour to a city. A year later, it was clear that Tom was needing more access to medical care himself; so the last move to Florence in July of 2017 was made.

Tom loved the ocean and relished the times when family could come and fish with him! He adored his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

His interest in them, and in keeping his family close to his heart never diminished.

A Virtual Memorial Service will be held Saturday Jan. 9, 2021, at 10 a.m. (PST.) Email treade1968@hotmail.com to request access information.

Visit Tom’s online memorial site. Look at and share photos, stories and memories of Tom at www.mykeeper.com/memorial/

ThomasReade/.

A memorial fund has been created for St. Jude’s Children’s hospital. Search Tom Reade at St. Jude Gift Funds.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nelson’s Bay Area Mortuary, 405 Elrod Ave., Coos Bay, Ore.

TIMBERLAKE—While she worked for the phone company, a neighbor of Ginger Ruth Timberlake who knew where she worked started hanging up and calling her in the wee hours of the morning in a battle over their dog pooping in her yard.

Of course, Ginger put a trace on her own line and ended up winning that war. She laughed at the craziness of it and said, “If I had to get up to answer those calls, they have to get up to make them!”

She was a fighter. If not *the* first, Ginger was

one of the first women given a “man’s job” in the switching system frames of AT&T by lobbying for it with numerous letters to management while working as an operator.

At the time, men were making twice what women made. She eventually ran her own telephone office in Belfair, Wash., before relocating to Oregon and assisting in the changeover from mechanical switching to computerized before retirement.

During the Korean War, she served in the U.S. Navy as an instructor on link trainers teaching navigation to pilots who had to make it across the Pacific Ocean without the aid of today’s GPS system. She also held a job for a time operating the world’s first glass elevator outside the El Cortez Hotel in San Diego.

Ginger was an only child who spent some of her formative years in a cabin that her father shingled with cedar in the woods behind Humbug Mountain near Port Orford; she always thought of the Oregon Coast as home.

She was also an artist who studied at Ohio University and then also took woodworking at the Oregon School of Arts and Crafts after retiring. She expressed herself in sewing, quilting, gardening, beading, woodworking, photography, her exquisite handwriting and in many others way.

Two-and-a-half years ago, dementia made Ginger’s world a confusing place. Her daughter and son-in-law moved in with her to take care of the things she couldn’t anymore — but she continued to laugh, find joy in her garden and cuddle with her kitty.

Ginger died peacefully in her home of complications following a heart attack she didn’t know she had shortly after her 88th birthday. She is survived by a ton of cousins in Coos Bay; her son, Eric Timberlake; daughter Tanya Timberlake and husband Rick Beale; all of Florence.

The family appreciates any remembrances be donations to either Oregon Public Broadcasting or the Oregon Coast Humane Society; she treasured them both.



Thomas Reade



Ginger Ruth Timberlake



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