



Thomas Linkous

July 30, 1947 - December 14, 2012

Thomas Leo Linkous Thomas L. Linkous, 65, of Morgantown, WV and formerly of Bluefield passed away peacefully Friday, December 14, 2012 at his home surrounded by his loving family, after a courageous short battle with cancer. He was born July 30, 1947 in Bluefield, WV. Tom graduated from Bluefield High in 1965, WVU undergraduate and Law School in 1973. Tom was a loving son, supportive brother, loving husband, caring father, awesomely fun grandfather, and genuine friend to many people. Tom was an avid WVU Mountaineer fan and a wonderful blessing to those who knew him. He will be missed dearly by many. Tom Practiced law with his uncle Leo Catsonis in Charleston, worked within the WV legislature numerous years, served as General Council for Pocahontas Land Corporation 19 years and most recently practiced law with Morgantown attorney Andy Fusco ?" Bowles Rice Law Firm, and Tom had been a friend of "Bill Wilson" for over 16 years, and had been title examiner for Lewis Glasser Casey and Rollins Law firm. He also served on Board of Directors of Lawyers Assistance Program WV State Bar. Tom was also adjunct professor WVU school of Journalism. He was preceded in death by maternal grandmother Anna Catsonis and paternal grandfather and fathers Thomas S. Linkous and Joe Joseph, numerous uncles and aunts. Survivors include his mother Elizabeth Linkous, wife of 44 years, Kathy Hughes Linkous, daughters Joi Beth Raub and Molly Linkous and one son Jason Linkous. Grandchildren Kaitlyn Raub, Trace McLaren, and Aliyah Linkous. Sisters: Judy Shrewsbury and her husband Donald, Mary

Alice Arnold and her husband Tim, and Chris Arthur. Brothers: Stan Linkous and his wife Patty, John Linkous and his wife Sandy. Brother in laws, Jerry Hughes and his wife Brenda, Matt Hughes and his wife Tammy, aunts Norma Linkous Janet Catsonis and Liz Sexton, and an uncle, Sam Joseph. Also surviving are 16 nieces and nephews, and his Goddaughter Grace Taylor Sudduth, and those of Morgantown Hospice for their loving care of Tom and special caregivers, Marsha Gillis, Mike Call and the Stone Family. A "Celebration of Life" Mass will be held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Bluefield, WV, Tuesday December 18th, at 11:00 a.m. by Father Leon Alexander. The family will greet friends from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church prior to Mass. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Kanawha Valley Men's Fellowship Home, 1121 Virginia Street, Charleston WV or Morgantown Hospice, PO Box 4222 Morgantown, WV 26504. Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting www.MercerFuneralHome.com Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the Linkous family.

Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas Linkous*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *Kathy,
I am just finding this and I am sorry for your loss of Tom. You may remember our family from Cross Lanes, WV. My mom and dad, Sandra and Fred, and me, Kelly, and my younger sister Paige. Sandra just passed away on September 26, 2020 in Greensboro NC. Hope this finds you all well.
Kelly Kunkel, kellytwo22@yahoo.com*

Kelly Kunkel - October 16, 2020 at 12:40 PM



“ *Kathy, Benton and I were so sorry to hear of Tommy's passing. I was fortunate to have attended junior high with you both and later at Concord with Tom. You and Tom were very helpful during a very happy time in our lives. We will never forget his warm, giving heart.*

Patty Thorne Kesler - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Kathy, and with every member of your family in your time of loss. Tom was truly a special person, and our lives are richer for having known and had the chance to work with Tom. We know of Tom's love for Bowles Rice, and the sentiment is mutual. Rarely are we privileged in life to know a person who exhibits such love and compassion for his fellow man as Tom. Tom is forever in our hearts. May the comfort of the Lord be upon you all.*

Tom Heywood - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

RP

“ He was a great man that touched many lives including mine. He inspired me and was a great help to me many times. I will always remember him and the many things that he did that helped me in my life.

Rob Pritchard - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

NL

“ Kathy, I'm so very sorry to hear about Tommy. Even though I haven't seen you two much over the years, I remember so many great times. Please know you are in my thoughts.

Nancy Scholl Lavender - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

RC

“ We were very sorry to hear of Tom's passing. May God grant your family peace and his memory eternal.

Randy and Libby Coffindaffer - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

BJ

“ I was so sorry to hear of Tom's passing. I had the pleasure of getting to know him during his years at Bowles Rice, and enjoyed many wonderful conversations about our shared "Joseph connection." I will always remember Tom as a dear and thoughtful man who talked lovingly about his family and seemed to have his life priorities in perfect working order. I hope you find comfort in your memories and may God grant you peace at this sad time.

Barbara Joseph - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

TK

“ Stan and Patty, We are sorry for your loss of Stan's brother. There were a lot of people who loved him, as seen by these many condolences on this page. We wish we could be with you in person to offer our sympathy. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and his family.

Ted and Janie Keith - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

MD

“ Kathy, Molly and Family, We are thinking of you and send our heartfelt sympathy. Tom had a contagious laugh and a warm heart. He will be truly missed.

Matt & Michelle Dietz - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

BR

“ Kathy, Joi Beth, Molly, and Jason, Bud and I are so very sorry for your loss. May it give you all comfort knowing that so many others share your sorrow. Our love and prayers are with you. Bud and Judy

Bud and Judy Raines - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

AB

“ Thinking of you during this sad time. Keep all the wonderful memories of Tom in your heart.

Aimee Barnett Burton - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

LC

“ My deepest sympathy during this sad and difficult time. Hoping the good memories bring you comfort in the upcoming days. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. -- Lorna and Chuck.

Lorna Lowder Chastain - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

RE

“ Kathy, Joi Beth, Jason, and Molly, I am so sad to hear about the passing of Tom. You guys are an amazing family and are part of some of my most wonderful memories during the time you lived in Cross Lanes. I loved visiting you all and when Lou and Mary Jean were there, it was even more hysterical! :) You all have never been far from my thoughts and I always cherish the time we spent together during those days. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Sincerely, Rhonda Turley Elliott

Rhonda Turley Elliott - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

JZ

“ Stan & Patty, Jim & I are so sorry for the loss of your brother Tom. May god give you peace and comfort. Our prayers are with you.

Jeanne & Jim Zaccagnini - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

GB

“ I was very sorry to learn of Tom's passing. I have known him for a number of years since he practiced with his uncle, Leo Catsonis. I was fortunate to be able to spend more time getting to know Tom when he practiced with Bowles Rice. He was always very kind and friendly to me. He will be missed.

Greg Bailey - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

JB

“ Although I only had the pleasure of knowing and working with Tom for a few years, I am blessed to have known him. Every conversation with Tom was full of smiles and laughter. He had a light about him that will be sorely missed. May he rest in peace, and may your family find comfort in this difficult time.

Jeremy Bragg - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

JR

“ *My sincere condolences to the Linkous family. I had the pleasure of getting to know Tom on a professional basis as well as a friend. He certainly will be missed.*

Jeff Ray - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

JW

“ *I had the very good fortune to work with Tom for a number of years while practicing with Andy Fusco. Tom was an instant friend and mentor who always lent a caring ear or pat on the back. His warmth and charming personality were infectious, and he was damn funny too. I am grateful that I had the opportunity to know and work with Tommy, and I will miss him. I am very sorry for your loss, and may Tom rest in eternal peace.*

Jason M. Walls - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

RR

“ *I was saddened to learn of Tom's passing. I had the great pleasure of working with him at Bowles Rice and his office was located directly beside mine. Tom was an absolute joy and a true gentleman. He was good natured and always had a positive outlook on things. I could always count on him to put a smile on my face. He will be truly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your loved ones.*

Robin Rotruck - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

PN

“ *Dear Stan, Patty and family members, Thinking of you on this sad occasion. May the many wonderful and happy memories of Tom that you all share be a great source of comfort in this difficult time.*

Pat Piraino, NEBA - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

NB

“ Tom touched our lives in the brief time that we knew him. He will be missed. RIP my friend.

Nathan Smith and Amy Bridge - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

PO

“ Tom was a true and lifelong friend, always ready to lend a helping hand. He made the world around him a better place. Please accept our condolences and our apologies for not being able to make it to the services from the west coast. The O'Connor family Pat, Maria, Kevin, and Megan

Patrick O'Connor - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

DS

“ All our sympathies to Kathy and Family. May it help to know others care and will miss Tom greatly. He was a bright light in the world and we will miss his laughter and jokes.

Dick and Karen Smittle - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

CN

“ Kathy, I am so sorry for your loss. You and Tommy have been an icon since junior high. You have both always meant so much to me and others whom you meet. Know that I send my love to you. Love, Cheryle

Cheryle Verano Nies - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

BA

“ I was saddened to learn of Tom's untimely passing. I had the pleasure of working with him for only a brief time at Bowles Rice, but had known him for a number of years as a member of the Bar. Tom was always a gentleman and earned the respect of all who knew him. Please accept my condolences and may God bless you in this time of transition.

Billy Atkins - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

RB

“ Your Dad was a great guy and I know how you must miss him. The last few days I've been thinking a lot about you all. It is our family's hope that with each day your pain and sorrow will be replaced with happy memories.

Rod Brown - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

SC

“ Went to Bluefield HS with Tom and have fond memories of high school and especially remember seeing Tom and Kathy at the Fiesta Bowl in 1989 in Tempe, AZ and Tom was still the fun loving guy I always remember. Love and prayers to the family in your loss.
Sharron Harrison Cullop

Sharron Harrison Cullop - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

TL

“ Dear Kathy and Family: I was a law school classmate with Tom in the graduating class of 1973. Over the years I worked with Tom while he was at Pocahontas Land Company, subsequently when he practiced with Forrest Jones and was immensely pleased when he joined our firm, Bowles Rice. Tom was a very good lawyer, practicing in one of the trickiest and most difficult areas. His work was excellent and we depended on him greatly. I cannot think of a time Tom did not have a chipper attitude and his good nature always permeated any project in a wonderful way. A ready smile and gentle laugh are how I remember him. More importantly, Tom was one of the most generous people I have ever met, and what made that trait compelling was the fact he never sought attention or recognition. Most recently Tom was helping my stepson with some difficulties in Morgantown. I know that Tom spent considerable time going beyond the legal work that was necessary and helping the the very difficult personal problems my stepson is having, and he made a great difference in his life. We will always remember that. For me, I am greatly saddened to lose a friend who made me and those he associated with better people. You will be in our prayers. Tom Lane

Tom Lane - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

JB

“ Tommy and I worked together all of summer 1966 (I believe it was that year) for the West Va. State Road Commission. He made that job a lot more fun than it would have been otherwise. I counted Tommy as a friend.

John Black - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

AF

“ I have known well Tom since the 1960's. Tom was a good lawyer, a good friend and, most of all, an incredibly good person and a credit to his profession. He will be sorely missed. My deepest condolences to his wife Cathy, children, grandchildren and family.

Andy Fusco - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

KH

“ Tom was such a fun loving person and always made me smile. I will miss his presence and support in our fellowship. With deepest sympathy to his family. Kimberly Honaker

Kimberly Honaker - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

GM

“ Kathy and Family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Diana

George and Diana McCarty - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

BT

“ All of my love to the Linkous Family. Tom was the kindest man I have known. And the funniest. It was an honor to have known him.

Brandi Taylor - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

JH

“ Dear Libby, Our deepest sympathies for you in your loss. Please know that our thoughts & prayers are with you and your family in your time of sorrow. Jerry & Nancy Hinchee

Jerry Hinchee - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

JL

“ Joi Beth, Our thoughts & prayers are with you and your family.....

Jason & Pam Lambert - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

SC

“ Dear Kathy and Family, Louis and I are so sorry to hear this news about Tommy. We can truly say we all had some great times together and always think of the fun on our beach trips. He was so much fun and loved that laugh. Again, all of you have our deepest sympathy at this difficult time. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

Susan and Louis Childrey - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

BS

“ A jolly ole soul that could always make me laugh, Tom will truly be missed!

Brenda Sisler - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

BH

“ Molly, our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. Tom was a wonderful person and will be missed by many. May God comfort you and your family during this time.

Bill and Becky Harden - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

DP

“ Kathy & Family, I'm so sorry for your loss. Please know that you are all in my thoughts & prayers. I pray that God comforts you during this difficult time.

Dennelle Parker - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

JS

“ Please know our hearts are heavy, we will surely miss Tom. We didn't see him like we would have liked to in the last few years, distance made that hard but please know you all are in our prayers and thoughts at this time.

Joe and Karen Simon - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

DN

“ My heartfelt sympathy to the entire Linkous family. Thoughts and prayers are with you during this time.

Dona Walk Neal - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

LS

“ Our families sympathy and condolences to the Linkous family during this very saddened time. Tommie Jo will be thought of often and remain in our hearts always.

Liz (Joseph), Greg Holley and Cindy Staples - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM