

In Loving Memory of Thomas Alan Moeser



I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took his hand when I heard his call,
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of the day.

If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My Life's been full, I savoured much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch,

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.

The Order of Service

Thomas Alan Moeser

May 8, 1948 – May 19, 2017

Gathering Music.....Jan Sutherland

Centering Moment

I'll fly Away.....Alison Krauss

Words of Welcome, Prayer and Reflection -----Rev. Lara Heise

Responsive Reading from the Old TestamentJanet and Dean Grappin

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 A Time for Everything

Leader: There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under heaven
a time to be born and a time to die,

Congregation: a time to plant and a time to uproot
a time to kill and a time to heal

Leader: a time to tear down and a time to build
a time to weep and a time to laugh

Congregation: a time to mourn and a time to dance
a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them

Leader: a time to embrace and a time to refrain
a time to search and a time to give up

Congregation: a time to keep and a time to throw away
a time to tear and a time to mend

Leader: a time to be silent and a time to speak
a time to love and a time to hate

Congregation: a time for war and a time for peace

Hymn of Celebration

Spirit in the Sky.....Norman Greenbaum

Literature ReadingExcerpt from Fahrenheit 451.....Erik Vance

Reflections of LifeJim Clark

A Reading from the Old Testament..... Psalm 23.....Aimee Kopiwoda

A Musical Reflection on a LifeLet There Be Peace.....Jill & Sy Miller

Reflections of Life.....Chuck Moeser

Hymn of Celebration

 This Little Light of MineHarry Dixon Loes

A Reading from the New Testament.....2 Timothy 4: 6-8.....Dave and Jenn Hitchcock

Closing Prayer and BenedictionRev. Lara Heise

Postlude.....When the Saints Go Marching In.....Katharine Purvis & James Black

The family of Tom Moeser invites you to join them for a luncheon in the Hearthside room immediately following this celebration of a great life.

Acknowledgements

The family of Tom Moeser would like to extend a special thank you to Reverend Lara Heise and Jan Sutherland for their special contributions to today's celebration.

The family also wishes to acknowledge their deepest appreciation for the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to them during this difficult time. May God bless you and may Tom's gentleness be reflected back in each of you for eternity.

Thomas Alan Moeser

May 8, 1948- May 19, 2017

Thomas Alan Moeser, 69, of Midland was called to heaven on May 19, 2017. Tom was born in Detroit to Otto Paul and Margaret Elaine (Block) Moeser on May 8, 1948 and he graduated from Ferndale High. He then attended Michigan State University and was proud to join the Hazel Park Police Force as a patrol officer where he received several commendations for bravery.

Tom married Lynn Madion on December 6, 1969 and they had three children, Jason, Melissa and Jonathan. He was then called to establish CTM Painting, LLC where his commercial brush strokes have left a mark across Michigan and Ohio. It was during this time he had a passion for attending his children's activities and serving numerous volunteer roles.

Tom relocated to the Midland area and married Rhonda Vance on January 6, 1996 and they remain lifelong partners in love and sharing fun activities. Tom was a member of First Baptist Church where he was an usher and held a strong value for his Life Group. He is a past kitchen coordinator for Open Door where his love for cooking was rooted and he was able to continue this passion by working at Nottingham Place.

Along with Rhonda Vance-Moeser, he is survived by his three children and five grandchildren, Jason and Tricia, Oliver Moeser (Royal Oak), Melissa and Brian, Otto and Eli Zoll (Owosso), Jonathan and Sarah, Max and Lucy Moeser (Commerce Township). He is also survived by three stepchildren and two step grandsons, Jim and Orlanda, Alistair and Alden Vance (California), Erik Vance (Midland), and Elizabeth and Matt Denten (New York).

He leaves siblings, Chuck and Annie Moeser (Traverse City), Paula and Fred Austin (Clare) and Cathy Alcorn (Redford Twp), along with numerous nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Tom's life will be held Wednesday May 24th at 11 am at First Baptist Church, 915 E Sugnet Road, Midland with the Rev. Lara Heise officiating. The family will receive visitors at 10 am in the Chapel prior to service. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to First Baptist Church.