



Timothy Jay Thomas

August 11, 1962 - October 10, 2024

Timothy Jay Thomas, 62, a Colorado native, was born August 11, 1962, and passed away October 10, 2024. He is preceded in death by his parents Fred and Donna Thomas; brother, Richard Thomas; his Grandma Cape, with whom he was especially close. Tim is survived by his loving wife of over 40 years, Nancy; his children: Heather Schenkel, Ashley (AJ) Caldwell, Michelle (Josh) Harris, Joey Thomas, Timmy (Megan) Thomas, and Eliza Thomas; his grandchildren Aiden, Kaeline, Sam, Jake, Lilly, Jude, Ella, Lydia, Freddy, Hailey, and Sullivan; his siblings: Janet (Danny) Boyd, Greg (Martha) Thomas, Nancy Colvin, Ross (Marie) Thomas, and Darla (Gary) Jackson. He is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends.

Tim graduated from USC (University of Southern Colorado) in 1984 with a bachelor's degree in Geology and an associate's degree in Mathematics. Tim was a man of science - he loved all aspects of scientific exploration. He had a lengthy career with numerous organizations with many different titles. Two major highlights of his career are 25 years spent with Sanborn Map Company, and the 10+ years he spent working for Colorado Springs Utilities (CSU). Through his years with Sanborn, Tim would always describe his work to his kids as him being "a mapmaker," which really meant he was a GIS professional. Tim took that GIS experience to CSU and excelled, ultimately leading a crew of surveyors and other GIS professionals.

Tim was a lover of all sports, and if he spent the day inside, you could find him in front of the TV watching some sort of game or race. A home team fan through and through, Tim loved all the Colorado teams, even when they were terrible. Though a lover of all sports, there were some that were definitely his favorites. Golfing was a way for him to connect with both his parents and his children, football was a childhood pastime, and bowling allowed him and Nancy to get away from the kids at least once a week. His athletic ability shined in any sport he played, but bowling is something he can claim to have been perfect, at least once, having bowled an incredible 300 game.

Those of you who know Tim know that at least one sport is still missing, baseball. Whether he was playing it himself, watching his kids play, or watching games on TV, Tim could not get enough of baseball. He played baseball (and softball) from the time he could walk until the game was too much, at which point he began playing only softball. His kids always loved to go to Dad's softball games after work (even if it was just to play at the park). Once his kids began to play baseball themselves, Tim transitioned his baseball career into being a coach, coaching teams that both Joey and Timmy played on. Through that coaching, he was able to impart wisdom and life lessons to many young players. Tim and Nancy even participated in the creation of an entire new little league for kids in Falcon, High Plains Little League. When not coaching or playing, he somehow found time to umpire as well, umpiring for little league games throughout the area and for different age groups.

Tim was an active person throughout his life. When not playing sports, he enjoyed looking for fossils, crystals, or even just cool rocks by going on hikes. As his children aged and joined him on hikes and walks, they became accustomed to looking at the ground for all the treasures they could find. Often, hikes would be historic in nature, most often by walking on an old railroad bed. Tim had a fascination with trains which he transferred into a love

of working on model trains. Inspired and motivated heavily by Bob Ross, he also often enjoyed painting outdoor scenes. He also had a strong love for classic cars, having built his first car by merging two wrecked cars into one functioning car, his classic 1966 Mustang. His Mustang has been a project car for many years, and all of his kids have lent a helping hand to the work at one point or another, even if it was just to hold a flashlight which was inevitably always in the wrong spot.

Tim's memory was like a vault, and he often described his recall process as "going through a filing cabinet and pulling the correct file." His vault-like memory made him an excellent trivia player, or just a great person to ask a question, since he could most likely give a correct answer. One of his favorite trivia games wasn't even a real game; it was seeing who could name the musician on the radio first (nine times out of ten, Tim was first.) His love of music was wide ranging, from Willie Nelson to Billy Joel and most everything in between, but his favorite band was The Beatles. His love of their music was transferred into his children through the many mornings where music was playing through the house while cleaning or spending quality time together.

Above all, Tim was a family man. There wasn't a baby that met Tim that didn't like him, and they always would smile for him even if they didn't know who he was. He supported his children through thick and thin, always making sure they had what they needed. Some of his most treasured moments were the times he spent playing with, reading to, hugging, kissing, and napping with all of his grandchildren. Tim was always impressed with how smart, creative, kind, and loving all of his grandkids are, which just goes to show how good of a job he did as a father.

Tim was a great man that touched many lives, even those he only knew for a short time. His loss is utterly tragic to us all, and he will be deeply missed and

forever loved by all of his family and friends. And though we are all sad, Tim would want us to smile and laugh at all the great memories we have of him, so at least once after reading this, please share a happy memory you have of him with someone close.

Cemetery Details

Roselawn Cemetery

1706 Roselawn Rd
Pueblo, CO 81006

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT **21**. 2:00 PM (MT)

Fr. Charles J. Murray Parish Hall at St. Joseph Church
1145 S. Aspen Rd.
Pueblo, CO 81006

Tribute Wall

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“ *Tim always has a special place in my heart and mind. He was a wonderful friend and colleague when we worked together years ago. Thank you Tim for the memories and I wish you peace in the great beyond. Nancy, my heart is with you and the family and I hope you will find comfort in this difficult moment knowing Tim was loved by so many.*



Karen Adkins

Karen F. Adkins - October 18, 2024 at 08:16 PM

MJ

“ *Tim, knowing you made me a better person. I'm happy our paths crossed, and the first year was not without both of us trying to see who was more stubborn. (it's me)*

I then spent the next decade making sure you drank enough water and had something to eat while at work, only for you to say "Thanks Mom" with a sarcastic tone...

Your passing has come too soon for us left behind, but we will take comfort in the Lord knowing you are smiling down on us.

Melissa

Melissa Jones - October 18, 2024 at 04:34 PM



“ *Tim was my first boss at San born. What a great guy with the utmost respect shown for every person he encountered. Nancy, my deepest condolences to you and your family. Bonnie Morgan*

Bonnie Morgan - October 18, 2024 at 04:20 PM

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“ *1 file added to the album CSU Family*



Chuck Reid - October 18, 2024 at 11:22 AM



“ *I also worked for Tim at Sanborn for a few years. I have not seen him in many years, but was so saddened to hear of his passing. He always made me feel more like a valued peer rather than just someone he supervised. He could always make us laugh with his comments and stories. I know he was a caring family man and he will be greatly missed by so many! My heart goes out to all his family.*

Louise McKernan - October 17, 2024 at 04:10 PM

KC

“ Tim's love of his family made him a remarkable man to work for/with. When my family was going through major health issues, Tim always found a way to "make things work." The knowledge that he had my back made everything so much easier during that time. And when I was able to be in the office, Tim always took time to see how I was doing and if there anything we needed. His compassion got me through some very difficult times and I count myself very fortunate to have known him.

My deepest condolences to his family. I will keep you all in my prayers.

Karen Carlton - October 17, 2024 at 01:24 PM

“ You simply cannot sum up Tim Thomas with words, as they could never do justice to describe such a man.

Tim was many things; a boss, leader, confidant, father, husband, grandfather... a truly remarkable person.

Some of my favorite memories are when he would come into the office and greet everyone he passed each morning, and when I could hear him playing music (usually The Beatles) in his office and sometimes you could hear him singing along. I loved when he would talk about his family, the way he would talk about them would warm your heart and make you smile - he was truly a family-man, or when he would tell stories of his own childhood and growing up.

One day he brought in some cookies his wife Nancy had made and offered me some... to this day it is a cookie to remember - they were delicious! He loved to talk about the meals and treats he and his family would make, and as a fellow lover of food - I enjoyed listening to him describe his family recipes.

I saw a bowling certificate hanging in his office and asked him about it - we bonded over bowling as he told me the proud story of his perfect game (a very impressive accomplishment!) and shared stories from when he was in a bowling league.

As a man with a passion for geology, I would show him the cool rocks I would find out in the field and bring back to the office. Tim would inspect each one and tell me the kind of rock it was within seconds of holding it.

Tim was so much more than a boss or a leader, and he filled those shoes to a standard that no one will surpass. He made sure everyone on his team was taken care of, made sure everyone had what they needed to succeed, and genuinely cared about his team as individuals. Tim was kind, patient, and understanding to the team he lead. He also had a clever and silly sense of humor - I don't

know that we've ever had a staff meeting that we weren't all giggling and laughing in at some point. Tim was someone you could talk to about anything, he was always so open and easy to approach. One of my fondest memories today of Tim was the way he could give you the most comforting hug when you needed it the most. I will be forever grateful for Tim adding me to his team and giving me the opportunity to work with him.

My deepest sympathies to all of Tim's family and friends. I am sending love, light, and comfort to each heart Tim has touched throughout his life. He certainly carried a special light with him that we will all truly miss.

*I miss you dearly,
~ Jade*

Jade Swan - October 16, 2024 at 05:10 PM

AR

“ What can be said about such an amazing man. . .

I worked for Tim at Colorado Springs Utilities for just a few short years. As a new employee it's always intimidating to meet people who have been there a while and know the ropes. Sometimes it's hard to feel so green and ignorant of how things work, but Tim was ALWAYS welcoming and reassuring that everything would be ok and patient enough to know it takes time to learn new things. From the moment I met him I knew I was in good hands! Tim would usually be calm and collect during meetings, but every now and then his sense of humor would come out and the entire room would be laughing! He would make some hilarious jokes that would make things seem less stressful and more fun! I LOVED my one on one meetings with him because he would always ask me with sincere concern "Drew, how are you?" I always knew this wasn't just a question he felt like he "had" to ask. No. . . . Tim genuinely meant it! He cared so much about me and my family. He would ask me about my two boys and how they are doing, he would ask about my new fiance and the daughter I would soon be inheriting. He would ask me about my hobbies, my interests, my health. . Anything! He would listen to me and give me advice. He would crack a joke or two and we would laugh and be light hearted. He cared about me, cared about my family. . . And it showed!! He told me about many things he experienced growing up! He would tell me about building cars, playing baseball, hanging out with his grandkids (who he adored!!) he would tell me about how proud of his kids he was and how much he adored his wife. I loved his light hearted spirit and his smile that seemed to always make my day a little better! He truly loved his family and the pictures in his office proved it! Tim had a way of making life at work better. . . . It brightened my day when he would come strolling into the office wearing his leather hat that I always said made him look like he was from down under! 😂 He would ALWAYS smile and say good morning as he walked past my cubicle and without hesitation I would hear others greet him as he walked past them as well! He was a light in our office and he will be greatly missed! I truly enjoyed Tim. . . It saddens me to think I will no longer

see his smile in the morning, but I also know he would want me to continue taking care of my family and always smile knowing the sun is shining and I have another day! Tim was more than a boss, he was a friend. . . . I'm grateful to have been a part of his story (even if it was just a small one) He was a gentleman and a man of integrity. I will miss him very much, but I also know heaven just received quite a gift! Thank you Tim for genuinely caring about me and my family and always welcoming me! You will always be remembered by your crew at Colorado Springs Utilities! With deepest respect and utter regard. . Your friend. . Drew

Andrew Rauenzahn - October 15, 2024 at 10:05 PM

DG

Beautiful remembrance Drew!

Denesio J Gonzales - October 16, 2024 at 03:36 PM

KC

Well said, Andrew.

Karen Carlton - October 17, 2024 at 12:32 PM