



Thomas George Blackwell

August 20, 1948 - March 29, 2014

Thomas George Blackwell, 65, of Aurora, passed away Saturday, March 29, 2014 at his home. With his passing, Tom's family and all who held him dear have gathered to recall memories of a gentle man who lent great strength to all who knew him.

Tom was born August 20, 1948 in Oak Lawn, Illinois, and grew up in West Aurora where he created friendships that lasted his whole life through. He is the youngest son of Charlotte Armour-Blackwell and Hal Blackwell, who preceded him in death.

Before settling in Aurora to raise a family with his beloved wife, Karen, Tom served in the United States Army as a radioman in Vietnam, during which his actions under enemy fire saved the lives of several men and earned him the honor of a Bronze Star. After returning to Aurora, Tom became an air traffic controller with the FAA and built a life of cherished friendships and strong family ties.

Survivors include his loving wife, Karen Colgan-Blackwell; his children, Kelly, Kyle and Kourtney Blackwell; his granddaughter, Zoie Lamb; his brothers, Jim (Myra) and Jeff Blackwell; numerous nieces and nephews and extended family; and his lifelong friends, Frank Babush and the Bahe family. Their strength to withstand his passing is testament to the love and steadfastness

he showed them. Tom's gentle, good nature enriched the lives of those around him. He will not only be remembered for the love and utter devotion he gave his family and friends, but also for the laughter and joy he shared.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, April 2, 2014 at 6:00 PM at THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY. Interment will be private. Visitation will be held Wednesday, April 2, 2014 from 2:00 PM until 6:00 PM at THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, 220 N. Lake St., Aurora. 630-631-5500. Please visit our interactive website at www.daleidenmortuary.com to leave condolences for Thomas' family or sign the guest book.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the following charities: Wounded Warrior Project at: woundedwarriorproject.org or to Children's Memorial Hospital at CDH.org.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 2. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Daleiden Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Thomas George Blackwell



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