



## Thomas Gerald O'Shea

October 12, 1956 - April 11, 2017

Thomas Gerald O'Shea, of Aurora, IL, passed away Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at the age of 60. Tom faced life with an open heart. The patience and dignity he showed towards the many challenges and hardships dealt in his life serves as a reminder of what a truly kind person he was.

Born on October 12, 1956 in Washington, D.C., his family moved to Aurora, IL in 1959, where he lived to rest of his life. He attended Holy Angels Grade School and Marmion Military Academy in Aurora, and was a graduate of Northern Illinois University with a B.A. in history.

Tom was the eldest of six and is survived by his siblings: Maura T. (Jaime) Sandoval of Oak Park, IL; Daniel B. O'Shea of St. Paul, MN; Brendan E. O'Shea of New Lexington, OH; Martin M. (Roberta) O'Shea of Countryside, IL; and Patrick W. O'Shea of Chicago, IL. He was the beloved uncle of seven nieces and nephews: Daniel, Nicholas, Shannon, Amanda, Christopher, Siobhan and JT.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dr. Thomas A. O'Shea and Deborah J. O'Shea (nee Dean) of Aurora, IL, as well as his aunt, Mary Ellen Koenig (nee O'Shea) of Chicago, IL.

Private memorial services will be held for family and friends. The family is

grateful for the condolences but asks, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Alcoholics Anonymous.

Local arrangements were handled by THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, 220 N. Lake Street, Aurora, IL 60506. (630) 631-5500.

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# Tribute Wall

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“ It was my privilege and honor to have served as Tom's sponsor and friend the last several years of his life. He was a joy to me and never failed to both aggravate and frustrate me in a spiritual seekerways that always resulted in me learning something about my self. My wife and I both worked hard to try to help him learn to budget his money, cook for himself, and probably most of all, to "listen" in conversations and recognize how to better be part of a group. Of course much of this went unused but I have to believe not unappreciated. I will always remember those long phone calls about who most recently had gotten on his resentments list. He and I shared a love of History, Literature, Trivia of all genres and of course were always on opposite sides in Politics of anything. He was my friend and sometimes adversary. I shall never forget the first time he told me ,as my voice got louder trying to make a point, "Remember what the Japanese seer said'man who raise voice first, Loses!" " He was not dealt an easy hand to play in this life .

His Father, Dr. O'Shea, was his constant reference on most any subject. The "Doc" was my family doctor from the time I was twelve until his retirement and saved my Father's(Lyle E. Oncken) life by finding and diagnosing an aortic aneurism with his probing fingers. So I guess we were more than just AA friend and sponsor but shared a history together. I spent many happy days and nights at 1211 Garfield when it was still the Harriage family home so I knew all the back stairways and secret hiding places. That I would miss him so much, is surprising to me yet. I just can't seem to get my head around the fact that he's gone. I have no doubt that he has joined those who went before him with a new body and completely recovered faculties. I'm so reminded again of what an enigmatic personality he had and shared his love of AA and many other things. I wish all the family well, with my heartfelt sympathy, and know that his tumultuous soul finally rests in peace. I was in Florida on vacation when he passed and thus still have no idea about the circumstances of his death. Any little information would of course not be expected but surely

*appreciated.*

*I shall miss my friend for all his love of life and his peculiar style of fierce independence ,even after I'd become afraid for him and his physical problems to be unsupervised.We also shared a General Practioner of internal medicine Dr. Leung. I believe that his mental problems,while burdensome , were God given and I learned much about Patience, Tolerance, and Recovery from him.*

*Very Truly Yours in our Grief,*

*Lee A. Oncken 4/24/17*

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**Lee A. Oncken** - April 24, 2017 at 08:06 PM

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“ *Dear O'Shea Family,  
We are all so sorry to learn of Tom's passing. You have our deepest sympathy and all of our prayers.  
The Etheredge Family*

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**Faith Etheredge** - April 24, 2017 at 07:37 PM

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“ *Dear O'Shea Family,  
We send our deepest sympathy and continued prayers.  
May he Rest In Peace,  
Toni and Mary Fox*

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**Mary Catherine Fox** - April 24, 2017 at 03:47 PM

MR

“ *Dear O'Shea Family.  
I am so sorry to hear of Tom's passing. You  
are in my thoughts and prayers at this time of  
sorrow.  
In Peace,  
Margaret Ryan*



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**Margaret Ryan** - April 24, 2017 at 11:38 AM

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“ *Dear Maura, Dan, Brendan, Marty and Pat,  
We are so sorry to learn of Tom's passing. Your family is always  
close in thought. We are sending love and prayers to all of you.  
Jerry and Ellen (O'Connor) Nick*

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**Ellen O'Connor Nick** - April 24, 2017 at 06:50 AM