



Thomas W. Hurlocker

July 29, 2022

Thomas W. Hurlocker, 83, of Salisbury, NC, died peacefully at home on Friday, July 29, 2022. Tom was the son of the late Thomas G. Hurlocker and Lillie Winecoff Hurlocker. In addition to his parents, Tom was preceded in death by his four siblings, Lacy Hurlocker, Curtis Hurlocker, Melba Hurlocker Safrit, and Nelle Hurlocker.

Tom was raised in Cabarrus County, NC and received a BA in Sociology from Lenoir Rhyne College. It was during college that he met his beautiful bride of 61 years, Constance Rickmond. After college, he and Connie moved to PA where Tom received his Master of Divinity from the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Gettysburg. He also received an MS in Counseling from Shippensburg University of PA, did graduate work at Penn State University, and earned an honorary Doctor of Divinity from Susquehanna University in PA.

Tom started his career as a parish pastor at Reedsville Evangelical Lutheran Church in Reedsville, PA. From there he moved into ministry at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Carlisle, PA and then on to an extensive career as a social ministry executive with Tressler Lutheran Services in Mechanicsburg, PA. Over the years, Tom served on many boards in PA and NC including Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services, North American Council on Adoptable Children, Interfaith Assistance Ministry, and Lutheran Services Carolinas. He was also the president and founder of Carlisle Meals on Wheels.

Tom and Connie raised their children, Eric and Tamara, in Carlisle and made many wonderful and lasting friendships during their 35 years there. Tom could be seen (always in a coat and tie) at many a Carlisle High School sporting event. He and Connie were masterful hosts and loved to entertain friends in their home. If you wanted someone to share a good martini, Tom was your man. Penn State football season was a loud and festive time in the Hurlocker house.

Tom retired as President/CEO of Tressler at the end of 1999, and he and Connie relocated a few years later to Hendersonville, NC where they quickly found another group of fabulous friends. The Hurlockers were members of Grace Lutheran Church, and Tom was one of the "Magnificent Seven" who served as interim pastors there. Tom's final move was to Salisbury, NC to settle into the supportive community at Trinity Oaks, a Continuing Care Retirement Community. With Connie, he enjoyed many years of global and US travel and the opportunity to visit with their four beloved grandchildren. He is survived by his loving wife, Connie; two children, Eric Hurlocker and his wife Andi of Richmond, VA, and Tamara Eller and her husband Trip of Concord, NC; one bonus daughter, Ann Rumberger Hoffman and her husband Larry; four grandchildren, Cassie Peele and her spouse Jasper Sterling, Jay Hurlocker, Emily Peele, and Layne Hurlocker; and many nieces and nephews and their families.

The family is grateful for the compassionate care given to Tom by Dr. Chet Amin, the staff at Trinity at Home, and Novant Health Hospice, all in Salisbury, NC.

A memorial service will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church in Salisbury at 1:00 PM Saturday, August 6, 2022, followed by a reception in Peeler Hall. An online memorial register is available at www.summersettfuneralhome.com. Memorial contributions may be made to Trinity at Home (<https://trinityathome.net/>) or Lutheran World Relief (<https://lwr.org/>).

Tribute Wall



“ A dear friend and respected companion through both Lenoir Rhyne and on "The Hill" at Gettysburg, Tom will certainly be missed. He was a significant part of my educational and early adult experience. When Shirley and I heard he and Connie were in Salisbury, at Tom's invitation, we were planning a trip to see them. In sure and certain faith in Resurrection, I know we will be with them again. Good friend, great servant in Christ, true people person, Tom will be fondly alive in the memory of this equally aged pastor until we do meet then. Love and blessings to Connie.

Richard and Shirley Graf

Richard Graf - August 09, 2022 at 05:28 PM

CB

“ Our many family adventures are always with me. Uncle Tom was so kind and such a patient force in my early years. Sending much love to Aunt Connie, Eric, Tamara and extended family.

Christine Brooks - August 09, 2022 at 12:27 PM

DS

“ Dear Connie, Tamara, Eric, Ann, grands and other family and friends of Tom: Grace and Peace from our Lord Jesus! We grieve with you on Tom's death, but also rejoice with you that the Lord Jesus he served so faithfully now surrounds Tom (and you) with His eternal presence. We treasure our time together at LR and regret we failed to connect after you moved to Trinity Oaks. May our Resurrected Lord bring you His comfort and strength to meet the days ahead.

In Christ's love, David & Diana

Dr David R Keck Sr - August 09, 2022 at 09:37 AM

MW

“ Tom was a wonderful neighbor and friend. We will miss him.
Mike & Pat Weeks

mike weeks - August 09, 2022 at 03:00 AM

WS

“ I will always be grateful to Tom for giving me the opportunity to serve as Educational and Counseling specialist at Tressler Lutheran Services for 17 yrs..Tom was the best. My heart goes out to Connie and his family. Rev. Bill Sowers

WILLIAM C. SOWERS - August 08, 2022 at 02:53 PM

YT

“ Your Endress+Hauser Communication's Team purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Thomas W. Hurlocker.



Your Endress+Hauser Communication's Team - August 05, 2022 at 06:47 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas W. Hurlocker.



August 04, 2022 at 02:30 PM

BB

“ Rest in peace Tom. A wonderful neighbor and friend. Bev B

Beverly grace Basler - August 04, 2022 at 09:51 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas W. Hurlocker.*



August 04, 2022 at 08:26 AM



“ *Lifelong friend through thick and thin! Distance or time did not erode the ability to pick up where we left off.*

Jo Anne Brooks - August 03, 2022 at 05:55 PM



“ *Tom was a fantastic captain of the ship at Tressler Lutheran services. He was always fair and honest with me. Always treated me with respect. I remember moving his daughter with my father-in-law down to I think it was North Carolina. What a trip. My sincere condolences to his family and Connie.*

Donald Winfindale - August 03, 2022 at 05:41 PM



“ *The Lineberger Family purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Thomas W. Hurlocker.*



The Lineberger Family - August 03, 2022 at 10:06 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas W. Hurlocker.



August 03, 2022 at 09:21 AM



“ Connie, my thoughts and prayers are with you and Eric and Tamara. I have many lovely memories of you and your family. May God's peace be with all of you. Diana



Diana ciucci - August 02, 2022 at 11:12 PM



“ After 50 years of friendship with Tom and Connie, it's hard to pick one memory because we went through so much together: raising our kids, working together, cancer, health issues, building homes, weddings, moving, grandkids, etc. A memory that stands out though is how we managed to relax and solve our problems and the world's problems by spending many evenings soaking in the hot tub together. Tom will always be remembered by the Campagnas as a faithful servant of God and a kind, faithful, and loving friend.

patty campagna - August 02, 2022 at 07:12 PM

CM

“ *Some of my earliest memories are of playing at the Hurlocker's house. Uncle Tom was always kind, caring, and generous. I especially appreciate the support I received from them both during my college years at Dickinson. To the Hurlocker family - I grieve alongside you and wish you comfort in your many beautiful memories. - Carol Brooks Macrander*

Carol Brooks Macrander - August 02, 2022 at 06:01 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Thomas W. Hurlocker.*

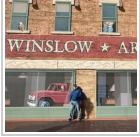


August 02, 2022 at 03:59 PM

JC

“ *Our prayers and sympathies to Connie, Eric and Tamara. Pastor Hurlocker ministered to our church, First Lutheran, and my family for so many wonderful years. We have sweet memories and are very thankful for the teaching and care that he gave us. Pastor and Connie were always very welcoming and kind to everyone they met. We send our condolences, and pray for the Lord's presence to be ever close at this time. Joanne Croft with Joyce, Diane and Bill*

Joanne Croft - August 02, 2022 at 02:41 PM



“ This is what I posted on Facebook: Sad to learn today of the death of Tom Hurlocker. When he was CEO of Tressler Lutheran Services, I was a constant critic of the agency. Tom took me to lunch one day and recruited me to serve on the board; I think his philosophy was "keep your friends close and your enemies closer." Although I don't think he or the agency were enemies, and Tom welcomed constructive criticism. I learned a lot from him over the years and still quote his mantra, "Choose the hill you are willing to die on." After I got run out of a parish, he and Jack Spooner drove up to my installation in my new call at Watsonstown to show their friendship and support. We lost contact when he moved back to the Carolinas, but I have on occasion asked folks about his welfare. Rest in Peace, Good and Faithful Servant!

Steve Shipman - August 02, 2022 at 09:57 AM

ML

“ Hello Aunt Connie and Family- We just heard about Uncle Tom's passing! Having just read his obituary I can't imagine how many lives he has touched with his love and Christian spirit. Please share all the wonderful memories of Tom in the coming days. All our love, Mark and Karen

Mark Lineberger - August 02, 2022 at 09:25 AM

JP

“ Tom was such a wonderful man and I am glad our paths crossed so many years ago in Carlisle. Please accept my condolences as you navigate this difficult time. Jackie Powell

Jacqueline Powell - August 02, 2022 at 09:16 AM

MC

“ Connie,

I'm sorry to see that Tom passed away. He was a joy to work for at Tressler Lutheran Services, where I was the Director of the Mechanicsburg Senior Center. He was so supportive and always there when I needed him. Loved his sense of humor, too.



Marilyn Chastek - August 02, 2022 at 07:19 AM

BS

“ Connie, Betty Ann and I were so sorry to learn of Tom's passing. We have so many memories together, starting with our first year at L-R and continuing through the years. It was my honor to be in your wedding, and we enjoyed so much the opportunities we had to visit with you in PA when you lived there. Mere words are inadequate at a time such as this, but please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you now. "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." - John 14:27

Bill & Betty Ann Stevenson - August 01, 2022 at 10:45 PM

DA

“ Connie, I am so sorry to hear about Tom. I remember when he was our "bartender" when you were teaching my sisters to play Shanghai Rummy. Sending hugs. Debbie Ashley

debbie Ashley - August 01, 2022 at 09:54 PM

GM

“ We will always remember the fun times We had on our trips . It was such a joy To be with you guys! Our love goes out to you Connie and to your family. Gary and Julie

Gary and Julie Monroe - August 01, 2022 at 07:07 PM

GW

“ My heart is heavy with sadness to learn of Tom's death. However, I give thanks that our journeys intersected for a number of years at Grace Lutheran Church in Hendersonville. As one of Tom's pastors, I valued his wisdom in navigating some trying times. I admired his scholarship in the Bible studies that he graciously led. I was encouraged by the witness to his faith in the numerous ways he continued to serve and lead in the community while in Hendersonville. I pray that the gathering of friends and family as well as the sharing of memories and stories around a celebration of the resurrection faith we share in Christ will be a source of comfort and hope to Connie and Tom's family.

- Rev. Greg Williams

Greg Williams - August 01, 2022 at 04:46 PM

RK

“ *Connie:*
We were very sorry to hear about Tom, and even sorrier that we will not be at the "Services", but we will always have fond memories of the "Rat Pack"

Dick & Jackie

Richard J Krupp - August 01, 2022 at 01:20 PM