



Thomas Frank Kotzian

January 19, 1947 - November 28, 2020

Thomas F. Kotzian, of Shelby Township, MI, passed away on November 28, 2020 at the age of 73. He left behind a loving family and countless friends who all mourn his passing.

Tom was born in Detroit on January 19, 1947 to Frank and Helen Kotzian. He was happily married to his dear wife and best friend, Lynda Louise (nee Litz), for 52 years. Tom and Lynda first met at a Junior High School Halloween dance when they were around 14 years old and have been together ever since.

Along with Lynda, Tom is survived by his daughter Kristin Jeannine Johnson (Greg) of Shelby Township, MI; his son Brandon Thomas Kotzian (Jamie) of Chesterfield, MI; and his brother Robert Kotzian (Suzanne) of Sterling Hts. Tom was preceded in death by his sister, Lois Mae Waller (nee Kotzian). Tom also had 4 adoring grandchildren; Carson, Piper, Breanna, and Tyler.

After graduating from Central Michigan University, Tom embarked on a highly successful career in education. He first taught through the Utica Community School system before co-founding a private vocational school and moving into adult education. After entering private education, Tom earned his Juris Doctorate degree from Michigan State University College of Law. The majority of Tom's professional career was dedicated to the real estate industry. He served as a trusted friend, teacher, coach, mentor, and advisor to thousands of real estate professionals throughout Michigan and several other states.

Tom will forever be remembered by his family, friends, and students as a remarkably kind, compassionate, loving, funny, generous, honest, and knowledgeable man. He had a gift for making people smile and feel good about themselves.

A Celebration of Life gathering will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that donations be made in honor of Thomas F. Kotzian to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. More information is available at cskdetroit.org.

Tribute Wall

PB

“ Dr. Penni Barker Dakmak, John Dakmak and Family--- Linda and family we are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May peace and fond memories replace the sadness of your loss.

PenelopeAnn Barker - December 10, 2020 at 10:21 AM

RM

“ Tom supported me in a tough time and I will always remember him for his kindness and unwavering support. We lost an icon in the real estate business. God bless and keep you, Tom.

Russ Marrone - December 07, 2020 at 11:10 AM

BC

“ On behalf of the Capuchin brothers, I offer my deepest sympathies on the passing of Thomas. It is truly humbling to receive memorial donations in honor of Thomas's life. Please be assured of the brother's prayers for the entire Kotzian family during this great time of grief. May perpetual light shine upon Thomas.

Br Nick Blattner Ofm Capuchin - December 04, 2020 at 12:31 PM

TR

“ My heart breaks for your family to have to suffer such a tragic loss. Hugs and prayers until you all meet again.

Traci Rizzo - December 02, 2020 at 01:49 PM

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“ Uncle Tom, I'll never forget your warm smile and ability to light up a room with joy and laughter no matter what.. love you and miss you always!

Nikki Demers - December 01, 2020 at 11:09 PM



“ We love you so much Tom. You will be missed everyday❤️



Danielle Shields-Gagnon - December 01, 2020 at 08:53 PM