



Thomas E Gardiner

February 18, 2010

Thomas (Tom) E. Gardiner Myrtle Beach, South Carolina Tom Gardiner, 51, of Myrtle Beach, SC passed away February 18, 2010 at Grand Strand Hospital after a long battle with Multiple Myeloma and complications from ARDS (Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome). He was born June 13, 1958, son of Edward and Ellen Kunze Gardiner. Tom grew up in Long Island, NY, and attended local schools. He graduated college from East Stroudsburg University located in the Pocono Mountains, PA. Tom was the manager of the Yachtsman Resort Hotel in Myrtle Beach, SC for 17 years. After the Yachtsman closed, he became a regional manager for Defender Resorts. Most recently, he worked as a relationship banker at Coastal Federal and a business banker at BB&T bank. In addition, Tom was also one of the founders of the Myrtle Beach Marathon, which has raised thousands of dollars for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Tom helped to raise additional monies for other charities including, American Cancer Society, Down Syndrome, Jimmy V. Leukemia, and Hunter's Hope Foundation. He also helped with many fundraisers including Taste of the Town, St. Andrew's Back to School Bash, Youth Diamond Fund, Caring in Our Lifetime, OSSOC Soccer Club, Monday After the Masters, Socastee High School, and many more. He often helped individual families with hardships by organizing and conducting fundraisers. Tom is survived by his wife, Mary Beth and his two children, Kaylee and Patrick. His loving companion Lexi (yorkie) will miss him greatly. Also, he is survived by his mother and father, two brothers, Michael and Jimmy, and

several extended family members including in-laws, nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, and uncles. Tom leaves behind many beloved friends from New York, Pennsylvania, and the Carolinas. The viewing will be held on Sunday, February 21st, at Goldfinch Beach Chapel in Garden City, SC from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 pm. The funeral service will be held at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Garden City, SC on Monday, February 22nd at 9:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society or to the Tom Gardiner Scholarship Fund, which was created today to help Tom's children with college expenses. If you wish to contribute to the scholarship fund, you may send your donations to The Tom Gardiner Scholarship Fund, Crescent Bank, P.O. Box 3050, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577. The family would like to extend their gratitude to all the caregivers at Multiple Myeloma Institute for Research and Therapy at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, and at Grand Strand Regional Medical Center in Myrtle Beach, SC for the quality care given to Tom and their kindness shown to him and his family. Sign a guest book at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ We were so sorry to hear about Tom. He was a great guy and an inspiration to everyone he touched. Please accept our condolences and know that our thoughts are with your family.##imported-begin##Scott Turner & Steve Price##imported-end##

March 01, 2010 at 06:48 AM



“ Tom was a wonderful man and he'll be missed greatly. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.##imported-begin##Suzan & Davis##imported-end##

February 24, 2010 at 06:58 PM



“ I am Rich Mullin's sister, and I want to express my deepest sympathy for the loss of Tom. I met him once at Rich's wedding and I know my brother loved Tom as a brother. My prayers are with you. Sincerely, Eileen Mullin Bernat##imported-begin##Eileen Mullin Bernat##imported-end##

February 22, 2010 at 07:27 PM



“ Dear MaryBeth, Kaylee, and Patrick, I just wanted you to know how moved I was by the service this morning. It was so very touching. I loved the bagpipes.... what a special way to honor your Dad and husband. You will continue to be in my thoughts and prayers and I know there is a very special angel up in heaven now watching over us all. Love , Carey Macaulay-Schild##imported-begin##Carey Macaulay-Schild##imported-end##

February 22, 2010 at 05:13 PM



“ To the Gardiner Family; I worked with Tom through the Island Gulf Resort, in Florida. The memories of Tom Gardiner will live on, and will remain a tribute to the great person he was. Caring, giving, and ALWAYS in love with his family. The joy in Tom's life was in giving and helping others. During my brief contacts with Tom, He was truly a Husband, Father, and Man. Mary Beth, Patrick, Kaylee, your husband and father will always be a star, and will always be with you, and me. Love and Prayers to you all. Dick###imported-begin###Dick Parker###imported-end##

February 22, 2010 at 11:42 AM



“ It was with great sadness that I read about the death of Mr. Gardiner. His community service reached many in need including those individuals who have received assistance from the Red Cross. Thanks to him and the board of the Myrtle Beach Marathon, thousands of dollars donated from the Marathon to this organization have help provide services to our community. Mr. Gardiner will be greatly missed. Condolences from our Board, Staff and volunteers.###imported-begin###Angela Nicholas###imported-end##

February 22, 2010 at 11:33 AM



“ Mrs. Gardiner and Family, I know you don't know me, I worked with Tom at Coastal Federal Bank and briefly at BB&T. I just want you to know that I have been reading your journal online since the very begining and I'm so sorry to hear about Tom. I didn't work with Tom very long but I have been very touched by your story. I wish you and your family much happiness in the future and comfort in knowing that Tom isn't hurting anymore and is in a better place. I will continue to pray for your family as you deal with your loss. My Condolences, Stephanie Huggins###imported-begin###Stephanie Huggins###imported-end##

February 22, 2010 at 10:46 AM



“ My prayers are with Mary Beth and her children. I worked with Tom many years selling t shirts at the Marathon Expo and he was a wonderful person. He will be missed greatly.###imported-begin###ANGIE GILLEY###imported-end##

February 22, 2010 at 06:24 AM



“ MaryBeth, Kaylee and Patrick, We are so sorry to hear about your loss. We wish there was something we could do or say to ease your suffering. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you. If you ever need anything, please let us know what we can do to help. Love, Genia, Kevin, Joseph, Rachel and Jacob###imported-begin###Genia, Kevin, Joseph, Rachel & Jacob Radigan###imported-end##

February 21, 2010 at 08:19 PM



“ My deepest condolences to your family. Please know that you are in my prayers.##imported-begin##Robb Urbaniak##imported-end##

February 21, 2010 at 04:58 PM



“ Marybeth and family, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of Tom he was a great man and I was glad to know him. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time. Mary Silvestri##imported-begin##Mary Silvestri##imported-end##

February 21, 2010 at 03:32 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you, I'm so sorry to hear about Tom. We all had a good time working together back in the mid 80s at The Yatchman. May God be with you and your family.##imported-begin##Renee Vereen Lilly##imported-end##

February 21, 2010 at 02:30 PM



“ Mary Beth and Family, We are so sorry about the loss of Tom. He was such a special person and loved by all who knew him. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Peggy##imported-begin##Peggy and Jim Tully##imported-end##

February 21, 2010 at 02:21 PM



“ We are very sorry to hear of your loss. Thinking of you at this difficult time. Our prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Mr. & Mrs. Michael Del Gardo & Family##imported-end##

February 21, 2010 at 02:13 PM



“ Mary Beth and Family With deepest sympathy for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you, and your family. Betty Todd February 21,2010 Murrell Inlet,sc###imported-begin##Betty Todd###imported-end##

February 21, 2010 at 01:12 PM



“ Dear MaryBeth, My prayers go out to you and your children during this time of loss. The hole in your heart will be filled with all the memories that you hold dear. The pain and suffering are over and peace comes to reside with the faithful. Your Tom is now at God's throne worshipping and waiting for his earthly family. Tom's life was a fragrant gift to the world. He had a beautiful and caring soul and it is now perfected in God's presence. Smile everyday because you know Tom is watching over you and the children. Love, Donna Cawthon/MBE###imported-begin##Donna Cawthon###imported-end##

February 21, 2010 at 12:52 PM



“ Our hearts go out to you and your family in your time of sorrow. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.###imported-begin##April and Peer Aziz###imported-end##

February 21, 2010 at 12:50 PM



“ Marybeth, Kaylee, and Patrick, I have been keeping up with you and Tom's journey through Caring Bridge and hoping for the best. I am so sorry to hear of his passing, but glad to know his pain is over now. I think of you and your family often and know how strong you are and continue to be. Tom, you and your family have been a huge influence in my life, marriage, and having children of my own. You, Kaylee, and Patrick will always be in my thoughts and prayers. Tom will be deeply missed.##imported-begin##Amy Campen DuPre##imported-end##

February 21, 2010 at 12:09 PM



“ Dear Mary Beth and Family, We are very sorry for your loss. You and your family continue to be in our thoughts and prayers. Chris and Dawn Mediate##imported-begin##chris mediate##imported-end##

February 21, 2010 at 12:04 PM



“ Our condolences to the family. Tom was such a nice person to be with and a dedicated family man and community leader. Our thoughts are with you. Jim and June Farrar##imported-begin##Farrar##imported-end##

February 21, 2010 at 10:55 AM



“ We are thinking of you and praying for your family during this time. We are very sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Andolyn Herndon and family##imported-end##

February 21, 2010 at 08:46 AM



“ Prayers will continue to go up for your family through this difficult time . Love, Sherry##imported-begin##Sherry Steele##imported-end##

February 20, 2010 at 04:20 PM



“ MaryBeth, Kaylee and Patrick, Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this very hard time. All of you have been through so much over the last few years as Tom has been such an example of strength and courage. We love you! Love, Maryellen, Jason, Tommy and Matthew##imported-begin##Maryellen Zangrilli##imported-end##

February 20, 2010 at 02:42 PM



“ Dear Mary Beth, Kaylee, and Patrick, I wanted you to know how sorry I am. You are in my thoughts and prayers during this very sad time. From now on you have a very special angel watching over you. I love you so much! Tricia##imported-begin##Tricia Stephens##imported-end##

February 20, 2010 at 02:07 PM



“ Mary Beth, I moved to MBE the year you came to MBP. I have kept up with Tom through Martha Knight, kathy Carter, and Becky Melton. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. God bless you, Carolyn Streater##imported-begin##Carolyn##imported-end##

February 20, 2010 at 10:28 AM



“ To Mary Beth & Family: Please accept our Deepest Sympathy in the Loss of Tom. He was a wonderful person, also our Son's Boss (David Waller). We are truly saddened by his death. David has also been sad & he truly lost a great friend. May God Bless each of you. Shelby & Earl Waller###imported-begin##Shelby & Earl Waller###imported-end##

February 20, 2010 at 08:17 AM



“ They say there are angels amongst us, and that I believe is true. They say Angels earn their wings, by the special things they do. If in a life time, you get to meet one, consider yourself very BLESSED! That God has given you a moment, with one of his very BEST. I believe that Tom is an Angel! One of God's very best. And to have met him in my lifetime. I consider myself very BLESSED!###imported-begin##Ella May Cliver###imported-end##

February 19, 2010 at 10:12 PM



“ Mary Beth and Family, My thoughts and prayers are with each of you. Tom was a great guy and I enjoyed the time that I worked with him when I lived in Myrtle Beach. You will be in our prayers.###imported-begin##Jan Bundy Rainey###imported-end##

February 19, 2010 at 06:32 PM



“ Dear Mary Beth and family, You have been in our thoughts over the last few years as Tom has fought this battle. Now we will pray for your continued strength.###imported-begin##Sherrill Allen###imported-end##

February 19, 2010 at 04:12 PM