



Tom Gene Warner

March 8, 2015

Pawley's Island

Tom Gene Warner, age 74, died Sunday March 8, 2015 at Roper Hospital in Charleston, SC.

Born in Ryan, Oklahoma on July 26, 1940, Tom was the son of the late Doyle and Othella Warner. He graduated from the University of Central Oklahoma with a degree in Business.

Tom worked in the apparel and textile industry over the course of his career before retiring and becoming the owner of Litchfield Books along with his wife and business partner Vickie Crafton Warner. His greatest loves were his wife Vickie, his children, his work with Litchfield Books, the community, his Wheaten Terrier "Jack" and, of course, golf.

Survivors include his wife Vickie Crafton of Pawley's Island, Kellye Warner Yeomans of Rockmart, Georgia, son Patrick Warner of Newbury, New Hampshire, daughter Leigh Biastock of Richmond, Virginia brother and sister-in-law, Tony and Carla Warner and their daughter Mia Warner of Johnson City, Tennessee and grandchildren Olivia, Addison, Mary Leigh, Brooke, Hannah, Katie, William and great grandchildren Penelope and Lincoln.

A private service was held for the immediate family. A Celebration of Life will be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm at Pawley's Plantation at 70 Tanglewood Drive, Pawley's Island.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the charity of one's choice or to Miss Ruby's Kids, 2018 Church St. Georgetown, SC 29440 or to First Book c/o Pam Clifton 460-H Myrtle Greens Drive Conway, SC 29526.

Sign a guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

NB

“ Tom made a valuable contribution to the SC Book Festival. I'm glad I got to know him through the Festival. He will be missed in the book world. Nancy Brock

Nancy Brock - March 18, 2015 at 09:26 AM

 Angela Warner

“ Vickie you were an amazing wife and companion to Tom. You were there for Tom through the blessed times and the daily struggles; there is no truer LOVE STORY than that. His family appreciates your commitment and compassion through it all. Tom's struggles are finally over and he has found peace, we pray that you find comfort and peace as well, in the hard days that lay ahead. We love you. Patrick & Angela Warner

Angela Warner - March 12, 2015 at 03:08 PM



“ Vickie, I'm so sorry for your loss. Tom had such a great heart under his gruff exterior. I and everyone at SIBA will miss him. -Jill Hendrix, Fiction Addiction

Jill Hendrix - March 11, 2015 at 10:28 AM

AF

“ Vickie,
I am so heartbroken to hear about Tom. He was always such a pleasure to be around.
With deepest sympathy,
Amy Floyd

amy floyd - March 10, 2015 at 12:28 PM

JS

“ My condolences to Tom's family, friends, and colleagues. I visited Litchfield Books for the Moveable Feast last year, and he and I had a nice chat about textiles and southern fiction. It meant a lot to me that he took the time to visit with a young nobody peddling a first novel. He was the paragon of courtesy, and I know many, many southern authors will miss him greatly.

Jon Sealy - March 10, 2015 at 12:24 PM

BW

So sorry about Tom. Thoughts and prayers.
Barbara and John

Barbara Whitfield - March 12, 2015 at 08:18 PM

LH

“ Tommy, as I knew him, was my former brother-in-law. When he began dating my sister Sheryl, he was a larger than life figure to me. He and Sheryl would come to watch me play little league baseball in Lawton, OK and always on those hot and sultry summer afternoons, went for snow-cones afterward. He was kind and gentle and was interested in me as a young boy. It was very sad that after their divorce we lost touch and never communicated again. I will always remember his youthful good looks and friendly smile. My sympathies go out to Kellye, Patrick, Tony and all his family and friends.

Larry Hazlett
Laramie, Wyoming

Larry Hazlett - March 10, 2015 at 10:44 AM

MW

“ So very sorry to hear of Tom's passing, may he rest in peace. Many condolences to you Vickie.

Marsha Wood - March 10, 2015 at 10:09 AM



“ Vickie, my heart has been so heavy since I learned of Tom's death last night. What a wonderful man with a huge heart for people! I will cherish the memory of his smile at my Moveable Feast, and the times when we just chatted in the shop. What a great loss I feel, and know that I am in a very large assembly of like minded hearts. You have been in my prayers throughout the night, and will continue to be in them. How you have modeled for me the essence of a faithful wife and partner! I'll see you at the memorial.

Linda Grabeman

Linda Grabeman - March 10, 2015 at 04:08 AM

WC

“ Vickie, you and Tom are the essence of bookseller royalty and southern hospitality. He'll be missed by many, especially the writers for whom he did so much, myself among them.

Wiley Cash - March 09, 2015 at 09:02 PM

WC

“ Tom will be missed by all us scribblers. Condolences, Vickie.

Wayne Caldwell

Wayne Caldwell - March 09, 2015 at 03:32 PM

JG

“ So sorry to hear about Tom I had the pleasure of working with him several times when I came to Pawleys to speak at the Moveable Feast. He was lovely and so supportive of southern writers. Literature in the Carolinas won't be the same without him. My sincere and warmest condolences to you, Vicki, and your entire family.

Judy Goldman - March 09, 2015 at 12:07 PM

BH

“ Tom's kindness and support for emerging authors will be sorely missed. His advice and support meant so much to me. My condolences. Batt Humphreys

Batt Humphreys - March 09, 2015 at 08:02 AM

SS

“ Most times, upon entering the store, Tom would be the greeter, standing off side, behind the leather couch. Hands in his pockets, a smile on his face...always said hello. I shall miss his constant presence. I watched his face thin down...his pallor fade...but he never lost his graciousness and gentle, yet firm manner. Read good books, Tom. Love Vickie forever.

Susan A. Scheno

Susan A. Scheno - March 08, 2015 at 05:26 PM