



## Thomas Devin

July 6, 1946 - November 24, 2010

Thomas J. Devin (1946-2010)

CEDAR FALLS- Thomas James Devin, 64, of Cedar Falls, died Wednesday, November 24, at Covenant Medical Center.

He was born July 6, 1946 in Marshalltown, son of James H. and Edna M. (Waltemeyer) Devin. He married Jewel B. Tesch July 10, 1971 in Muscatine, Iowa.

He graduated from Muscatine High School in 1964 and received his Bachelor of Science degree from Missouri State College in 1968. He served four years in the US Navy including a year tour in the "Brown Water Navy" in Vietnam. In 1973, he received his Industrial Arts teaching certification from UNI and taught in Fort Myers, FL, and Ottumwa, IA. While in Ottumwa, he also coached middle school track and girls basketball. He then worked for Doerfer Engineering as a Machinist, and in 1981 was employed as the Manager of Print Services with Hawkeye Community College, retiring in 2002. In retirement, he worked part time at Younkers in Cedar Falls for five years.

Tom enjoyed golfing, hunting, fishing, and photography.

Survivors include: his wife, Jewel; a son, Michael of Walnut Creek, CA; a

brother, Dr. J.P. (Irene) Devin of Laramie, WY; two nephews; a niece; and a brother-in-law, James Tesch of Conway, AR.

Preceded in death by: his parents.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday at the Richardson Funeral Home. There will be no visitation.

Memorials may be directed to the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Eastern Iowa or to the American Heart Association/IA division.

# Tribute Wall



“ Dear Jewel and Mike, I will miss Tom very much. He was always so warm and loving to me, my family, and even to our dogs. At first glance Tom seemed serious and stern, but what a caring, humorous and affectionate heart he had! In the time that I spent with him he modeled honesty, integrity, compassion, and an incredible tolerance for spicy peppers. I will remember him with fondness and warmth. My prayers and thoughts are with you. -- Jason

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December 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ I was made aware of Tom's death this morning. It brought back many memories of when we both worked at HCC and I would walk over to the Print Shop & talk to Tom about an order for the Library where I worked. Every once in awhile, Tom would come into the Library and say hello and we found out we were about the same age, had lived in Ottumwa, and had ties to the Quad-City area. He spoke often of his wife, Jewel, and his family. He was a hard worker with a subtle sense of humor. He will be missed. My sincere condolences.

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November 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ My sincere condolences to Tom's family. I enjoyed many a golf game with Tom during HAGA league and w/him & Bruce for a quick 9 holes. Even though he would drive me nuts with his slow putting skills, it was always enjoyable. He & Bruce seemed to spend more time looking for lost golf balls than actually golfing. Last weekend the Gertsenbergers & us shared some fond/funny memories of Tom. He will be missed.

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November 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ I want to send my condolence's to Tom's family, Tom was there to listen to me as my family and I dealt with a similar loss of a family member during this holiday time. I also have many fond memories of Tom during his time at the college, particularly his mentioning of Ernie Borgnine for no reason in the middle of conversations in the breakroom and when Rod S. tried to sell him a Cy Young baseball card, he just cut off of a box of snack cakes.

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November 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ My condolences to Tom's family. I had the pleasure of knowing Tom when he managed the Print Services at Hawkeye Community College. Many were the times when Tom went above and beyond to provide excellent service to faculty. I enjoyed stopping by with a "rush" order and know that he would meet me with a smile and sure, I can do that! He certainly set the bar high for all who have followed in his footsteps at the printshop! In particular, Tom helped me put together, print and bind an extremely important accreditation report. Without his help, the quality I needed wouldn't have been possible.

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November 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Dearest Jewel, I'm so very sad for you! I think and pray for you often. please know that you are so loved..and we're here for you. may God bless you in your days ahead. love debbie

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November 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Jewel and Mike, you are so blessed to have had Tom as your husband and father. He was a smart, kind, caring, and great man who loved you both and was so very proud of you, Mike. He would tell me stories of your dog and your work. I could not have asked for a better friend and next-door neighbor than Tom. I miss him very much. Our beloved dog, Sophie, is trailing after him in heaven and he is feeding her many treats, as he always did when they were both here. As you know, I am here for you always.*

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July 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM