



Thomas James Rush

November 4, 1951 - August 31, 2009

Thomas James Rush, loving husband of Anita Macklin Rush, father of Diane Michele and Jackie Lynn Reese Packer, grandfather of Haley Beth and Zachary Ryan Packer, son of Edward F. and the late Dorothy T Rush, brother of Edward Louise and Joseph Peggy and the late William Rush and Ruth Smith. Also survived by nieces and nephews, numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and dear friends in Pennsylvania, Texas and Nevada.

Tom was born November 4, 1951 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to Edward Franklin Rush and Dorothy Todd Willis. He passed away August 31, 2009 in Sugar Land.

Tom graduated from Langley High School in Pittsburgh, PA, where he also attended Conley Vocational School, Cleveland Institute of Electronics and Community College of Allegheny County. Tom served two years during the Vietnam era in the United States Army and worked for Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania. While in Pennsylvania, Tom was an active member of Avalon Lodge #657, Bellevue Royal Arch Chapter # 386, Allegheny Commandry # 35, Gorgas Lodge of Perfection and the Arabia Shrine. He was involved with and contributed to many children's charities. Together with his wife Anita and their daughters, Tom transferred to Houston in 1982. He was employed with Southwestern Bell Telephone, where he received their highest service honor, the Ryder Award, from the Dallas Market area. Tom was a Life Member of the Fort Bend County Fair Association, a CERT volunteer, former president of the Sugar Land Ag Booster Club, a

former member of the Kempner Ag Booster Club, the Sugar Land Citizen's Police Academy Alumni, the Sugar Land Search and Recovery Team and a member of the SBC Telephone Pioneers. Tom dearly loved and enjoyed his family and grandchildren, and his spontaneous travel adventures with Anita, his wife of 38 years. A special friend, Liberty Belle his English Bulldog, was a constant companion. He was a talented craftsman and woodworker who shared his talents with everyone, and his handiwork was perfection. He believed in a strong work ethic and was dedicated to helping all mankind. Tom's tremendous faith was the cornerstone of his life and he and will be sorely missed by all who knew and loved him. Tom was a member of St. Teresa Catholic Church in Sugar Land.

Friends will be received from 5:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M., Thursday, September 3, 2009 in the State Room of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home in Rosenberg. Another visitation will be held from 3:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. with a rosary at 7:00 P.M., on Friday, September 4, 2009 in the Chapel of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home in Rosenberg.

Mass of Christian burial will be held at St. Teresa's Church in Sugar Land at 10:00 A.M., Saturday, September 5, 2009 followed by interment in Greenlawn Memorial Park in Rosenberg.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to the Brain Trauma Foundation or the Shriners Hospital in Houston/Galveston.

Pallbearers will be Edward Robert Rush , Reese Packer, Eddie Makara, Garland Melancon, and Daniel Macklin.

Honorary pallbearers will be Zachary and Haley Packer and Joseph Victor Rush.

Words of condolence may be left for the Rush family at www.davisgreenlawnfh.com.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home, 3900 B.F. Terry Blvd., Rosenberg, Texas, 77471. 281-341-8800

Tribute Wall

PT

“ We will always remember Tom's warm smile and his friendship toward us.

The Trewitts

Patrick, Rebecca and Kristin Trewitt - November 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GL

“ sorry for your loss. This also comes from mandi, sean and amy

gwen lantz - September 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

WH

“ Jackie and family,
We are so sorry. Our prayers are with you.
Wanda and children

Wanda Harrell - September 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ You are in my thoughts and prays. May God Bless you and your family.

Chau Duong - September 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ There is not many words that can express my sympathy for the loss of your husband, father and grandpa!! He is with the LORD and will never be in pain again. Let your FAITH in the LORD be strong in this time of need, he will help your family through this difficult time. Mr.Rush will never be forgotten!! My heart is with you all!! If there is anything I can do to help, I am here for all of you!!

Shana Harris - September 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ Anita, Jackie, Reese, Michelle and Kids;

Words cannot express my sorrow and I can only hope that your faith and your love helps your family get through this painful time and that the wonderful loving memories of Tom stay in your hearts forever. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your loved ones. God bless you all.

Lisa, Veronica and Monica

Lisa Packer-Calvert - September 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ Michele-I am so sorry to hear about your dad;I am sure that it meant alot to him & your mom that you could be there to support both of them. You are in my thoughts.Gail M.

Gail Massey - September 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

OR

“ Our hearts and prayers go out to you and your family. Mina and I are so sorry for your loss and we hope your memories provide you some comfort during this difficult time. We love you Michele...

Omar Rios - September 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ Anita and family our prayers are with you God Bless

Bob@Helen Kutrufis - September 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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MS

“ Dear Michele and Family,

Please know that my prayers as well as so many others are with you and your family during this time. It is evident that your dad loved his family and friends very much and that he passed this special ability to care and love on to you.

Love,

Megan Steffel

Megan Steffel - September 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Dear Anita,
Please know that thoughts and prayers surround you.
Warmly,
Janet Fox

Janet Fox - September 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Dear Anita,
My prayers are with you and your family as they have been throughout Tom's illness. I am so sorry for your loss.
Donna

Donna Blackburn - September 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Sending my condolences and that of Avalon Lodge #657, F & AM. We were looking forward to seeing Tom on his planned return to Pgh. before his illness prevented him. All his brothers in the lodge know he is received by The Great Architect of the Universe and will reside with Him in that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Jim Toward - September 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AO

“ Anita and Family,

We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to all. You have been in our minds, hearts, and prayers throughout this entire process. I know Tom is in a better place with our Lord. May the Lord be with you all. You remain in our thoughts and prayers. Love from Aunt Marie and Patty & Stephen

Aunt Marie, Patty and Stephen O'Driscoll - September 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RJ

“ Sorry to hear about your loss.
You and your family are in our prayers.

Reny J - September 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Aunt Anita, Michelle, Jackie, Reese, Haley and Zach.
You are all in our hearts and prayers. Uncle Tom was a great man and his love shines in all of you.
Love you,

Sharon Justice Wiernik - September 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ We will miss Tom and share your loss with deepest sympathy. We will offer our prayers for your family. Tom was a very special friend. He will always be remembered by Anne and I, Mike Ernest and Jim McNamara as one of the strongest people we knew. He will always be remembered for his integrity, compassion and true grit. May the strength of our Lord be with you all in this time of grief.

Charles & Anne Conroy - September 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ As a co-worker and friend of Michele's, Tom's life and legacy clearly included passing the baton of goodness and kindness on to his children.

Albert Cantara - September 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ There are no words to tell you all how I feel right now. Tom shared his life with me. He has a bulldog, he never backed down, and was one of the strongest individuals both physically and morally anyone could ever know. To the family he shared with us; Michelle, Jackie, and Anita I send my heartfelt love. In the "select few" that hung out, worked, and loved Tom, I shed my tears with you all. Our pal is in heaven now - no pain and he's wearing that big smile. On behalf of Charlie and all the others, we humbly say that we miss you Tom.
Mac

Jim McNamara - September 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ My heart is filled with sadness at your loss of Mr. Rush. He always made me smile & laugh at his funny jokes when he would come to the office to get his xray done. i do believe he is at peace now and will be truly missed. my prayers go out to you anita and the rest of the family. God Bless.

Jennifer Pineda - September 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ LOVE YOU ALL

SHEILA TOVCIMAK - September 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ The world is a little dimmer without a Tom Rush in it. Tom was one of my rocks that I looked to when the going got tough! Anita, our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family. Know that your rock awaits you in a better place.
With Love and deep felt sympathy,
David and Sonja Van Tassell

David & Sonja Van Tassell - September 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Hello Anita, Am sorry for your loss, I pray that God will watch and guide your family through this period of grief. Will keep you all in prayers.

linda moghalu - September 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *Death is not something to fear. It is just another chapter of your life; That you shared with your loving father. Keep him in your heart and he will watch over you.*

My deepest condolences to you, Doc.

Doc St.Clair - September 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ *Michele,*

I saw this in a card and I thought it appropriate to send to your family. Please know that you have been on my mind a lot and that I will continue to pray for you and your family. May God grant you the strength to get through this very difficult time.

"Perhaps they are not the stars, but rather openings in Heaven where the love of our lost ones pours through and shines down to let us know they are with us."

Araceli Ramirez - September 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *Praying that you and your family find comfort in God's love during this time.*

Molly Chaloupka McRae - September 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. My deepest condolences to you all. Keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers.*

Sandy Haynie Luna - September 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ Dear Michele, I am saddened by the news of the loss of your father. I am confident that the wonderful memories you have of him will comfort you at this time and in the future. You and your family are in my thoughts. Karen Chitwood

Karen Chitwood - September 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ May you all find the love, peace and comfort that God so freely offers in your time of sorrow. Please know that your family is in our thoughts prayers.

Eddie & Sheila Shedd - September 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ I am soo sorry for your loss. You are in my prayers.

Shannon Cox - September 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Michele and family,

I am so sorry to learn about your father's passing. Losing a loved one is so hard, but you and your family's memories will help to ease the pain. Please know that I'm thinking of you and keeping you and your family in my prayers.

June Martinez - September 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Dear Michele and Family,

Adam and I are so sorry for your loss. I know how special your father was to you and our hearts and thoughts are with you as you grieve. I know that your memories of him and the strength of your family will help you all survive such a deep loss. With love- Jules

Juliane Taylor - September 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ Rush Family,

Karen and I are so deeply saddened for you loss. Tom was one of my BEST FRIENDS when he lived in the Burgh. He was a no nonsense type person, he would help anyone with there projects, but don't ever cut corners, do it right the first time.

What a wonderful guy he was!

The Dougherty's

Karen & Art

Art Dougherty - September 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM