



Tom D Precht

August 25, 1952 - June 28, 2015

Thomas “Tom” Precht

Jennings: The family and friends of Thomas “Tom” Precht are mourning the loss of their loved one who was called from this life on June 28, 2015 at the age of 62. Thomas, known to his family and friends as “Tom”, was born in Jennings, LA to Dwight and Ruth Precht on August 25, 1952. Tom was a lifelong resident of Jennings and a retired Director of Parks and Recreation in Jennings. He was an active member of the Jennings United Methodist Church. He loved helping others, making people smile, and he had a great impact on bringing girls softball to Jennings. Tom was loved by many and will be greatly missed.

Tom is survived by his beloved wife of 25 years, Kim Broussard Precht of Jennings, LA; three daughters, Jessica Precht Kopnick (Jeremy) of Jennings, LA, Carrie “Mimi” Precht Kratzer (Brandon) of Jennings, LA, Erin Precht of Jennings, LA; one son, Matthew Precht of Jennings, LA; three sisters, Carolyn Marks of Jennings, LA, Beth Tilley (Jimmy) of Lake Charles, LA, Kayla Fournierat (Gerald) of Lake Charles, LA; two brothers, Charles “Bucky” Precht (Charleen) of Iota, LA, Jimmy Precht (Linda) of Jennings, LA; five grandchildren, Charlie and Laikyn Kopnick, Laith, Thomas and Jillian Kratzer.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents, Dwight and Ruth Precht; one son,

Joshua Thomas Precht; one sister, Sally Jean Precht.

In honor of his life we ask that everyone wear bright colors and of tie-dye.

Funeral services to honor Tom's life will be held at the Jennings United Methodist Church in Jennings, LA on Thursday, July 2, 2015 at 2:00 PM with Pastor Walter Parker officiating. Burial will follow in Greenwood Cemetery. Visitation will be held at Matthews & Son Funeral Home in Jennings on Wednesday, July 1st from 2:00 PM until 9:00 PM and resume on Thursday at 10:00 AM until 12:00 PM. Visitation will continue at 1:00 PM until the time of his service at the Jennings United Methodist Church.

Carrying Tom to his final resting place in Greenwood Cemetery will be Stevie Van Hook, Marcus Martin, Mitch Sonnier, Jimmy Segura, Joel Richert and Donnie Daigle. Honorary pallbearers will be Jeremy Kopnick, Brandon Kratzer, Laith Kratzer, Thomas Kratzer, Charlie Kopnick, Bucky Precht, Jimmy Precht and Brian Benoit.

In lieu of flower the family request that donations be made to The Melissa Doise Breast Cancer Foundation or The Jennings Alumni Tournament. Both foundations that Tom started and held a true passion in his heart for.

To extend online condolences, please visit our website at www.matthewsandsfuneralhome.net

Arrangements have been entrusted to Matthews & Son Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Greenwood Cemetery

Evangeline Rd.
Jennings, LA 70546

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 1. 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Matthews Funeral Home - JENNINGS
511 N. Cutting Avenue
Jennings, LA 70546
(337) 824-4420
jimmy@matthewsfh.com
<https://www.matthewsandsonfuneralhome.net/>

Visitation

JUL 2. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Visitation

JUL 2. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Jennings United Methodist Church
702 Cary St.
Jennings, LA

Service

JUL 2. 2:00 PM (CT)

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702 Cary St.
Jennings, LA

Tribute Wall



“ *Tom D Precht*

January 28, 2023 at 04:12 PM



“ *Our sincere condolences and prayers for the family.
Bob and Diane Chafin*

Bob S. Chafin - July 06, 2015 at 02:09 PM



“ *I will miss Tom's "Dog Bites" column in the Jennings Daily News, especially the post game reports. As the historien of the Jennings football program, I gave Tom alot of imformation about the Dogs opponents, and he really appreciated that.
I will always remember when in 2006 I missed (GASP!!) a football game because I went to Los Angles to see a USC football game with
Eddie Schmitt. Tom put in his "Dog Bites" column that I went to interview for a job as a USC chaingang member. The next week when
I was back home for the next JHS game, Tom put in his "Dog Bite" column that I turned down the job offer from USC!
Thanks for EVERYTHING, Tom...You are a TRUE Bulldog!*

Somewhere in Bulldog Heaven there is a JHS football game being played, and Tom Pretch is doing play-by-play on the radio.

Randall "Foo" Fuselier

Randall G. Fuselier - July 03, 2015 at 08:06 AM

AD

“ Alexis Dartez lit a candle in memory of Tom D Precht



Alexis Dartez - July 02, 2015 at 02:17 PM

MR

“ Mildred Randolph lit a candle in memory of Tom D Precht



Mildred Randolph - July 02, 2015 at 10:01 AM

CH

“ Clevetta Hawkins lit a candle in memory of Tom D Precht



Clevetta Hawkins - July 02, 2015 at 09:59 AM

VA

“ Vera Abraham lit a candle in memory of Tom D Precht



Vera Abraham - July 02, 2015 at 09:58 AM

WD

“ *Kim & Family;
May the Lord's hands of compassion and love and his guiding light from above, shine down upon you and give you strength during this time of sorrow. May you find comfort in knowing that family and friends share in your loss. Tom will be missed by all!*

Winston, Trey and Ella Dartez-Williams

Winston, Trey and Ella Dartez-Williams - July 02, 2015 at 09:57 AM

EW

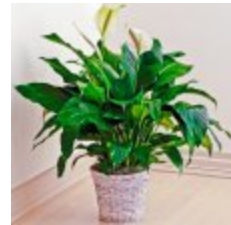
“ *Ella & Winston Williams lit a candle in memory of Tom D Precht*



Ella & Winston Williams - July 02, 2015 at 09:51 AM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Tom D Precht.*



July 01, 2015 at 10:59 PM

JS

“ I was so saddened to hear of Tom's passing. I have always thought the world of Tom and enjoyed each time we had a chance to visit and talk. We spent our high school years at Jennings and Tom was always the cut up. He was just a great all around guy and I'm saddened that he will not be with us any longer. I know that Tom has endured a great deal of physical illness over the past years and the Good Lord has finally freed him of that burden. I know that I will get to see my good buddy again one day. My deepest sympathies to his family. I will be praying for you during the days ahead.

John Savoy

John Savoy - July 01, 2015 at 08:44 PM

BR

“ Brenda And Tommy Rasberry lit a candle in memory of Tom D Precht



Brenda and Tommy Rasberry - July 01, 2015 at 07:00 PM

BR

Our prayers go out to all the family !!

Brenda and Tommy Rasberry - July 01, 2015 at 07:04 PM

TB

“ The Baccigalopi's purchased the Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers for the family of Tom D Precht.



The Baccigalopi's - July 01, 2015 at 02:58 PM

HD

“ I went to high school with Tom. He was my quarterback. What I mean by that, he and I were sort of second string. When I was a junior and he was a sophomore, we were on the training offensive team. We ran plays against our 1st string defense. Tom was a small guy with beg guys mentality. They even put Tom at tackle against a 250 pounder to show that even a little guy could hold the defensive tackle back on a pass play.

When I was a senior and he a junior, we were sort of second stringers. He played behind Billy and I played behind Ricky. When we started the season, we played 2 offenses, so we got a lot of playing time. Tom always look out for me and the whole team making sure we were ok and could keep charging.

I hadn't seen Tom is several years. At a parade I think. I have so many fond memories of him. He started setting examples even back then. My prayers go out to Tom's family and all his friends.

Huey Daigle - July 01, 2015 at 11:32 AM

GK

“ Tom was a true friend to me. He and I not only loved to discuss sports, but we also discussed matters of faith. When we discussed the prospects of the next life, I felt a real closeness to him. I so appreciated the opportunity to talk with him about that at his request. I am certain that Tom now fully enjoys the realities of life with God face to face. In addition to being so well known for so many things, Tom was also a man of great faith. I could see that when we talked about spiritual things. God bless you, Tom. Have a great eternity. We will talk again and enjoy it all together.

Gary Koopmann, Pastor, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Jennings, LA

Gary Koopmann - July 01, 2015 at 09:22 AM

AM

“ Annette & Kenneth Miller lit a candle in memory of Tom D Precht



Annette & Kenneth Miller - June 30, 2015 at 07:45 PM



“ Multicolor Bright Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Tom D Precht.



June 30, 2015 at 07:24 PM



“ 32 files added to the album LifeTributes



Matthews Funeral Home - June 30, 2015 at 04:50 PM

GM

“ Tom was also a patient at the Therapy Center and when he learned that I also was from Roanoke and then that he announced for sporting events thus we both shared respect of The Charlie Williams, well I had a challenge doing therapy-he was an avid conversationalist. Then more so, I asked why he wore such "distinguishable" cloths and socks which was blamed on his daughters. I fast learned how much his community respected him and how in turn he respected his community and family. Tom's Family- I will remember you in my personal devotions; condolences.

Glenn Miller - June 30, 2015 at 12:36 PM

DT

“ Dell Deshotel Tullier lit a candle in memory of Tom D Precht



Dell Deshotel Tullier - June 30, 2015 at 11:56 AM

BF

“ After 20-something years, and a serendipitous circumstance while visiting my mother at the Jennings Living Center, I renewed my high school friendship with Tom. We visited for an hour or so and by the end of the visit he was sitting up on the bed laughing with me as we enjoyed the conversation. It was his eyes that reminded most of our early years; they seemed not to have changed at all. I promised to return and take him for a ride in my convertible. He was ready to go that day. My deepest condolences to the Family and we will keep you in our prayers. Rest easy Tom. Bill and Becky Faulk, Baton Rouge, LA.

Bill Faulk - June 30, 2015 at 10:05 AM



“ *White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Tom D Precht.*



June 30, 2015 at 09:57 AM



“ *For many years I have listened to Friday night JHS football. I always loved it when Tom mentioned his Aunt Mary and his Aunt Ola Mae in his broadcasts. Evidently they influenced him greatly especially about grammar!!!! I have prayed for him and for Matt. Will continue to pray for all of you. A huge shout-out to Tom in heaven!!!!*

Carolyn C Delahoussaye - June 30, 2015 at 08:41 AM



“ *Our loving condolences and prayers go out to Ms Kim, the children, entire family and friends, and indeed all the world that knew and loved Tom. His exuberance for LIFE can never be extinguished. His spirit lit up a room and even now, his memory does. We are blessed to have enjoyed the Thanksgiving ham he cooked, and when I went for physical therapy in Jennings, and saw him there, he always came over and said something to make me laugh. The whole extended Precht Family is a treasure, and may God Bless you all with peace and comfort through the tears. With love, Linda and Louis Cart, Iota LA*

Linda Cart - June 30, 2015 at 08:16 AM

NR

“ So sorry to hear of Toms passing. I am sure that all were gathered to greet him with open arms giving him peace and freedom from discomfort and frustration. I remember meeting him for the first time on Friedas little patio.. A round, very bright (in more ways than one) young man with an infectious smile. His kindness and warmth was obvious and it was MY blessing to have known him. Whenever i think of Tom a smile creeps across my face. I guess that speaks volumes. I am sure Heaven is a bit brighter!

nancy robertson - June 30, 2015 at 05:16 AM

CV

“ I am so sorry to hear of the loss of Tom. He was a unique man, someone who knew how to bring out the best in us. A devoted man not only to the JHS family but especially to his own. In the days ahead, may you find healing and comfort in good memories, peaceful moments, and stories that live on in your hearts. With deepest sympathy, Shelly Van Hook



CM VanHook - June 30, 2015 at 01:13 AM

MM

Have known Tom since he was that little boy with the crew cut. It was always a treat to visit with our cousins, the Prechts, esp. Tom. Later in life, he organized gatherings for our families. He was so interested in my kids even tho they didn't play for Jennings 😊. He was kind, caring, humble. A good man.

Mary Beth Miller - July 01, 2015 at 07:59 PM

JB

“ *Julie Boggio lit a candle in memory of Tom D Precht*



Julie Boggio - June 30, 2015 at 12:05 AM



Patricia
Williams

“ *Patricia Williams lit a candle in memory of Tom D Precht*



Patricia Williams - June 29, 2015 at 11:21 PM

JL

“ *Jeannette LaPoint lit a candle in memory of Tom D Precht*



Jeannette LaPoint - June 29, 2015 at 10:19 PM

NN

“ *NANCY NUNEZ purchased the Plants-A-Plenty for the family of Tom D Precht.*



NANCY NUNEZ - June 29, 2015 at 10:07 PM

CS

“ Cherie Stanton lit a candle in memory of Tom D Precht



Cherie Stanton - June 29, 2015 at 09:07 PM

WB

“ I lived west of Tom on third street and we would have a lot fun playing football in the vacant lot on the corner just east of his house,we also played. pee wee football for the Elks lodge if my memory serves me right. THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES TOM!
William Baronet (willie bear)

william baronet - June 29, 2015 at 08:56 PM

ML

“ Mary Langley lit a candle in memory of Tom D Precht



Mary Langley - June 29, 2015 at 08:55 PM

CL

“ When Dylan was playing for jennings high, And when i was working offshore, i knew i could catch the game on line and tom would bring the game to me. I remember one day i told him how much it was like i was at the game when he commentated the games. It was like i was there. The passion the love he put into the game. He never once said a bad thing about the other team, coaches or kids, it was all for the love of the game for him. He loved his Bulldogs. Then one game i was at work, and he must of known this, He gave me one of the best shout outs that i could imagine. It made me feel really good. Thats just what kind of man he was. The Bulldog Nation will miss that man more than anyone can imagine. Thanx for all the memories, And helping my two boys see what a great man is all about. They talk about you often and thats one thing they will never forget. The love for Bulldogs...

Clinton Lavergne - June 29, 2015 at 08:47 PM

KC

“ Such a sweet man who I always admired!! Will always remember his smile and great personality!! So sad he's gone but rest in the fact he's at peace and no doubt the angel wearing tye dye with our Lord and savior!! Prayers and love going out to this sweet family!!

keri cannon - June 29, 2015 at 08:36 PM



“ Phelina Clement lit a candle in memory of Tom D Precht

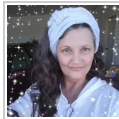


Phelina Clement - June 29, 2015 at 08:22 PM



I,'m so sad to hear of the loss of this Great man Tom D. Precht.. He was always so friendly to anyone & everyone & We all loved the way he dressed.. He will all be Remembered.. My Prayers are with his family & friends. 🙏🧡💔

Phelina Clement - June 29, 2015 at 08:42 PM



Tom will always be remembered.

Phelina Clement - June 29, 2015 at 08:53 PM

MR

“ Mike & Curleen Reed lit a candle in memory of Tom D Precht



Mike & Curleen Reed - June 29, 2015 at 08:16 PM

WP

“ I didn't know Mr Tom very long, but I remember that he always had a smile on his face and was willing to help anyone no matter how bad he was feeling. He would even try to teach me something new every time I saw him. He will be greatly missed around JALH

Whitnie Pinch - June 29, 2015 at 07:45 PM

DM

“ Tom's support of young people and athletics in Jennings will never be matched. My daughter, Amanda McCormick, played on the very first JHS girls softball team. I've always known that without Tom, the JHS girls softball team would not have happened when it did. We all owe a debt of gratitude to this man for all that he's done for the youth and athletics in this city. He truly cared about every child out there on the ball field or in the gym, or wherever they were playing! Thank you, Tom. I will miss you.

Donna McCormick



Donna McCormick - June 29, 2015 at 07:39 PM

AC

“ There are so many memories! Joel and Tom knew each other but we all got to be closer friends when they started the Bulldog broadcasts on Friday night. In the early days, we tailgated to every game both home and away. Joel was always Coach and when Mun and Matt were born, we became known as Aunt Coach and Uncle Coach. Jess and Mimi's families started calling us that, too! Through the years there were many family gatherings, birthday parties, showers, weddings, births and shared sorrows. Tom always made us feel like part of the Precht family and we loved him for it. Tom was a rare person who knew the ever present joy embedded in every day no matter what was going on in his life. His life's mission was to make the journeys of others lighter, happier, easier. To me, he left this world a great success: a loving family man and a great lover of God who cared for others to the best of his ability. This world needs more Tom Prechts. We love and miss you, Tom. Our prayers remain with Kim and all of the children and grandchildren. We love you, too. Aunt Coach

Aunt Coach - June 29, 2015 at 07:34 PM

TT

“ *Trudy & Dennis Tietje lit a candle in memory of Tom D Precht*



Trudy & Dennis Tietje - June 29, 2015 at 07:33 PM

SL

“ *I am sorry for your loss...steven r lee*

steven r lee - June 29, 2015 at 06:59 PM

CP

“ *Cindy Price lit a candle in memory of Tom D Precht*



Cindy Price - June 29, 2015 at 04:32 PM

MM

“ *I've known Tom since high school and knew he took pride in working his baseball fields and taking care of all the city parks. What I will remember most about him was always wearing different colored and mismatched socks. His friend, Mike Miers.*

Mike Miers - June 29, 2015 at 11:02 AM

MK

“ *Tom has won the victory in Christ. He will be missed, but you can find comfort in that victory. Gary and I are in Arkansas, but we are with you in our thoughts and prayers. Marcia and Gary Koopmann*

Marcia Koopmann - June 28, 2015 at 08:57 PM

Jenny Radel

“ Tom was one of the nicest Mose encouraging men I have had the pleasure of knowing when I moved to Jennings . He ran the parks and recreation dept with live for the kids and percussion. I will miss him a lot, my prayers go out to his beautiful family 🙏🙏🙏🙏



Jenny Radel - June 28, 2015 at 07:27 PM

Jenny Radel

Sorry my auto correct messed up

Jenny Radel - June 28, 2015 at 07:28 PM

PT

“ Tom was certainly a one-of-a-kind man. He brought smiles no matter where he went. He didn't know the meaning of "a stranger". He made himself everyone's friend. I think he made us all look on the brighter side of life. I for one already miss him and he will be missed by everyone around Jennings indefinitely. To the family: please accept my sincere sympathy. You will have so many sweet memories to look back on. Be assured that you have many prayers being said in your behalf.

Peggy Tupper - June 28, 2015 at 01:13 PM

KT

couldn't have said it better aunt peggy I will miss him a lot. Kelly Tupper

Kelly Tupper - June 28, 2015 at 11:38 PM

KT

Tom was a unique character that has left quite a void in this small town. It would be hard to find someone living here that did not know him or have a story to tell about him. Loved this kind and considerate man. To Kim, All his children and grands, and the rest of his family, my prayers are with you in this transition period, but be assured his is in a far better place than before. He has made it where we as Christians strive to be!!

KAREN TOUCHET - June 29, 2015 at 10:44 AM

TO

I don't think I have ever seen Tom when he wasn't wearing a smile and of course his tie-dyed clothes and mismatched socks. I take it back, I did see him in dress clothes one day and had to look twice to make sure it was him! I'm going to miss that smile of his and his very colorful personality. My sincere condolences to his family.

Tootie - June 29, 2015 at 07:28 PM