



Tommy O'Donell

October 25, 2010

Thomas Norman O'Donell, 76, of Morrilton, Arkansas, passed away Monday, October 25, 2010, at Hospice Home Care in Little Rock. Tommy was born at Griffithville, AR, October 7, 1934, to Charles and Marion Gaines O'Donell. He was a graduate of Griffithville High School, the University of Arkansas (Phi Kappa Alpha), and the Arkansas School of Pharmacy. He began his pharmacy career in 1958 at Lyons Drugstore, Lonoke, Arkansas. He served in the 916th Surgical Unit, U.S. Army Reserves, as an SPC5 on call-up duty in South Carolina in 1961-62. In 1965 he opened O'Donell's Pharmacy in Morrilton, which he operated until his retirement in 1999.

Tommy was an active member of the First United Methodist Church of Morrilton, a 32nd Degree Mason, past president of the Morrilton Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Conway Country Club, and the Fish Lake Club. He was past president of the Arkansas Pharmacists Association, served on the Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy and on the Board of Admissions for the University of Arkansas College of Pharmacy.

Tommy was preceded in death by his father. He is survived by his mother, Marion, of Searcy, Arkansas; his children, Karen O'Donell, Longmont, Colorado; Pam Hairston (Chip), Little Rock, Arkansas; Bart Coates O'Donell, Little Rock, Arkansas; his grandson, Will Hairston; his brother Jim O'Donell (Brenda), Cocoa Beach, Florida, and extended family and friends.

Memorial services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, October 29, 2010, at First United Methodist Church. The family will receive friends from 3:00-8:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 28, at Tommy's home. Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Morrilton, or to the UAMS College of Pharmacy Foundation Fund, 4301 W. Markham, Slot 522-1A, Little Rock, AR 72205. Arrangements by Harris Funeral Home of Morrilton.

Tribute Wall



“ Tommy O'Donell

January 30, 2023 at 02:08 AM



“ Truly sorry to read this today. Tommy was a great guy. Everytime you saw him he had that big smile on his face. He will be missed.

June 29, 2018 at 10:38 PM



“ Going to the Country Club with you while you played golf. We would go swimming afterwards. I thought you were "The Man". All I had to say was "charge it to Daddy":)

I Love You,

"Little Tommy"

Pam O'Donell Hairston - June 29, 2018 at 10:38 PM



“ Bart and family,
So sorry about Tommy. I just found out late and didn't have your address. You are in my thoughts and prayers. He is in a better place and you know your momma is taking care of him. You know I love you and am thinking about you.

Suzanne

November 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Butch,
Tommy was a good neighbor, member of the community, friend, and man.
One of my fondest memories of your dad was of him and his dog(s) walking Cedar Crest Drive of a morning and evening with Jim Bryan. He would stop to speak to everyone he met.
I'm glad I had an opportunity to speak with you and him after I became aware of his illness.
He will be missed by me and many others.
Take care.
Sincerely,
Beth Sharbaugh

November 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Karen,
I'm sorry to read about your dad today. He was a leader in the pharmacy profession. Although it's been many years since I've seen you, you were my first pharmacy resident and I have fond memories of those early years.
Take care,
Lisa

November 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ We always loved and respected Tommy. We enjoyed seeing him at pharmacy meetings and spending time with him. He was a good man and a leader in his profession. We will miss his kindness and ever present smile!!

November 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Bart, I remember you from high school and always a respectable young man as your dad...I know what it is like to lose someone you love as you know I lost our oldest son Stephen Clay 6 years ago...sometimes its like an eternity ago and then its like yesterday. May God give you the peace and strength to carry on and know that we are praying for you and your family. God bless you, Sandy Clay.

November 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so saddened to hear about Tommy's passing. He was such a wonderful friend and person. Tommy was always so kind to me whenever I met him anywhere and was never to busy to ask about my family. I will forever have a piece of me that is just a bit darkened now that he is gone. May God Bless and keep you all during this trying time. Beth Fullerton

October 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Tommy will be solely missed not only by his family but also in the community and the State. He was a Big Man in Pharmacy. In our profession of Pharmacy, Tommy was always one of those individuals that you listened to when he talked. I feel blessed to have had the opportunity to spend time with Tommy. He was also the best 15 handicap that I ever played with. I will miss him.

October 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Tommy was truly a gentleman. Just knowing him brightened my life during difficult times. Morrilton has lost one of it's finest.

October 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Karen and Pam, The last time I saw your dad was at a golf tournament in Conway. I found a partner for him and we all played together and had so much fun. Your dad had a way of making us all feel important. I hope to see you both again some day! Our love and prayers are with all of you. kim

October 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Pam,
I am so sorry for your loss. I hope you find comfort in knowing you were there for your dad in his time of need. Tommy was such a good grandpa to Will. I admire the way he was always so involved in Will's sports and fishing with him. Those are memories that will last forever.
You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.
Love, Sherry

October 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Karen, your daddy was a fine man, and he will be missed very much by all who knew him. You were my little aggravating, much loved student in 9th grade English class and dear to my heart, always. My telephone number is: 501-224-6399, or 413-8765. I live in Little Rock, at 12416 Eagle Pointe Place, 72211. All of us would rather have you back in Arkansas, but you are Colorado's gain.
Ruth Deaton

October 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Karen and Pam,
Uncle Tommy always held a special place in my heart. If at all possible I would be there for y'all and Aunt Anna, but please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you now and always.
Love, Sharon

October 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Tommy was a wonderful man!! I always enjoyed being around him!
He always had a way of making me smile!!

God bless his family especially during this time and take comfort in knowing that he is in a wonderful place where he will never suffer again!!

October 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Tommy was a giant among men in Morrilton. He holds a special place in my heart because he got medicine for my daughter on a weekend when she really needed it and the drug stores were all closed. I will hold this family up to God in my prayers. May His grace shower down on you.

October 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Karen and Pam, I am so sorry to hear about your loss. I will keep both of you in my prayers.

Love,

Shannon

October 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM