



Dr. Tom Loomis

October 10, 1947 - September 8, 2018

Dr. Tom Loomis, age 70, was a lifelong resident of Sweetwater, TN. He left this world for his heavenly home on September 8, 2018. Tom was a beloved dentist for thirty-seven years. He graduated from the University of Tennessee College of Dentistry, and his patients and staff were like family to him. Lisa Harrison, his former dental assistant and current receptionist, worked alongside Dr. Loomis for thirty-one years, and Missy Butler, current hygienist, worked with him for eighteen years. More recently, Tom's daughter, Jennifer Cooper, had the privilege of working as his dental assistant for the past year. Tom's passions included travel, photography, reading, arrowhead hunting, and fly-fishing, which his son Ben Loomis taught him and enjoyed with him. Tom recently traveled to Newfoundland for a special fishing and sight-seeing trip. Perhaps his most beloved of all hobbies though was spending time in the Tellico Mountains connecting with his Heavenly Father through reflection, nature photography, hiking, and camping.

Tom graduated high school from the Tennessee Military Institute, where he later taught for a brief time before becoming a dentist. He was a devout Christian and devoted member of Glenlock Baptist Church where he taught Sunday School.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents Joseph West Loomis Sr. and Catherine Anne Loomis of Sweetwater, TN, and his beloved lab Annie and wolf-dog Scout. He is survived by his son Benjamin Thomas Loomis, daughter-in-law Carol Ann Loomis, and precious granddaughter Annabelle

Grace Loomis of Mt. Juliet, TN; daughter Jennifer Elizabeth Cooper and son-in-law Robert Harding Cooper of Knoxville, TN; former wife of many years, Sharon Barnard Loomis of Sweetwater, TN; brother Joseph West Loomis Jr. ("Bucky"), husband of Earla Loomis, both of Athens, TN; brother Lynn Marshall Loomis of Sweetwater, TN; and a host of other close relatives and treasured friends.

Receiving of friends will be held at Glenlock Baptist Church on Thursday, September 13th from 5-7 pm with funeral service to follow at 7 pm with Dr. Gerald Atkins officiating. The graveside service will be at West View Cemetery Friday morning at 11 am. In lieu of flowers, please consider honoring Tom by making a donation to his church family at Glenlock Baptist Church, 3050 Sweetwater Vonore Road, Sweetwater, TN 37874. Kyker Funeral Homes, Sweetwater, in charge of arrangements. www.kykerfuneralhomes.com

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 13. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Glenlock Baptist Church
3050 Sweetwater-Vonore Rd.
Sweetwater, TN 37874

Funeral Service

SEP 13. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kyker Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. Tom Loomis*



Kyker Funeral Home - September 12, 2018 at 01:36 PM



“ *I knew Dr. Loomis indirectly when I met him on a backpacking trip in the Upper Bald River area of Monroe Cty, TN. Then I heard on my radio obits from Athens TN his passing. Keep hiking, friend.*

Tipi Walter



Walter Wehner - September 20, 2018 at 01:32 PM

SS

“ Lisa, Missy and Jennifer

Because of an unfortunate set of circumstances I was not aware of Tom's passing until 10 minutes before the gravesides services. I am so sorry for that because I would have love to see you and give all of you a hug.

Tom became my husband's, Bill's, dentist because he accepted patients through the VA. Bill was always thankful that he met a dentist that he "clicked" with. Both of us were thankful that such a good dentist like Tom wanted to help VETs receive dental care. I then became a patient also. We felt, as others have said, that Tom became a friend also.

I was his last patient on July 18 (thank you for "working me in" Lisa) and he was to leave for his big trip to Newfoundland as soon as he finished with my filling. Jennifer, do not know if you remember that we talked about his love for nature and you mentioned how he was in great shape having hiked all over East Tennessee mountains and on his trips. So it was a big surprise to hear of his passing so soon after that visit.

Tom's pictures of nature were amazing. The pictures and his accounts he shared of his trips were full of his love for God's creation. It makes my heart happy to think of the great time he had on the Newfoundland trip and the joy it gave. I was looking forward to seeing his pictures and hearing all about it.

At times we talked of things of faith: sometimes with "deep" meanings and sometimes with humor.

I will miss this soft spoken, quiet, smiling, easy going, gentle man who cared about others.

Prayers are going up for God's presence of peace and His healing hand on the hearts of all who love Tom.

Blessings

Sarah Stemen

Sarah Stemen - September 14, 2018 at 01:40 PM

TS

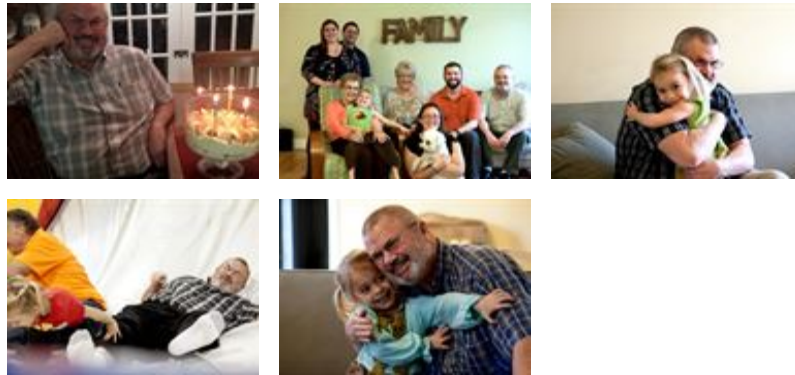
“ *I have so many memories of Tom but the best one I think is when he pulled one of my teeth a few years ago he made it easy for me I love him and his family praying for you all* ”



Tracy Schmitt - September 13, 2018 at 01:42 PM



“ *53 files added to the album Life Tributes* ”



Kyker Funeral Home - September 12, 2018 at 12:32 PM

SL

“ *Sweetwater Public Library lit a candle in memory of Dr. Tom Loomis* ”



Sweetwater Public Library - September 11, 2018 at 02:34 PM

SL

Our condolences on the passing of Dr. Loomis. Always a friendly face when he visited the library.

Sweetwater Public Library - September 11, 2018 at 02:36 PM

DW

“ *I am devastated by the loss of my dentist and friend for > 30 years. RIP . See you again soon*

Diane Wright - September 11, 2018 at 08:20 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Tom Loomis.*



September 10, 2018 at 09:48 PM

 Margie
Estes
Shirley

“ *Our family will miss Dr Loomis so much. He was our beloved dentist for many years. He knew my fears of dentistry and he made me feel safe and secure in his care. He cared for my family like his own. We shared lots of laughs over many years. You are loved and will be missed Tom Loomis. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and his loving staff. The Shirley Family.*

Margie Estes Shirley - September 10, 2018 at 09:06 PM

CL

“ *Dr. Loomis touched my heart with his caring for all prayer requests. He reminded me every Sunday that he was still praying for my nephew.*



christine lankford - September 10, 2018 at 06:43 PM

CL

“ *Christine Lankford lit a candle in memory of Dr. Tom Loomis*



christine lankford - September 10, 2018 at 06:41 PM

GH

“ *I did not have the pleasure to meet Dr. Loomis but I am very fortunate to know and work with his son Ben. Based on my knowledge of Ben and the type of individual he is I have no doubt Dr. Loomis was a tremendous person that impacted many lives. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

Gene Hoover

Gene Hoover - September 10, 2018 at 06:17 PM

LB

“ Tom and Sharon were neighbors in Indian Hills in Sweetwater in the late 70's and we began going to him for our dental needs. He was always very professional and I came to know him more as a Christian brother. We had some lively discussions on matters pertaining to our faith. I appreciated his boldness in his witness and his sharp wit. I will truly miss him

louise barnes - September 10, 2018 at 06:09 PM