



## Thomas Alan Schrader

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With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Thomas 'Tom' Alan Schrader Sr., a cherished husband, father, grandfather, and friend. Tom passed away peacefully on December 4th, 2023, in Mooresville, NC, at the age of 72 with his wife and children by his side. Born in Ohio, on October 27, 1951, Tom's journey through life was marked by love, service, and a deep commitment to his family.

Tom's professional life was dedicated to the automotive industry, where he excelled as a Finance Director. His hard work, dedication, and integrity were evident to all who worked with him. Outside of his career, Tom served his country with pride as a member of the United States Army and shared his love for sports as an all-star player in minor league baseball.

He found his greatest joy in his 49-year marriage to his loving wife, Gwendolyn Louise Schrader. Together, they raised three children - Karen Jenkins (Brian), Thomas "Tom" Schrader Jr. (Kelly), and Lisa White (Josh). Tom was a doting grandfather to Ashlee, Kyle, Finley, and Elle, imparting wisdom, and laughter in equal measure.

Tom's passion for the outdoors was unmistakable, with fishing off the North Carolina coast being among his favorite pursuits. His spirit for adventure was also seen in the numerous trips he enjoyed with his family. Known for his generous heart, Tom was always ready to help those in need, touching

numerous lives along the way.

His passing leaves a void in the hearts of his family, friends, and all who knew him. Yet, we find comfort in the memories and the love he shared so freely.

Tom's legacy of kindness, dedication, and love will continue to live on in those who were fortunate enough to know him.

A private celebration of Tom's life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers the family kindly requests donations to Make-A-Wish Foundation, 6324 Fairview Road #500, Charlotte, NC 28210 [https://secure2.wish.org/site/SPageServer?pagename=donate\\_today&chid=100-000](https://secure2.wish.org/site/SPageServer?pagename=donate_today&chid=100-000) or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105 [https://www.stjude.org/donate/donate-to-st-jude.html?frequency\\_selected=0&sc\\_icid=impactgiving-donate-bttn-top&express=0](https://www.stjude.org/donate/donate-to-st-jude.html?frequency_selected=0&sc_icid=impactgiving-donate-bttn-top&express=0) , reflecting Tom's deep love for helping others, especially children in need.

Tom will be deeply missed but his spirit will live on in the hearts of those who loved him.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home, Mooresville is proudly serving the Schrader family.

# Cemetery Details

## **Cavin-Cook FH & Crematory**

494 E. Plaza Drive  
 Mooresville, NC 28115

# Tribute Wall

JF

“ Tom is my uncle, my moms brother. He was such a loving caring guy and helped anyone who needed help. He helped me in a time that I needed help. He was well known by so many people everywhere due to working in the car sales business. I remember as a kid going to the horse races with him and my grandparents. Spending nights at his house when I was a kid. His funny jokes and little silly songs he would tell us kids. He loved his family very much. As kids he took us around singing Christmas carols. He had a passion for fishing and loved sharing his fish with others. He loved the fight from big fish on the water in North Carolina. He always made sure his whole family was ok and well taken care of. I love him so much and I will miss him that's for sure. He is at peace now with his parents, sister and other family.



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**Jeri Lynn Fortune** - December 05, 2023 at 09:41 PM

DN

*Nice memories Jeri Lynn*

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**Debra Nofz** - December 06, 2023 at 02:49 PM

SM

“ Tom and Gwen were the greatest neighbor I ever had, scared the hell out of him with a water balloon launch that hit near him when he got home from work one night after they move in. What a greeting! Love to play cards with them and beat the wives, great memories. Best side kick a the Wellington Eagles when when we terrorized the one of the band members wife by putting her in jail several time-a fund raiser..

Hope to visit them in N. Carolina some day, sorry I never made it!  
So long to a great friend! Steve Magyar, Pittsfield, Ohio.

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**Steve Magyar** - December 05, 2023 at 09:09 PM

LW

We have such great memories with you. Thank you for your kind words :). Lisa

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**Lisa White** - December 13, 2023 at 05:56 PM

DN

“ Tom was one of my big brothers. Yes he had a heart of gold. Was there for us in time of need. His love for Mom and Dad was unconditional. He loved going to the horse races with them. He will be greatly missed. Love and will miss you.

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**Debra Noftz** - December 05, 2023 at 09:06 PM

JS

“ Tom was a great younger brother! We shared many memories growing up in Cleveland moving around the city every couple of years. We then moved to Kipton, Ohio where he made many friends and many adventures. Even as a young man he had a passion for fishing, catching many very large bass which he enjoyed giving away to a couple of needy families. He also was a fantastic baseball player. I'll miss you terribly! Whenever we talked on the phone our last words to each other was always, "I love you brother"! As they were the last time.

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**Jerry Schrader** - December 05, 2023 at 08:36 PM

TS

“ I feel incredibly fortunate to have had the opportunity to work alongside my amazing dad for 23 years. He was so much more than just my father; he was my best friend and mentor. His guidance and wisdom have been invaluable in shaping who I am today. I will cherish every moment we shared and the countless lessons he taught me, both personally and professionally. I will miss him deeply and love him more than words can express. His presence in my life was a gift, and I'll carry his memory in my heart always.



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**Tom Schrader** - December 05, 2023 at 07:48 PM

PR

*So sorry for your loss. I enjoyed working with him.*

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**POLLY RICHMOND** - December 06, 2023 at 01:56 PM

GG

*I am so thankful for having the opportunity to work w Tom for many years in the auto industry. He & I shared a great friendship & work relationship. I cannot express how much he has taught me thru the years. I still use so much of the wisdom & guidance he shared w me. He will be dearly missed. My sincere condolences to all his family & friends.*

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**Gary Grow** - December 06, 2023 at 02:16 PM

BA

*I am so sorry to hear of Mr. Schrader's passing. My condolences to Gwen, Lisa, Elle and the Schrader family.*

*Bruce Aiello*

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**Bruce Aiello** - December 07, 2023 at 09:03 AM