



Thomas Lonell Fee III

February 4, 1940 - May 26, 2023

Thomas Lonell Fee, III, age 83, of Laurie, passed away Friday, May 26, 2023, at Lake Regional Health System in Osage Beach. He was born February 4, 1940, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, son of the late Thomas Lonell, Jr. and Esther (Juel) Fee.

On July 7, 2003, in Sioux Falls, he was united in marriage to his surviving wife, Karen (Renli) (Haugen) Fee.

Tom served his country in the United States Air Force and retired after twenty years of service. Following his military service, he worked as an accountant until his retirement.

He enjoyed spending time outdoors flying, boating and riding motorcycles.

In addition to his wife Karen, he is survived by his children, Thomas Fee and wife Amanda of Kansas City, Missouri, Susan Sheltra and husband Brian of Overland Park, Kansas, Laurie Wollschlager and husband Mark of Milbank, South Dakota and Mark Haugen and wife Nancy of Rapid City, South Dakota; ten grandchildren; one great-grandchild; his brother, Joe Fee and wife Val of Sioux Falls, South Dakota and many other relatives and friends. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Ron Fee.

There are no services planned at this time.

Cremation arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel.

Tribute Wall

VL

“ Tom & I joined the Delphi Suzuki 1500LC/C90 Forum in 2006. We first met in person at the Colorado Crossroads Gatherin in 2008, where we both were inducted as “Gatherin Newbies” for attending our First Forum Gatherin.

From that time on, we remained good friends and spoke to each other often. Tom was always riding to Gatherin’s especially after he mounted the auxiliary fuel kegger tank on his C90 rear luggage rack! That tank held 7 gallons of fuel! He bragged to me once that he rode straight through from Gravois Mills, Missouri to Santa Fe, NM, for a Gatherin I hosted here, and he only had to stop twice for gas! And he made it in 17 hours!!!

Tom also rode out to meet Pasco Floyd and me in Santa Fe to ride to the Grand Canyon and onward to the Nor-Cal Gatherin in 2016. However, after we rode around the North Rim and had lunch at Jacobs Lake, North of the Canyon, Tom spoke with his wife and Karen begged him to return home. So off he went skipping the Nor-Cal Gatherin and returning to Karen, because she worried about him riding.

Tom used to say he was 75 years old and only had 15 years of riding left because he figured he wouldn’t be able to ride much after the age of 90!!!

However, shortly after that trip, Tom was diagnosed with a breathing disorder which required him to be on oxygen 24/7. He could no longer ride & the breathing issues made it difficult for him to walk from his chair in the living room to the bathroom & back. He sold his bike to a younger guy who did not take good care of the bike. I had no word about Tom’s passing, and only found out today because another forum member messaged me on my cell phone asking if he was alive or not. I called both numbers I had for Tom & they were both disconnected. Then searched his name and found this obituary.

Godspeed Tom Fee! May the wings of the angels have carried you to heaven where you were given a new motorcycle to happily ride for eternity! - Victor L.

Victor Lioce - February 11, 2024 at 04:29 PM

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“*Tom and I traveled the world as US Air Force C-130 Combat Loadmasters. We were close friends both on and off the aircraft. I'm saddened to learn that Tom has embarked on his final flight and his mission in life. Rest in peace my fellow Airman.*”

Dr. Mark D. Woodhull - August 10, 2023 at 01:17 AM

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“*So sorry to hear of Tom's passing. I will truly miss visiting with him and Karen as I enjoyed serving them as their Schwan's lady for the past 2 years.*”

Deanna Franken - June 02, 2023 at 12:52 PM

Jen
Fee

“*Thomas was so kind & welcoming to me, when I found him on Facebook. Uncle Tom & Aunt Esther were, just...just terrific folks and they brought their children up to be good and kind as well.*”

It was a true honor to me, to, exchange messages with him. My heart aches, yet, it has joy, because, I know he was welcomed home by so many of our family...Heaven is a happy place. Although, here on earth may not be, right now. Rest in peace, Cousin Thomas. Rest in peace. ❤️❤️❤️



Jen Fee - May 31, 2023 at 11:24 PM