



Thomas Sandhoff

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Thomas Sandhoff, of Orange City, FL and formerly of Palm Harbor, FL died on March 16, 2026. Tom was surrounded by family members passing away after a brief battle with cancer. Tom was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas, Sr. and Ruth Sandhoff, his sister and brother-in-law, Carolyn and Paul Allen, son-in-law, Michael Stanley, and granddaughter, Carlisle Sandhoff.

Tom was dearly loved by his wife, Karen, his children and spouses, Jeffrey and Sandra Sandhoff, Todd and Kristen Sandhoff, Erin Stanley, Kristen and Kevin Headrick, and sister and brother-in-law, Kathy and Bob Steinbraker. Tom was a wonderfully attentive grandfather and will be greatly missed by grandchildren Lucy Sandhoff, Jenna (Will) Kenas, Cali Sandhoff, Watson, Sydney, Shelby and Pierce Sandhoff, and Leah, Luke and Lauren Stanley. Many nieces and nephews and their families were also very close to Tom and will miss his loving presence in their lives.

Tom, originally from Trenton, NJ, graduated from Ursinus College in 1964, going on to complete his M.Div. from Denver Seminary. Tom and Karen married June 15, 1968 and Tom began his career in ministry serving as a pastor of churches in Cedarville, NJ, Lewistown, PA and Ewing, NJ. In 1982, the family of 6 moved to Tampa, FL. During a brief departure from ministry, Tom spent time in a family business while studying and then being ordained in the Presbyterian Church of America (PCA). Thereafter, Tom served in various positions at Seminole Presbyterian Church and School and later as Chaplain at a local hospital.

Finally retiring, Tom and Karen moved to John Knox Village where they found a wonderful community of friends. Tom continued to be active serving as head of the village Spiritual Life Committee, tutoring at a local elementary school, volunteering on a Citizens on Patrol (COP) program, occasional speaker for Vespers services, as a faithful facilitator and member of several men's prayer and Bible study groups and a member at St. Andrews Church in Sanford, FL.

Tom's deep faith in Jesus' saving work was the foundation of his life and Christ's example of sacrificial love motivated Tom to care for everyone he met. No strangers for Tom! Relationships



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were a number one priority for him and Tom spread his joy of life to all with a witty sense of humor. Tom possessed an uncanny memory for even the smallest concern expressed by family or friends and diligently committed those to God in prayer. He was the loving spiritual patriarch to all his extended family and that Godly presence will be sorely missed. Tom's legacy of faithfulness to the Savior he loved will continue to sow seeds of faith and Godliness for generations to come.

A favorite verse of Tom's was Ps. 16:1, "You make known to me the path of life, in your presence is fullness of joy; at your right hand are "pleasures forevermore." Tom experiences that now.

In lieu of flowers gifts may be made to the Sandhoff/Pierce Scholarship Fund, Covenant College, Lookout Mountain, GA 30750




Events

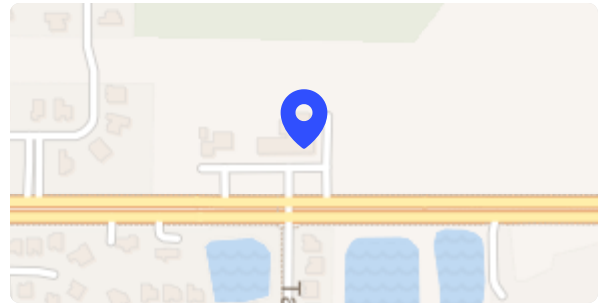
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Celebration of Life

 **Today**, April 18, 2026

 1:00 PM ET

 **Redeemer Church**
12404 Boyette Rd, Riverview FL 33569





Tribute Wall

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Pat Murray posted:

Tom was one of the most caring and genuine Christ followers I've ever had the privilege of knowing. He was always such an encourager to me to live for Christ and make my (our) lives truly count. He was honest and transparent, and was always a joy to be around. He will be missed and made his memory always be a blessing. ❤️

April 5 at 1:06 PM



David Parsley posted:

Tom was my pastor, friend and mentor in the late 80s and 90's when we were at Seminole Presbyterian. He modeled joy, kindness, faith and what is meant to be present in the lives of others. He touched so many lives including my own. May the Lord comfort and wrap His arms of love around all the Sandhoff clan. ~ David Parsley

March 30 at 9:46 AM



Cameron Coe posted:

Tom was a steady and meaningful presence in my life growing up as a student at Seminole Presbyterian. He had a way about him...funny, easygoing, cool, calm, and collected...that made every interaction feel special. It was always a joy to see him. I'll forever carry the memories of his kindness and the quiet impact he had on so many of us. Thinking of Tom will always bring a smile to my face.- Cameron Coe

March 29 at 10:05 AM



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PD

Patti Ducharme posted:

We were so lucky having Tom and Karen as neighbors when we arrived to our new home two years ago. We were disappointed with their move but could see how lovely their new apartment was. Tom had a special gift that always made you smile. We are so grateful to have known such a special person and imagine him with the Lord and the angels watching over us with a peaceful smile.

March 28 at 8:48 AM

SS

Sandra Sandhoff shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I love this picture of Tom (dad) because to me it shows his heart... truly carefree and full of joy in the Lord! He was always willing to participate in any activities with the grandchildren... and into his last breath, his concern was for others ...never for himself! He truly lived like he believed what he said he believed!!!! Heaven certainly had a humongous welcome party when he arrived home!!!!



March 27 at 9:45 AM

DG

Danny Gallivan posted:

I first met Tom through St. Andrew's chapel and Ligonier ministries in 2018. He was a deeply cherished friend of mine. A very gifted teacher and humble man, I can't speak of all the encouragement and grace he and his wife Karen have shown to me over the years. Tom would meet with me regularly at a diner and would pray with me, talk theology, and strengthen my heart in Christ. Truly saddened at his passing, yet rejoicing he is with the Lord. My deepest sympathies go out to Tom and Karen's children and grandchildren. Sincerely, Danny Gallivan

March 25 at 8:21 AM

DG

Danny Gallivan posted:

Tom was a dear friend I got to know through St. Andrew's chapel and Ligonier ministries in 2018. A tremendously gifted teacher and humble friend, I can't speak of all the encouragement and grace he and his wife Karen have shown to me over the years. We would meet regularly at a diner and he would pray with me, talk theology, and strengthened my heart countless times. Very saddened at his passing, yet rejoicing he is in the presence of our Lord. My condolences to his children and grandchildren.

March 25 at 8:16 AM



Media

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Thomas by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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