



Thomas Andrew Kashnig

November 20, 2010

Thomas Andrew Kashnig, 50, beloved husband of Kara Corcoran and loving father of Savanna and Camille passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, November 20, 2010. Tom was a gentle giant. His compassion and tender heart were well-known to all who knew him. His wife, Kara, and daughters, Savanna and Camille were his true treasures. He always spoke of them with pride and a smile. Tommy was a dedicated environmentalist and a rescuer of animals and plants. He was a long time member of The Nature Conservancy and the Sierra Club. He was also an Eagle Scout. Tom was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, the son of Lois Kashnig and the late William G. Kashnig. He lived in Connecticut for most of his life and graduated from Conard High School in West Hartford where he developed a number of life-long friendships. His concern for the environment and appreciation for the beauty of the natural world led him to study landscape architecture and horticulture. He graduated from the University of Connecticut and earned degrees in both fields. He also leaves behind a large extended family including brothers, sisters, the Corcorans, nieces, nephews and many good friends who were all very dear to him. We will all miss his caring ways. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, November 27, 2010, at 10 a.m. at St. Peter Claver Church, 47 Pleasant St., West Hartford. A private burial will follow the mass. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Kashnig Children's Benefit Fund at Collinsville Savings Society, 136 Main St., Collinsville, CT 06019. Online expressions of sympathy may be made at www.

molloyfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ I cannot express how terribly sad My family and I are to hear of the passing of Thom. I had the pleasure of working for Thom after high school for two summers while in college and just adored the guy. Even 20 years later my friends and I who worked for him still talked of his kind and gentle nature and sense of humor. He is very missed! My love to his family!##imported-begin##John Camillieri##imported-end##

May 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ We just heard of Toms passing today...my husband and I are so very sorry .
Tom was very special...we only new him a short while but it was so sweet.
He planted a tree right outside our window and it is now in bloom....we will think of him every spring....I trusted him totally with our gardens...he always new just what to do.....

So very very sorry,
Sandy & Ron Welch##imported-begin##Sandy & Ron Welch##imported-end##

April 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ We in the faculty of Landscape Architecture have recently learned of Tom's passing and want to express our sincere condolences to Tom's family. As a member of our class of 1999, Tom is remembered as a wonderful student, full of passion for the landscape and a beloved friend to his classmates and the faculty. He later came back to UConn to pursue graduate studies, where he helped "plant the seeds" for the current concern and attention to the campus landscape. **##imported-begin##Kristin Schwab, John Alexopoulos, Peter Miniutti, Mark Westa##imported-end##**

January 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so shocked and sorry to hear about Tom's untimely passing. I was in the landscape architecture program with Tom at UConn, and remember him as a sweet, humorous man. He was a quiet and talented artist, and I well remember him including slides of you, Kara, and your dog in a class that required us to present what was important to us. I respected him very much. Words fail me. I am sorry he is gone from your lives.

Mary Fox##imported-begin##Mary Fox##imported-end##

January 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Kashnig family -

I am so sorry for your loss. Tom was truly an advocate for animals in our community. This past summer he devoted a significant amount of time to helping with the West Hartford Dog Park project. He was a dedicated member of our project team and will be missed greatly. You are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Mandy Pike

President, West Hartford Dog Park Coalition

December 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Kara - I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your girls.

Best regards,

Allison

November 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ To Tom's Family...

You have my deepest condolences. Tom will be remembered fondly by all who knew him, especially those of us who knew him in high school as a gentle and smiling young man with a heart the size of the Milky Way.

Rest with the angels, Tom...

November 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *To the Kashnig Family,
We were surprised and sorrowed for your loss. Tom was great to
work with - very pleasant and knowledgeable in his field. We will
miss working with him.
Linda and Joel Cohen
West Hartford##imported-begin##Linda and Joel Cohen##imported-
end##*

November 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ To all the Kashnig family and children, I am so sorry to learn of your loss and to all who knew him. I attended Conard with him and also knew Tom much prior to that as a kid when we played together in some of The West Hartford youth Football leagues on the same team. Certainly I was happy that this big strong, then quiet, that did not last kid next to me in the backfield was on my team instead of wearing an opposing jersey. That was a relief, I could run but I was not a giant by any means. I avoided the opposing team and ran around them. It seemed to me a more workable strategy, perhaps survival. Tom, on the other hand, had no such intentions, much to my delight, Tom kept it simple, he simply ran through and over the opposition! But it was not to prove anything, he was too humble for that, he did not have to prove anything, he just could, and therefore, so he did! It was also a relief to find out that despite his obvious size and strength, that he was just a real nice kid, a gentle giant, not someone to be feared. As I got to know him much better at Conard, to all who knew him, Tom was just a great guy and friend. He was sincere, kind, down to earth, unpretentious, lover of nature, a gentle soul. He had a good sense of humor always ready willing and able to use it for any occasion, he definitely liked to laugh, and he shared many great times with his many friends. I have only positive memories of Tom. I know what is the pain in your heart, the pain of loss, it is immeasurable and I hope that you will somehow find peace and serenity, my heart goes out to you. Sincerely, George Lewis###imported-begin##GEORGE LEWIS##imported-end##

November 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ MRSk,Phil,Billy,

my thoughts and prayer's cant express my sorrow. i know it,s been awhile,but tommy, and all of of you,have never left my heat. I condsider myself lucky to call him freind###imported-begin###stephen ferraris###imported-end##

November 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ MRS,K ,billy,phil.

my heart and prayer's can't convey the sorrow i feel. iknow it's been awhile but tommy has never left my heart or my thoughts. im lucky and blessed to call him freind.###imported-begin###Stephen Ferraris###imported-end##

November 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I realize these words can not do much to ease your pain during this very difficult time. I hope you can take some comfort in knowing that you have many friends in town that care a great deal about you and your family and will do anything they can to help you. I am keeping you in my thoughts and wish you strength in the days ahead.*

*Yours in friendship,
Nicole Evans###imported-begin###Nicole Evans###imported-end##*

November 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Tommy was a good friend back in our wrestling team days at Conard. I cherish the many fond memories of someone who was a good man. My heartfelt prayers of solace go out to his family in this sad hour.##imported-begin##Stephen Sterns CHS class of 78##imported-end##

November 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ I knew Tom through High School and was shocked about his passing. My family wishes yours our sincere condolences and prayers##imported-begin##George Hoag##imported-end##

November 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ To Tom's Family,
I am so sorry for your loss. Tom was a kind and gentle person. I have so many fond memories of the fun we had in high school. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Jennifer Stent Sullivan##imported-end##

November 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Those we love remain with us
For love itself lives on,
And cherished memories never fade
Because a loved one's gone.
Those we love can never be
More than a thought apart,
Far as long as there is memory,
They'll live on in the heart.*

Peace, Prayers and Blessings

Laura###imported-begin##Laura Verrengia Foto###imported-end##

November 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Savannah and Camille,*

Girls, I am deeply sorry to hear about the loss of your Dad. You both are such truly beautiful, kind, special and loving girls and I know your Daddy was proud of you. I cannot express with words how much I wish I could take away your pain. Please know that I care about you both very much and am always here for you. I realize this is too difficult to understand and that the heartache is unfair. Someday the tears you have now will be replaced with happy memories of the times you shared with your Dad. Camille, I remember a story you wrote last year about your Dad. I know there are many memories. Your Dad will be forever in your hearts. I love you both and am very sorry for your loss.

Ms. Bedard###imported-begin##Carey Bedard###imported-end##

November 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Kara,

My thoughts and prayers are with you and the girls. I am deeply sorry for your loss. If there is anything I can do at all...please do not hesitate to contact me. Again, I am so sorry for your pain.

With Love,

Carey Bedard###imported-begin##Carey Bedard###imported-end##

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