



Tom S. Blackstone

September 8, 1944 - February 15, 2008

Tom S. Blackstone, age 63, of Plano, Texas passed away February 15, 2008 after a year long battle with prostate cancer. He was born September 8, 1944 in Palestine, Texas to Tom H. and Christine (Lively) Blackstone. On December 27, 1981 he married Deborah Katherine Maslyn in Scottsville, New York. Tom was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Plano, Texas. Tom worked for Dialysis & Transplantation as an associate publisher and director of marketing where he retired in 2007 after 30 years of service. He was known as "Mr. D&T" at the trade shows, and was a well-known face in the industry. He is survived by his wife, Debbie Blackstone of Plano, Texas; daughters, Denise Blackstone of Plano, Texas and Kristene Blackstone of Austin, Texas; brother, Ed Blackstone of Gladewater, Texas and many other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents. A service of celebration will be held at 1:00 p.m., Monday, February 18, 2008 at First United Methodist Church, Plano, Texas with Rev. Alice Coder officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the National Kidney Foundation, First United Methodist Church of Plano or to the church of your choice. In his final days, Tom wanted everyone to know, "I've had so much support from the community, the church, my friends and my family, and I am very grateful for this."

Memorials

I was also in the same Sabine H.S. class with Tom. He was the first person to introduce himself to me after I moved there & made me feel welcome. Years later in the 1970's, He came & visited me in California & we talked of old times. He was a good friend & will be truly missed. Larry Chapman.

LARRY K. CHAPMAN, MAY 28, 2011

We are so pleased that our Debbie chose Tom. He always offered her all that she needed or wanted. What a wonderful man he was. They cooked, traveled, and enjoyed their life in more ways than we could ever list. They were soul mates in the truest sense of the word. Their last year they did everything and did not submit to his cancer and quit. They lived life not in fear as long as they could, traveling everywhere. We are so proud and happy that Tom came into Debbie's life. The end was with filled with such grace, love and dignity surrounded by friends, family, music, church and of course Debbie was with him all the way. WHAT A LIFE! PS We hope there are a lot of football games in heaven!

HAROLD J.. MASLYN, MARCH 9, 2008

I first met Tom during my frequent visits to Exhibit Halls at various nephrology meetings. He was always the most friendly of persons, and over the years, we became quite close. Tom was always full of useful advice both in terms of the dialysis industry and life in general. I was shocked and saddened by his death and will miss him deeply.

JOHN DAUGIRDAS, FEBRUARY 29, 2008

*MY wife Marge and I were shocked and saddened by Tom's passing. I remember the years before Tom and Debbie moved to Texas. During those years I met Debbie when she was the Executive Secretary to my former boss. It was then that I met Tom. We see each other frequently and even entered into investment deals together (I still have nightmares about that)! Tom was cool, a great guy and very much a family man. We will miss him dearly. Our hearts go out to you, Debbie, to Denise, to Kristene and the rest of your family.
Art and Marge Bustamante, Rancho Cucamonga, California 02/29/08*

ART BUSTAMANTE, FEBRUARY 29, 2008

You will be missed, condolences to your wife and family. Thanks for all you did over the years for our industry.

MONIQUE MONTEIRO, FEBRUARY 27, 2008

To the Blackstone family my heart goes out to you. Tom was a great friend and one of the most wonderful people I have ever had the pleasure of knowing.

I will always remember hearing of Tom's adventures and travels with his family who were his pride and joy. He will be deeply missed by myself, the renal community and our family at National Renal Alliance.

KIM RUCKER, FEBRUARY 26, 2008

I am very sad to hear about our loss of such a wonderful person. Fifteen years ago Tom helped me in promoting my new business and we became friends. This past October I saw him at an industry conference and we talked about old times, our families and the "good" we have in our lives. I will miss this kind and generous man who was willing to help anyone.

MIKE MAURIZIO, FEBRUARY 26, 2008

To the Blackstone Family, I knew Tom through his work with D&T and our mutual love of all things TEXAS FOOTBALL!! he would call me to talk about our company placing an ad in the magazine and an hour later we would finally get around to talking about work. he was a true gentleman and a good friend to all. Tom will be missed by me and I hope you all can smile when you think of how many lives Tom touched in a positive way throughout his life.

JEFF VIZETHANN, FEBRUARY 26, 2008

One could not be involved in the small community of the dialysis industry and not know Tom. The one thing that could be said is that he was interested in you, as a person, and then the business second. Whenever I talked to him, he always brought a smile to my face. I also knew that the call was going to be a long one, but one that I looked forward to. As others have said, he truly was Mr. D&T, but he was much, much more than that. Tom will be missed, but his impact on this world and the community of dialysis will be part of his legacy. He was truly a great person and it is my honor to have known him.

FRED PETER, FEBRUARY 26, 2008

To all the Blackstone family please let me send my deepest prayers to all of you...Tom was a good friend, he will be missed in the Renal community immensely . He was a wonderful person. I and many others will miss his amazing attitude and smiling face. Seeing Tom was always a bright moment at all the renal conferences. His knowledge of this business was unparalleled.

Tom, ole buddy, RIP.

RICHARD MONCURE, FEBRUARY 25, 2008

Condolences to you, Bubba and family.

OSCAR DENT, FEBRUARY 23, 2008

In a business filled with change and turmoil, Tom was a constant. For 30 years he offered me sage advice and counsel. His efforts not only made D&T the leader in his business but he made our businesses better too. Aside from his professional excellence, Tom was a good friend; he seemed to always be there with a great smile just when you needed one. Tom was one of those rare guys you knew you could count on. His work was an important part of his life, but we never finished a phone call or conversation without him sharing his happiness about his fine family and inquiring sincerely about mine. We will all miss him. Deepest sympathy to Debbie and the family he loved so. We will pray for Tom.

GEORGE ROVEGNO, FEBRUARY 20, 2008

Even if we had not met Tom & Debbie thirty years ago and become close friends and neighbors... Even if our friendship of four decades didn't include great meals, travels, and conversations... And even if Tom's knowledge for the arts, fine wine, fast cars, music, and all things football surpassed that of your own... How could you ever forget and not love a man so full of life. Tom's joie de vivre was a beacon to all who knew him and will shine on brightly in our hearts. With love and respect - REK

RICHARD & KAREN KESSLER, FEBRUARY 19, 2008

My condolences to Tom's family and friends. I never met Tom but talked to him frequently on the phone. I am the CSR over DAT at Publisher's Printing Company in Lebanon Junction, KY. Tom was always a genuine, friendly, and fun voice on the other end of the phone. He will be greatly missed. God bless each and every one of you as you journey through this difficult time.

Remember Tom is not "lost" he has simply changed his address and you will see him again. He is without pain and suffering in the arms of Jesus.

SHELLY MATTINGLY, FEBRUARY 18, 2008

Debbie, Kristene, Denise, and Ed, My deepest sympathy to you at the loss of a

loved husband, father, and brother. I wish that I had some words that could help fill the empty palce in your heart. My love and prayers to all of the family,
Jenny Haynes

JENNY HAYNES, FEBRUARY 18, 2008

Heartfelt condolences to Debbie and the entire family. I wish you peace, you are in my prayers. Tom was a true friend and will be sorely missed.

DAVID MARSH, FEBRUARY 18, 2008

Debbie, I'm so sorry to hear about Tom. You'll definitely be in our prayers.

CHAD RIGSBY, FEBRUARY 18, 2008

Tom was one of the most unique, humble and high-spirited individuals I've ever worked with. It was always a great pleasure and experience to work with such a great person. Tom will greatly be missed by his friends, family and community. My condolences, thoughts and prayers go out to the friends and family of Tom Blackstone during this time of sorrow.

CARLOS BENSKIN, FEBRUARY 18, 2008

Tom and I worked together on D&T at Creative Age. We would butt heads alot and argue all the time (affectionately), but he was great to work with. He was very dedicated to D&T. Now his suffering is gone and he is at peace. Debbie & family, I pray that the Lord will help ease your pain, I know you will miss him very much but he will always be with you. Tom, please say "hi" to my dad, his name is Edward. All my love to your family.

MADLEN MARTINEZ, FEBRUARY 18, 2008

Tom Blackstone was one of the smartest salesman I ever met in almost 30 years in the publishing industry. He was also one of the finest gentlemen I've ever met, and I'm honored to be able to call him a friend. One of the finest memories I have of Tom is a recurring one--whenever we'd talk for more than five minutes, he'd mention his wife or his daughters with so much love and pride.

BARBARA SHEPHERD, FEBRUARY 18, 2008

Debbie, We are sorry we can not be there with you to remember Tom. He was a wonderful man who truly enjoyed live and lived it to the fullest. We were

lucky to have known him and we feel greatly sorry for your loss. Please feel free to call upon us at anytime for help. Love, Matt and Mary Maslyn

MATTHEW J MASLYN, FEBRUARY 17, 2008

Tom and I graduated from Sabine High School in 1962. He and I were good friends during high school. His father was one of my high school teachers that had a lot of influence on my life and future. Tom and I did not stay in touch after we went off to college. My mother who lives in Kilgore, Texas told me about Tom's death. I am very sorry for his lost and send my condolences to his family. Calvin Ray Copeland

CALVIN R COPELAND, FEBRUARY 17, 2008

Prayers go out to your family from the Diana United Methodist Church.

GINA OZMENT C. OZMENT, FEBRUARY 17, 2008

From the Jeff Green family, we'd like to express our deepest sympathy to the Blackstone family. We are so sorry for your loss. We pray that God will carry you and your family during this difficult time and bring you comfort knowing that Tom is at peace. The Green's Rushville, New York

JEFF GREEN, FEBRUARY 17, 2008

Tom and Deb's neighborly welcome made our transition from the Midwest to Florida very easy. Tom's affable personality made us feel like we were old friends. We shared many enjoyable times and missed them dearly. Our son Jon still remembers when Tom took the time to teach him how to throw a curve ball. We'll miss you, Tom.

TOM AND CINDY WARSZYNSKI, FEBRUARY 17, 2008

I never met Tom in person but I fell like I've known him for years thru conversations with Denise. She loved him so much and always was talking about the great man she called Dad. I know the family will truly miss this great man. He now rests is in Heaven with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends during this time.

LORNA DONAHUE, FEBRUARY 16, 2008

We loved Tom and remember him for his warmth and joyful love of life. Favorite memories: - Tom dancing at our wedding, having a great time -

Hanging out with Tom & family "after hours" during the holidays - Tom's generous hospitality in Plano at the Maslyn family reunion We'll miss you Tom. Our love goes out to Debbie, Kristene, and Denise. Love, Erik and Cheryl Carruth Singapore

ERIK AND CHERYL CARRUTH, FEBRUARY 16, 2008

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