



Ed Tomlin

August 27, 1942 - October 12, 2019

Cecil Ed Tomlin, 77, of Lake Kiowa, TX, passed away Saturday, October 12, 2019 in Denton, TX. He was born August 27, 1942 in Ft. Worth, TX to Cecil William and Viola Violet (Vinson) Tomlin. Ed married Madolyn McDade on June 6, 1964 in Ft. Worth, TX.

Ed was the youngest of three kids, the last living survivor in his family. He had a strong faith and came to know the Lord at age 8 and lived a life of serving others. In these recent months, his faith deepened as he felt the prayers of SO MANY friends and even people that he did not know covering him.

Ed was a loving father and proud of his two children Trina and Brian and he constantly reminded them. He was employed by the Denton Fire Department for 41 years, serving as a captain for over 35 years. After he retired in 2009, he loved to travel in their motor home with Madolyn and several friends to play golf all over the country. Also, in retirement, he went back to work at the farm he grew up on, raising cattle and baling hay, just for fun. In his free time, he loved hunting, shooting skeet at the gun range he made at the farm, and fishing. He loved to spend time with his grandkids...and did often. He had a love/hate relationship with remodeling...he remodeled every house they ever had...sometimes more than once! He loved his golden retriever, Molly, who beat him to Heaven by eleven years. No doubt, he is throwing a tennis ball with her now!

People say that he is one of the greatest men and role models they've ever met...humble, kind, generous and hard working. One of a kind, truly!!

He is survived by his wife of 55years, Madolyn of Lake Kiowa, TX; son, Brian Neil Tomlin and wife Lise Anne of Shady Shores, TX; daughter, Trina West of Denton, TX; seven grandchildren, Taylor Tomlin, Hayden Tomlin, Connor Tomlin, Carley Tomlin, Cameron West, Carter West, and Maddie West; and nephews, Curtis Cogburn and wife Tanja of Whitesboro, TX and Bruce Wilson and wife Jennie of San Francisco, CA.

Ed was preceded in death by his parents Cecil and Viola; brother, Troy Tomlin; and sister, Susan Cogburn.

Visitation will be held 12:00PM-1:00PM, Wednesday, October 16, 2019 at Denton Bible Church in Denton, TX. A funeral service will immediately follow at 1:00PM with James Reid officiating. Burial will be at Tomlin Cemetery in Arlington, TX. Online condolences may be shared at www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements are under the direction of Terri Slay and Slay Memorial Funeral Center.

To send a flower arrangement to the family of Ed Tomlin, please [click here](#) to visit our Sympathy Store.

Tribute Wall

TT

“ Although my heart is heavy and broken with the loss of Uncle Ed, Ill be forever thankful for the lightness I felt attending these services as thay so beautifully celebrated all the goodness and joy that Ed made of his life and legacy. All my love to all my Tomlin family.
Theresa Tomlin

Theresa Tomlin - October 20, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ I am sure he never tried to deny he was a Tomlin. One look and you would know he was a Tomlin. God bless and be with his family. Ease their sorrow. Knowing the man he was is to know he is now in Heaven. May the precious memories live on and shared. Debbie Tomlin Wilson Daughter of Eldon Tomlin Grand daughter of Jim Tomlin.

Debbie Tomlin Wilson - October 16, 2019 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Ed was an amazing person! I had the pleasure of spending Thanksgiving, Christmas and countless birthdays and holidays with this wonderful man. He was my sisters father-in-law. Most of the time at any given function he would lead us in prayer before our meal. I cant say enough about him. Our holidays will never be same without this great man! We will all miss him dearly!

Michele Allen - October 16, 2019 at 12:00 AM

ER

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Ernie Riley,

Denton, Texas

Ernie Riley - October 16, 2019 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult time. Our family has great memories of Ed.*

Maddie, Zane and Lynn Royston - October 16, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ *My favorite time with Ed is when he came over to Brian & Lise Anne's for Thanksgiving. We would sit outside and talk about whatever was going on in the world at that time. We pretty much agreed on everything and I always enjoyed and looked forward to seeing him every holiday.*

Daniel Laprade - October 16, 2019 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ *One of the friendliest and nicest men from a wonderful Lake Kiowa family. Always had that big smile and something positive to say to everyone. We miss you Ed.*

Larry & Carol Ann Wade - October 15, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ So sorry Trina, you are in our prayers..... Mark and Donna Carr

Donna Carr - October 15, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ So many great memories of and with my friend. God bless.

October 15, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ My heart is sad because of the passing of this true gentleman and grieves for his family. At the same time, it rejoices for him and his journey into the arms of our Jesus. Resting assured that his path was guided by angels.

Jan Dalton - October 15, 2019 at 12:00 AM

HM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you.

Herbie & Carol Marchbanks - October 15, 2019 at 12:00 AM

NH

“ As the days and weeks pass, and as you return to life's routine, may you continue to feel comforted by the love and support of family and friends.

nelson&karen haynie HAYNIE - October 15, 2019 at 12:00 AM

NB

“ i was there when Madolyn told her mother that she was marrying Ed. Fun to remember when they were so young.

Nat Burgess - October 15, 2019 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ *What a great guy he was. Very glad we crossed paths many times over the years !!*

Lonnie Grammatico - October 15, 2019 at 12:00 AM

WH

“ *So sorry for your loss our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this difficult time.*

Wilfred Holmes - October 15, 2019 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ *So sorry to hear. Ed was a great guy. Prayers to you Madolyn and all the family.*

Shirley Dane - October 15, 2019 at 12:00 AM

EH

“ *My deepest sympathy I know how special dad's and daughters are Trina. Praying for you and your family. Love, Ev*

Ev Harman - October 15, 2019 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ *Lou & I have such heavy hearts. Ed was kind, fun, & ready to travel to see the USA & all it had to offer. He loved Lake Kiowa & served the community well. We miss him already. May our Lord give your family strength during this difficult time.*

Lou & Karen Vander Molen - October 15, 2019 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ I have only known this man for a short time. He was one of the board members when I was voted onto the ICVFD as a firefighter. I can't say enough on the impact that he has made on the department and peoples lives, let alone mine. He was a great role model, if I ever had a question, he answered and shared his knowledge and experiences. This is truly a great man! I will forever remember him and remember the way he treated others!"What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments, but what is woven into the lives of others." -PericlesEd, you have left behind a legacy that will always be remembered! Till we meet again!

Brent Wolff - October 15, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DB

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Donna Ballard,

Krugerville, Texas

Donna Ballard - October 14, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DH

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David Hickman,

Denton, Texas

David Hickman - October 14, 2019 at 12:00 AM

KT

“ *He was one of a kind and will be greatly missed!!!*

Kalista Terrell - October 14, 2019 at 12:00 AM

GA

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Gary & Terri Atterbury,

Lake Kiowa, Texas

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SA

“ I really looked up to you Uncle Ed. You were always smiling and were really someone that I looked up to. I will miss you.

Shauna Adegunwa - October 14, 2019 at 12:00 AM

WK

“ Our deepest condolences to Madelyn and all the family, Ed will be missed by all.

Wayne Kyle - October 14, 2019 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ To think our ADVENTURES started over a few loose cowsthis isnt the ending, just a new chapter , another remodel project. We cherish so close to our hearts every moment, conversation, disagreement , hugs and tears we have had through the years with much love , till we meet again

Emory & MariLeigh McCall - October 14, 2019 at 12:00 AM

TA

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Trey Atterbury,

Lake Kiowa, Texas

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CA

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Chris Ahrens,

Denton, Texas

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MS

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the family during this time!*

Marc & Becky Sylvera - October 14, 2019 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ *There are no words to express the shock and sadness of the passing of Uncle Ed Tomlin. When we were kids he was always fun to hang around and always had a smile on his face. He definitely loved his family and his Fire family and everyone that knew him, saw that in his face and actions. I didnt get to see him as much as Id like as I got older, but he is still family and my great uncle Ed and he will always be. You will definitely be missed. Trina, Brian and Aunt Madolyn, i am so sorry for your loss and will pray for you all. We are all family and even though we dont get to see each other like we did as kids, you are all so dearly loved. ❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️*

Michael Ballard - October 14, 2019 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *With a very heavy heart and many wonderful memories of Uncle Ed, from his "favorite" niece. Love you all.*

Brenda Burgess - October 14, 2019 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ *Sending prayers to the entire family*

Tonya Russell - October 14, 2019 at 12:00 AM

WM

“ *We loved Uncle Ed very much. Always very kind and a great fireman and leader.*

Will McDade - October 14, 2019 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ *We love you all!*

Curtis, Tanja & Gavin Cogburn - October 14, 2019 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ *Ed will be missed by so many of us. One of the nicest, caring, loving and friendliest person I have ever met. Our prayers are with the family during this time.*

Gerald and Jeanne Smith - October 14, 2019 at 12:00 AM

BS

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Bob & Debbie Shugart,

Lake Kiowa

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