



Thomas Charles Mako

August 11, 1966 - September 24, 2017

Thomas Charles Mako, 51, of Celina, Texas, died peacefully after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. He was born August 11, 1966 in Whittier, California to Eva Karpati Mako and Peter Francis Mako, who had emigrated from Budapest, Hungary in 1956 to escape the Soviet occupation. His childhood home was in Fullerton, California until the age of 15, at which time he moved with his family to Holland for two years when his father accepted a transfer with the Fluor Corporation. He spent his freshman and sophomore years at the American School of the Hague and returned to Fullerton for his last two years at Servite High School. For the next four years he attended Cal State Fullerton, and upon graduation in 1989, he remained at Cal State working in the purchasing department. He made the decision to move to Dallas in 1994 and worked briefly for Mercedes-Benz of Dallas and was later hired by EDS, working there for several years until moving over to the 7-11 subsidiary, Cardtronics, where he spent the remainder of his career as a Program Operations Manager. Thomas completely embraced his Hungarian roots, speaking the language fluently and returning annually to Budapest. He was a lifelong fan of British Airways and its history, having collected memorabilia since his childhood, and had recently donated his collection to the British Airways museum in London. Additionally, he was an avid horseman and especially enjoyed cutting horses and the time he spent with his many cutting buddies and his horse, Star. Thomas met his diagnosis head-on with his incredibly strong faith and perseverance, making the journey

for those surrounding him so much easier, and inspiring us all along the way. He was loved by so many, and his absence will leave an enormous void. He was predeceased by his parents and is survived by his brother, Peter (and wife, Laura) and nieces, Elizabeth Jones Perlman (and husband, Jonathan), Katherine Jones, Anna Grace Mako and Sarah Mako. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held 10:00AM on Saturday, September 30, 2017 at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in Pilot Point, Texas. Burial will follow at St. Thomas Aquinas Cemetery. In lieu of usual remembrances, contributions may be made to City of Hope, www.cityofhope.org/donate. Online condolences may be shared at www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com. Services are under the direction of Terri Slay and Slay Memorial Funeral Center. The family would like to thank Dr. Scott Paulson, Dr. Ernest Beecherl, and the staff of Vitas Hospice for their incredible care and compassion.

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

Tribute Wall

TS

“ Thomas, when I got my reminder about your birthday in August, it made me think that I bet youre having a big party now! I hope Our Father told you I said Happy birthday. Miss you my friend! I know we will see each other soon. Until then, praying for your family, Tonja and Mike

Tonja and Mike Van Sickle - September 20, 2019 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ Thomas Charles, I think of you so often and remember the deep friendship we shared. You were the "special brother" I never had. You taught us all how to face death with courage. Your faith was evident. John and I were blessed to share so many years with you as well as with your mom. Thomas, you were truly a "class act," and I miss you so much.

Pamela Palmer - September 20, 2019 at 12:00 AM

KT

“ Thomas and I connected again after I had left EDS. He was a warm and wonderful person and I will miss our weekly emails. Thank you Laura and Peter for reaching out to me. I will miss him forever. Yours in faith. K

Kay Tucker - October 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM



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Claus Pauly,

Frankfurt

Claus Pauly - October 02, 2017 at 12:00 AM

EW

“ It has taken me some time to post here because of the depth of my sorrow. I've known Thomas for 23 years. We met at EDS. I learned very quickly that Thomas was a class act. We became fast friends. We spent time together outside of work. We once took an in-line skating class and decided to practice on the top level of the EDS parking garage, on Saturdays, because we were too embarrassed to practice on sidewalks where the public could witness our ungraceful falls. We had many falls, and we laughed a lot as we awkwardly pulled each other up. Thank goodness for elbow and knee pads. We gave up skating and stuck to going to movies. That was less dangerous. We'd spend hours reviewing the movie like professional movie critics. Thomas always had such great insight, and when we disagreed, we would debate like congressmen. It was so fun to go around and around with him. He was a great debater. Thinking of those long conversations make me smile. I had the honor of going with him to the Mercedes dealership in Plano. As many know, Thomas was a Mercedes aficionado. I learned all about the brand from Thomas, and to this day, I still drive a Mercedes because of Thomas. I think he somehow programmed me to not drive anything else! I was just heartbroken to learn that cancer had attacked Thomas. Although I knew he was worried and scared, he put on such a brave face and always had a positive attitude. I know he did that because he didn't want me to worry. That was how Thomas was. He always put the feelings of others before his own. When it became clear he was losing his battle, he faced it with such courage and immediately began putting his affairs in order. I did not enjoy those final conversations with Thomas. I didn't want to have those conversations. When he told me he was ready and that he had a good life, I believed him, but it made my heart hurt tremendously! The only thing that gives me comfort is that he is free from the grip that vile disease had on him and that he is reunited with his mother. He was a good son and adored his mom. To Peter, Laura, and the extended family, I am so sorry for your loss. I want you to know that Thomas enriched my life. I so was blessed to know him. May God carry you through the dark days and provide comfort with loving memories of Thomas, such a kind soul!

Eileen Weidman - October 01, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ We have wonderful memories of the time we spent with Thomas and the Makó family. The wonderful tennis garden parties in Fullerton, Ca, the New Years eves, the trip from the Netherlands to Hungary with Eva and Thomas. Thomas (Tomi) was always friendly and helpful. So, sorry to hear of his untimely passing. Our deepest condolences to Peter and his family. The Bertys, Tustin, California

Tamas, Ildiko, Andrea, Zoli Berty - September 30, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ Many years ago Thomas and I adopted each other as siblings. We talked frequently, sharing love and stories. I was blessed to spend a week with him and 'our' beloved mom, Eva, right before her passing. Thomas was one of the kindest and most emotionally generous people I have ever known. He could always lift my spirits with his love and wisdom. How I shall miss the calls to his Big Sis. From the day he was diagnosed, he approached his illness with extraordinary grace. I have been a hospice volunteer for decades and have never known anyone who was so grateful for the life he had and was at peace with it. It gives me great comfort that his brother was with him. I shall miss him, as I do his mom, terribly.

Lin Grantlinnie - September 30, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Thomas Charles, My world was forever changed when I met you in 1994 at EDS. Little did I know I would meet such a wonderful friend along with his beautiful mother, Eva. You know how much we loved you both and had so many special times together. John and I are forever grateful for your friendship. You were always there for us, dear friend. We will forever be missing you. But we know you are now in the loving presence of our Father and in your forever home with Him. We will see you there someday. Love, Pam & John

September 29, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Thomas was an amazing person and it was an honor to call him my friend. He will be greatly missed. Thomas and I worked together at EDS. When I was his manager he came to me one day, when Thomas resided in Yorba Linda, California, and told me he really missed living in Texas and being near his family and was wondering if I would be ok if he relocated back to Texas. Of course I approved his relocation and off to Texas Thomas went. My deepest condolences to his family.

Julie McKeehan - September 29, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Thomas and I have worked at the same company for the past 10 years. While not super close, we often had chats in the break room about various topics. He was genuinely a really nice guy, full of faith. He will be missed. Godspeed, Thomas...

Frisco, Texas

September 29, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ It seems so long ago, but I remember Thomas so well in elementary school. He was always smiling and yes, talking about British Airways. I am so sorry to hear of his passing. My condolences to his family and friends.

Deborah Ruggles Twyford - September 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ May God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow.

Tonja Van Sickle - September 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ I worked with Thomas at EDS and continued to stay friends after I had relocated to NC with the company. Thomas Charles Mako is the name I would use on him when he'd teased me about various points in life. I can still hear him telling me that he would be with the Lord and wasn't afraid. I told him that I knew he would be, but I wanted him to fight. And he sure did to the end. I know I will see you again Thomas Charles Mako, but I sure will miss you until that time my sweet friend. Your life made such a positive difference in so many people's lives, including mine. Until we meet again, I will be praying for your family to be comforted. God bless, your sister in Christ,
Tonja Van Sickle

Tonja Van Sickle - September 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Thomas Charles Mako was one of the nicest people I have ever met, yet alone had the pleasure of working with. He will be missed DEARLY by myself and by everyone at Cardtronics. Shortly after I learned of his diagnosis I reached out to him to offer my support. His steadfast strength, belief in the Lord, and knowledge that he was going to a better place were amazing to see. My heart goes out to his family in their time of grief. Rest In Peace, Thomas Charles Mako. Gone far too soon, but never forgotten.

Robin Santley - September 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Thomas Mako is 1 of the "good guys"! He was like the brother I never had growing up and I'm grateful for the times we shared. I've never laughed as much as we did on a regular basis. Thomas could find humor in most situations and he lifted spirits. He will be missed, but never forgotten.

Chris Bailey - September 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM