



Thomas Lloyd Wickiser

July 27, 1941 - February 1, 2020

Tom (Wick) Wickiser, age 78, passed away on February 1, 2020, after a 12 year battle with cancer. He was born July 27, 1941, in Columbus, Ohio. Graduated from Columbus North High School, class of 1959. Later graduated from The Ohio State University, class of 1963, with a B.S. in Education. He lettered in Baseball during the 61-63 seasons. Tom went on to get his Masters Degree in Physical Education from Xavier University in 1964. He taught and was an administrator in the Columbus City Schools from 1965-1997 (Linmoor and Clinton Junior Highs, Northland and Linden-McKinley High Schools), where he coached football, basketball, golf, and baseball which was his favorite to coach. Tom was preceded in death by his father Lloyd, mother Marguerite, and son Scott. He is survived by his wife Sandy, sister Betty Ann, son Rick (Amy), daughter Barb (Brad), daughter-in-law Susan, grandchildren Tyler (Brittany), Savannah (Nick), Ryan, Kylie, Jacob, Bryce, Manuel, Noah, and Ben. Tom was an avid golfer, playing with friends throughout the United States. He also enjoyed following his grandchildren to their athletic and school events.

The family will have calling hours on Thursday, February 13th, from 6:00-8:00pm at Schoedinger Worthington Chapel, 6699 North High Street, Worthington, Ohio, 43085. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Capital City Hospice, 2800 Corporate Exchange Drive #170, Columbus, Ohio, 43231.

Events

FEB **Visitation** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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Schoedinger Funeral and Cremation Service - Worthington
6699 N High St, Worthington, OH, US, 43085

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Schoedinger Funeral Service - February 03 at 06:34 PM



“ Tom was a kind and thoughtful person who loved his family and friends and former students.

Pat Smalley - February 13 at 07:12 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Rick and all of Tom's family at this time of loss. Tom was very special to all of us, having been a patient at Martha Morehouse for many years. It was our privilege and pleasure to assist in Tom's care in the Lab Draw Area. He will be remembered with great fondness. May you find comfort in God's arms during your time of grief. Please know that many others feel your loss as well.

Debbie, Lyndi, Natalie & Marla
Martha Morehouse Tower Lab RNs
The James Comprehensive Cancer Center

Marla Bastian, RN - February 13 at 03:59 PM



“ Dear Sandy, Rick, Barb, and Families, 2-13-2020 So sorry to hear about the passing of your Dear Husband, Dad and Grandpa. Tom was a Great Guy to be around, always had a little Humor to share with all of us. Treasure all of the Great Memories you shared and they will sustain all of you. Heaven must be a Beautiful Place, for It has so many Special Persons up above! Tom will always be your "Guardian Angel", sitting on your shoulder, watching everything you are doing, but when you are doing something you don't want Him to see, He'll close His Eyes, because that is how much He Loved all of you. Now, Tom and Scott are together up above. Love and Prayers, God Bless, Art and Linda Signore, Anne Cindy and Families.



Art and Linda Signore - February 13 at 12:10 PM



“ Wick was arguably my first role model.

As a student at Clinton Jr. High he took me under his wing and gave me opportunities to grow. He placed me on the basketball and baseball teams even though there were more talented kids trying out.

He and his wife Sandy would at times take me home after school because it was late and they wanted to make sure I arrived safely.

I became a teacher because Wick inspired me to give back and to help others.

Thanks for everything you did for me!

Paul Yoder

Paul Yoder - February 10 at 08:46 AM



“ Mr. Wickiser was my hero and my inspiration to be a teacher and coach. He was my coach in 3 sports (1965-69), as well as my health and physical education teacher. I loved his demeanor in the biggest games as well as in the classroom. He made practice competitive and fun. His love for sports especially baseball was contagious. His sense of humor kept his players loose, perfect for baseball. Late in his life and later in mine we became reacquainted as peers, we were so alike. I truly and deeply thank him and his family, for without him mentoring and promoting me I would have not received my grant-in-aid to The Ohio State University. My career of 37 years teaching and 47 of coaching was inspired and similar to my Hero, Tom.

Bob Lee

Bob Lee - February 08 at 03:12 PM



“ So very sorry for your loss. My boys, Brad and Scott who played for Tom, send their deepest sympathy as I do. Love to all of you.

Kay Cunningham - February 06 at 04:15 PM



“ Tom and I go back to my junior high JV baseball days at Crestview where he was a student/teacher and coach. Later when we worked together at Northland he always looked out for me, helping me earn a little extra pay working the pass gate at football, running intramural basketball and keeping the score book for basketball. When the golf coach was fired during the season, Tom convinced me to coach even though I didn't play because he said it would be a good fit.

When I started my insurance agency, I had the privilege of being his agent. It was at that time he also invited me to play in his Wednesday golf league and to go on a few of the golf trips. I've never known anyone to be so organized. He was a great mentor, colleague, client and friend.

Jack Gilkerson - February 06 at 03:34 PM



“ I was so shocked when I read the obituaries this morning and saw that Tom had passed. I didn't even know that he had been sick. I didn't know Tom and Sandy as long as others because I first had the privilege of meeting them when I sold them their condo in Asherton Grove. In that brief association with Tom it soon became obvious that his main concern was in taking care of Sandy. Never complained, always upbeat and positive. A great neighbor. Always asking about how you are. My sincere condolences to Sandy and their family.

Ken Snyder

Ken Snyder - February 04 at 12:21 PM



“ Tom was Athletic Director at Northland when I was teaching mathematics and coaching swimming. Together, we got the program up and running and won many City Championships. Tom's son Rick was a member of the team while at Northland as well. He was a great AD. One time, Tom worked with me with a disruptive student who needed the paddle (at that time appropriate). He asked me to do the honors and I proceeded to hit and miss the appropriate area of the student. But, never any problems again with that fine student!

Doug Smeltz - February 04 at 11:28 AM



“ Tom was a wonderful person, very talented, always kind, willing to help others as his life has proven. Sandy, indeed is a wonderful person too, and their family reflects these qualities. We were neighbors too, We miss them.. Love Joyce and Robbie Miller

Joyce & Robbie Miller - February 04 at 10:42 AM



“ Tom left a beautiful legacy of family and friends. Sending prayers of love and peace in his remembrance. He is living now in God's comfort and will always be living in spirit watching over his beloved family.

Janet and Pat Ross - February 04 at 07:04 AM



“ Long time friends as couples from North High days, to OSU, to weddings to babies to grand babies! Tom was so strong in his "fight", never complaining, always putting Sandy and family first.

So glad you may rest now and be with Scott.

Bob and Judy Robinson

judy robinson - February 04 at 02:28 PM



“ Every Sat. for 2 1/2 years Tom and I drove together to Xavier for t

our masters degree! Fun times then, on golf trips, and at

sporting events! A jovial and happy guy! RIP, Tom! Ron & Susie

send our condolences to Sandy and family!

Ron Rabold - February 04 at 04:49 PM



“ Coach Wickiser was my favorite coach I ever had. He was a great guy. I saw Coach Tom at the Martha Moorhouse last month, I heard someone call out my name and it was Coach Tom. I had not seen him since 1968. I have no idea how he reconized me. Love you Tom.

Charles D Yoho - February 05 at 04:33 PM



“ Was a member of the 1974 City League Championship Basketball team that got to spend every Friday night post home game at Wick's house on the lower level - Leonardo's Pizza i think and watching replay of our games on the reel to reel recorder - black and white I am pretty sure - lots of laughs and special memories - can not thank you enough for everything - still tell the story of you suspending me from open gym for picking up the fire extinguisher that Jim Toney squirted me with and trying to squirt him back - lol - even though I was drenched - I definitely looked liked the guilty one - Coach Wick I am sure you are getting your next teams organized and ready - have enjoyed getting to know your grandson Jake and definitely been great to share our past memories. Can not thank you enough for being part of that great Northland tradition and experience.

darrell I. miller, jr.

ohs 75'

darrell miller - February 05 at 11:27 PM



“ Wick was my first coach when Northland Jr. Sr High first opened (Junior High Basketball) and over the years I grew to not only respect him but appreciate him as a friend.

Wick and a host of other teachers and coaches made Northland THE school in Columbus and helped to make the high school experience for many of us one that we cherish to this day.

Wick taught us about family, hard work, sportsmanship and how to have fun and keep life in

perspective.

His quick wit, supportive nature, love for sports and making family first bring a smile to my face each time I think of him.

Condolences to the entire Wickiser family, rest well Wick.

Randy Suver

NHS '71

Randy Suver - February 11 at 11:56 AM



“ We are so sorry to hear of Toms passing and hope the wonderful memories of your life together will help comfort you now. Linda and Bob Atkinson

Linda Atkinson - February 12 at 11:02 AM