

Thomas Edson Gell



Thomas was born May 2, 1956 to Richard E. and Vera Louise (Fallon) Gell at Saint Mary's Hospital in Pittsford, NY. He and his two brothers, Ricky and Danny, grew up and attended school in Pittsford, NY, until Thomas joined the US Air Force in 1974 where he attended Douglas High School in Box Elder, SD.

While attending Douglas High School, Thomas met and married the love of his life, Carla Dial. The couple married on October 9th, 1976. After

his honorable discharge, Thomas went to work for Chicago Northwestern Railroad as a machine operator for several years. He later went to Cheyenne Aerotech School and completed a two year degree program and got his A&P license. He worked at Westjet air center until he made a career change and went to work for the local union at the Civic Center as a production crew member where he traveled all over the United States working at several venues meeting many of his lifelong friends.

Thomas loved his family and enjoyed spending time with them, he also enjoyed hunting, fishing and the outdoors. He loved rock hunting also.

He was a loving husband, father and friend to anyone he met, he will be truly missed.

Survivors include his wife Carla; daughters, Vera (Luke) Bourne, Michelle Gell; granddaughters, Harmony and Lillianna Morrison; parent Nancy Gell; brothers, Richard (Anne) Gell and their sons, Ricky and Brian and their families, Danny (Maggie) Gell and their daughters Kelly and Kate Gell and their families; sister, Elizabeth (Glen) Wolfe and their children, Hanna and Alec Wolfe.

Thomas was preceded in death by his parents Richard E. and Vera Gell, and one grandson, Quentin E. Gell.

In Loving Memory



Thomas Edson Gell

1956 ~ 2017

For Dad.....

*To be heard, without saying a word,
To be hugged when I'm feeling blue,
To be understood, when I'm confused,
So rare was a Dad like you.
Your loving smile, and gentle laugh,
Made all the difference in my day.
Your endless wisdom, and timeless advice
Always helped me find my way.
In you there was no equal,
You were in a class all your own.
And because of all, the love you gave me,
I'll never be alone.
It's an honor to have known you,
To have shared stories and dreams.
I'll always think of you smiling,
No matter how tough life seems.
You're still special beyond compare,
Your heart so kind and true,
I wish that everyone on earth,
Could have such a Dad like you!*

Waiting in the Light

*When you wake up tomorrow
And grief takes your breath away
Know I watch over you
And walk with you each day
Though, unseen, I stay close by
We're never far apart
The love we share gives testament
To all that's in your heart
I see the way you struggle now
To hold your head up high
I'm proud of you because I know
How very hard you try
I wish I could hold you close
And ease the pain you feel
I want so much to talk to you
And promise that you'll heal
One day you will see me again
Once more within your sight
I'll be right here to walk you in
I'm waiting in the light*

In Loving Memory Of

Thomas Edson Gell

Born

May 2, 1956
Pittsford, New York

Died

December 4, 2017
Rapid City, South Dakota

Memorial Service

Saturday, December 9, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.
Kinkade Funeral Chapel
Sturgis, South Dakota

Officiant

Pastor James Baker

Musical Selections

“Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone”
“Calling All Angels”

Military Honors

Sturgis Veteran's Honor Guard

Inurnment

Monday, December 11, 2017, at 11:00 a.m.
Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota