



Tom Hassler

September 24, 1948 - January 24, 2023

Thomas William Hassler was born to John Francis and Elaine Elizabeth (Becker) Hassler on September 24, 1948 at Friend, Nebraska. He passed away on January 24, 2023, at Bergen Mercy Hospital in Omaha, Nebraska at the age of 74 years and 4 months. He was one of 2 children born in the family.

Tom grew up in Exeter and attended St. Stephen grade school. He graduated from Exeter High School with the class of 1966. After high school, Tom worked for Horizontal Boring before moving to Omaha to attend barber school. After graduating from barber school, Tom gained experience as a barber working for Fred's Barber Shop in Omaha. On January 24, 1970, Tom was united in marriage to Kay Havel of Fairmont, Nebraska. To this union a son, Riley, was born in 1977. Tom and Kay located in Fairmont and Tom purchased the barber shop in Fairmont, operating it from 1971 to 1986 before selling the business. Tom then began employment with Fairmont Public School serving in the maintenance department until retiring in 2000. While at Fairmont, Tom formed many friendships with the students and staff at Fairmont Public School that still last to this day. In 2000, Tom and Kay moved up to Duncan Lakes to slow down and enjoy lake life. One not to sit still, Tom continued to work for Central Community College in the maintenance department. He also worked part time for Toby & Melissa Goc in the laundromat at Columbus.

Tom was a member of St. Stephen Catholic Church in Exeter and St. Helena Catholic Church in Grafton. He was also active in the Fairmont community serving as a volunteer on the Fairmont Fire Department for 27 years, Fairmont Jaycees, City Council, and serving as Mayor of Fairmont. He enjoyed the simple things like his flower and vegetable gardens, bird watching and wood working. He had a twinkle in his eye and a great sense of humor that endeared him to those he knew.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents; brother-in-law Dick Jantzi; and nephew Shane Jantzi.

He is survived by his wife Kay of Duncan Lakes, Nebraska; son Riley Hassler and wife Katelyn of Cordell, Oklahoma; brother John P. Hassler and wife Sharon of Lincoln, Nebraska; sister-in-law Karen Jantzi of Fairmont, Nebraska; brother-in-law Richard Havel of Grand Island, Nebraska; nieces and nephews.

A Funeral Mass for Tom was held on Saturday, January 28, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Stephen Catholic Church in Exeter, Nebraska. Father Brendan Kelly presided over the Funeral Mass. Agnes Anderson was the organist and Karen Filipi was the cantor and they led the congregation in the singing of "Be Not Afraid," "How Great Thou Art," "On Eagle's Wings," and "Song Of Farewell."

Pallbearers included Mike Becker, Lee Benson, Brad Husman, Rick Johnson, Roger Lundberg, and Brian Tonniges. A Graveside Service was held in the Exeter Cemetery following the Funeral Mass.

Farmer & Son Funeral Home was in care of the arrangements and online condolences can be left at www.farmerandsonfuneralhome.com

Memorials are suggested to the family for future designation.

Cemetery Details

Exeter Cemetery

Exeter, NE 68351

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 27. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Farmer Funeral Home
305 South Burlington Avenue
Exeter, NE 68351
(402) 266-3621
<https://farmerandsonfuneralhome.com>

Family Present for Visitation

JAN 27. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Farmer Funeral Home
305 South Burlington Avenue
Exeter, NE 68351
(402) 266-3621
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Funeral Mass

JAN 28. 10:30 AM (CT)

Saint Stephen Catholic Church
207 N Union Ave
Exeter, NE 68351
(402) 266-5581

Tribute Wall



“ 49 files added to the album Flower Pictures



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - January 29, 2023 at 09:57 AM

JF

“ Judy Fisher lit a candle in memory of Tom Hassler



Judy Cassidy Fisher - January 29, 2023 at 09:56 AM

MG

“ Kay - So sorry to hear of Tom's passing. THANK YOU for sharing his energy, laughter and work ethic with us! I have nothing but positive memories of him and his ability to relate to students, peers and all of at the college. I only wish I had known he was a barber as I know we could have had some amazing hair-cutting events on campus - which may have been why he didn't tell me! Prayers to you all!

Matt Gotschall - January 27, 2023 at 12:15 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Tom Hassler.*



January 26, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Tom Hassler.*



January 26, 2023 at 06:28 PM



“ *Tom was such a presence where ever he was. Duncan Lakes will NEVER be the same! He was such a funny and entertaining guy- always had a funny story or joke to share with everyone. He will be greatly missed by all that knew him and if you knew him-he was your friend!!*

Trish Trofholz & Family

Trish Trofholz - January 26, 2023 at 04:51 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Tom Hassler.*



January 26, 2023 at 03:18 PM

JB

“ Kay and family I am very sorry for your loss. Tom was a great asset to the College, he always had that infectious smile and a good story to go with it.

Jim Baldwin - January 26, 2023 at 02:50 PM

JW

“ I knew Tom from the college. Very friendly and nice man. Enjoyed visiting with him when he was working and I would see him somewhere.

Jeannie Werner - January 26, 2023 at 01:37 PM

JB

“ Jill Boop purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Tom Hassler.



Jill Boop - January 26, 2023 at 12:07 PM

VJ

“ Virginia Johnson lit a candle in memory of Tom Hassler



Virginia Johnson - January 26, 2023 at 11:52 AM

PA

“ *Sending sympathy & prayers to Kay & the family.*

Pam (Adams) Davis

Pam - January 26, 2023 at 11:08 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Family Picture*



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - January 26, 2023 at 10:06 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Tom Hassler.*



January 26, 2023 at 09:35 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Tom Hassler.*



January 26, 2023 at 09:34 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Tom Hassler.



January 26, 2023 at 12:09 AM



“ Wayne and I loved our time in 4-H Club with Tom and Pat. It had to be one of the most exciting times in our young lives. With that I came to always feel close to Pat and always thought the world of Tom. Wayne and I also held both of their parents in high regard. I am so glad to have known Tom and the whole Hassler family. My condolences are with the family. Larry Rasmussen

Larry Rasmussen - January 26, 2023 at 12:07 AM



“ Our Duncan Lakes family will never be the same without Tom. He was loved by all.

Sharon Jarosz - January 25, 2023 at 11:23 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Tom Hassler.



January 25, 2023 at 10:44 PM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Tom Hassler.



January 25, 2023 at 07:24 PM



“ A great guy. Always a smile an laugh. Sorry for your loss.

Cindy Smith - January 25, 2023 at 03:41 PM