



Official Obituary of

Thomas Wayne Kemp

August 8, 1953 ~ April 28, 2024 (age 70)



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Thomas Kemp Obituary

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Thomas Wayne Kemp, 70, of Gig Harbor, Washington, passed peacefully on Sunday, April 28, 2024 surrounded by his beloved wife, Carmelita, and his three children, Kelly, Ryan and Brandi.

Lt. Colonel Thomas Kemp was a proud veteran of the United States Air Force, a graduate of the United States Air Force Academy, and had a long and distinguished aviation career spanning over four decades, thirty-five of which were spent at Alaska Airlines where Captain Thomas Kemp held many positions, including Vice President of Flight Operations. Tom was a man of strong faith who loved flying, his family more than anything, and enjoyed life to its fullest.

Tom is predeceased by his parents, Delos and Norma, and his sister, Kathi. He is survived by his wife, Carmelita, his son, Ryan and his wife Heather, his two daughters, Kelly and Brandi, his five grandchildren, Kanon, Kabella, Alohi, Kai and Bailey, and his four siblings Deb, Bob, Jimmy and Barb.

Coping with Grief

We would like to offer our sincere support to anyone coping with grief. Enter your email below for our complimentary daily grief messages. Messages run for up to one year and you can stop at any time. Your email will not be used for any other purpose.

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Funeral Services will be held at 2:00 pm on May 31 at Haven of Rest Memorial Park in Gig Harbor, Washington. A Celebration of Life will follow at 5:00 pm at the Alaska Airlines Care Retreat in Seattle where we will honor his life and legacy.

In lieu of flowers, our family graciously asks for memorial donations to be made in Tom’s name to the Fred Hutch Cancer Research Center where you can designate your contribution to pancreatic cancer. Tom had been selected to be part of a t-cell trial at Fred Hutch, which gave him a significant sense of hope throughout his treatment, and we would like to contribute in his name towards their ground-breaking work in the field of pancreatic cancer research.

fredhutch.org/en/ways-to-give/honor-a-loved-one.html

To [send flowers \(/obituary/Thomas-Kemp/sympathy-landing\)](/obituary/Thomas-Kemp/sympathy-landing) to the family or [plant a tree \(/obituary/Thomas-Kemp/1079028/memorial-tree\)](/obituary/Thomas-Kemp/1079028/memorial-tree) in memory of Thomas Wayne Kemp, please [visit our floral store. \(/obituary/Thomas-Kemp/sympathy-landing\)](#)

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Services

You can still show your support by sending flowers directly to the family, or by planting a memorial tree in the memory of Thomas Wayne Kemp

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Tribute Wall

Please share your remembrances and condolences

 Photos

 Video

 Candle

 Sentiment

Plant a tree in memory of Thomas

An environmentally-friendly option



Plant a tree (</obituary/Thomas-Kemp/1079028/memorial-tree>)

May 6, 2024 1:15 PM

A Memorial Tree was planted for Thomas Wayne Kemp

We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ the staff at Haven Of Rest Gig Harbor

[Join in honoring their life - plant a memorial tree \(/obituary/Thomas-Kemp/1079028/memorial-tree\)](/obituary/Thomas-Kemp/1079028/memorial-tree)

