



## Thomas LeRoy Hertz

September 25, 1945 - August 26, 2017

Thomas was born in Lawrence, Kansas on September 25, 1945 and went to be with his Heavenly Father on August 26, 2017. He spent the majority of his childhood in East Alton, Illinois. He was the son of Allie Arline Allen Hertz and Joseph Charles Hertz. Tom had four brothers, Joseph C. Hertz, Jr of Tallahassee, Robert John Hertz (Karen) of Maryville, IL, Gregory Vincent Hertz (deceased), Michael Gerard Hertz (deceased), and two sisters Mary Ann Hertz Swerdzewski (Dr Frank) of Tallahassee, and Celeste Marie Hertz of Alton, Illinois.

Tom was the devoted, loving husband to Laura Crawford Hertz, marrying her in Tallahassee, Florida on November 27, 1987. He had two sons that he loved and cared for, Andreas Michael Hertz of Jersey City, NJ and Daniel Roy Hertz of Tallahassee, FL.

In addition to his two children Tom had 12 nieces and nephews, former wife Helga Hoppe and former sister-in-law Carol Hodson. He also enjoyed the company of his 4 sisters-in-law April Crawford, Julie Crawford, Joan Meadows, and Crystal Harrison, and especially his brother-in-law, Bob Meadows, who was a dear friend.

He was loved and admired by so many. Tom served in the Army for three years and he was a proud veteran. He worked as a computer technician/analyst for the Florida Legislature for 22 years.

Tom had many interests. He enjoyed working and building cars and airplanes, and was known as a respected mechanic. He built a beautiful home in the

mountains that he was very proud of. He loved mowing the lawn and building a fire in the fire pit. One of his favorite things to do was to sit in his rocker on the front porch and look out at the mountains. He also enjoyed fishing, riding his Harley, and hanging out with his friends. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

In lieu of flowers memorial gifts may be made in Tom's name to Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 5665 Thomasville Road, Tallahassee, FL 32309 or Veterans of America, 8719 Colesville Road, Suite 100, Silver Springs, Maryland 20910.

The funeral Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, September 1, 2017 at Good Shepherd Catholic Church with a reception following in the Parish Community Center. Interment will follow at Oakland Cemetery.

Kelly Barber of Bevis Funeral Home in Tallahassee (850/385-2193) or [www.bevisfh.com](http://www.bevisfh.com)) is assisting the Hertz family with their arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## **Oakland Cemetery**

838 N Bronough St  
Tallahassee, FL 32303

# Tribute Wall

PC

“ Tom will be truly missed by all of us. Laura you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Much Love Pam & Ray

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**Pam Carman** - September 04, 2017 at 09:34 AM

PS

“ I am in disbelief, I consider Tom and Laura very good friends. Tom and I communicated via telephone and text on a regular basis, mostly what we were fixing, building or breaking. Most recently Tom would update me about progress and photos of his workshop. Then there were photos of Laura's 4 wheeler. I will miss our optimistic conversations about what projects we will come up with next.  
This doesn't seem possible. I am deeply saddened.  
Philip Stuart

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**philip Stuart** - September 01, 2017 at 06:35 PM

BW

I'm proud to have known Tom for many years he was a true friend always ready to help anyone I will miss him at the airport coffee table were we solved the world's problems.

Bob Willis

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**Bob Willis** - September 01, 2017 at 09:34 PM

PP

“ Tom was a good friend, we will miss him always. Pete Pharr

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**Pete and Gail Pharr** - August 30, 2017 at 08:56 AM



“ *Blue Rose Buds, Stargazer Lilies and Hydrangea (Silk Cemetery Flowers) was purchased for the family of Thomas LeRoy Hertz.*



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August 30, 2017 at 07:08 AM



“ *We had so much in common from guns, pole vaulting, cars to motorcycles we enjoyed each other's company, I will miss Tom in this life but there's good times a head. Blessings to Laura and family.*

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**Michael T Werry** - August 29, 2017 at 02:02 PM



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**Michael T. Werry** - August 29, 2017 at 01:54 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas LeRoy Hertz.*



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August 29, 2017 at 01:42 PM

RO

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Rochelle - August 29, 2017 at 10:24 AM

RO

*Tom and Laura were my home away from home in Tallahassee. Rest Peacefully Tom.*

Rochelle - August 29, 2017 at 10:25 AM

GL

*Tom was our friend and neighbor, he walked fearlessly through life, spoke confidently about so many things, he lived victoriously loving his family and friends. We will miss him very much. Gail and Pete Pharr*

Gail Lawhorn-Pharr - August 29, 2017 at 10:54 AM

JC

*Tom and I got close 9 years ago thru my numerous visits to TN. HE showed me all his favorite places. We would always have long conversations by the fire and on the porch. I will miss him dearly. Rest peacefully my friend til I see you again one day. In the meantime I will do whatever I can to help Laura and your precious family. 💔💔💔💔💔*

julie crawford - August 29, 2017 at 03:34 PM

RH

*Tom and I spent our teen years as good buddies did a lot of fun things together worked on our cars through model airplanes and help me build my Harley had a lot of great fun with Tom sorry to hear he passed I live in Overlin Park Kansas not far from Lawrence wish out of known he lived in Lawrence Ron Hicks*

Ronald Hicks - August 31, 2017 at 04:35 PM

JM

“ Tom was the best brother-in-law that I could ask for. I will always remember his beautiful smile and sense of humor and the hero that he was. Bob and I can not thank he and Laura enough for their kindness and assistance with the building of our home in Tennessee. Those nights sitting around the fire pit and chatting the last 5 months were the best times ever. Rest in Peace Tom. Your will be missed more than you will ever know. Love you!  
Bob, Joan and Curry Meadows

Joan Crawford Meadows - August 29, 2017 at 12:53 AM



Tom was a kind and gentle soul who loved his family and his life. His sense of humor and perceptions of life make him an unforgettable friend and neighbor. Thankful to have known him and shared memories with the family. Heaven holds another great carpenter. Fred and Jo Wilcoxson

Jo Wilcoxson - August 29, 2017 at 07:17 AM



Live, laugh, love....life is short. Use your time wisely

Jo Wilcoxson - August 29, 2017 at 07:19 AM

SS

So glad that I got to meet this wonderful man. May Tom Rest In Peace. I know that his family and friends will always cherish warm memories of him.

Sherrie Shaner - August 29, 2017 at 01:33 PM

CT

I will miss Tom more than I can begin to say. My across the street neighbor for thirty years. Rest in peace my long time friend. We will meet again. Chris.

chris thursby - August 29, 2017 at 05:50 PM

JS

*Tom and I went to Grade School and High School together. In High School we were both interested in our cars. Tom never hesitated to help do anything on the cars. He loved it and had a special talent. We've kept in touch over the years. Memories, we shared so many good times. I'm gonna miss him more than I can express. He was special. Rest in Peace Tom.*

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**Jim Scoggins** - August 29, 2017 at 09:31 PM