

Thomas Arvel Leek

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We were fortunate to know Tom while he taught at SUU. We have one of his paintings of beautiful autumn leaves and aspen trees in our great room that I am looking at now and proud to display. It was the first of many art works we have bought over the years and Tom undoubtedly inspired us to add to our collection as we became true art lovers. Thanks Tom for your wonderful contribution to so many lives.

- Hans and Mary chamberlain

Tom & Becky, so sorry to hear of your dads passing. May you and yours feel of his love as he hovers near in days to come. May you also feel of the love and peace from He who created us all as peace and comfort fill your home and comfort you at the special times to come. Love, Ted & Linnita Proctor

- Ted Proctor

Dear Leek family, I was sorry to learn of Tom’s death and extend my sympathies to all of you. My association at CSU/SUSC with Tom and Janet are a rich part of my memories here in Cedar. I served for a year or so on the Annual Cedar City Art Show committee and enjoyed working with Tom. I was impressed with his work to get the Braithwaite Art Gallery established at SUSC. Janet was the administrative assistant in the Behavioral and Social Science department where my late husband, Ric Thompson, taught. Ric had so much respect for both Tim and Janet. When I started acquiring Art for a personal collection, one of Tom’s pieces of Kolob Reservoir was my first acquisition. And it is still one of my favorites. May you be blessed with so many good memories of your father and grandfather.

- Georgia B Thompson

Truly a talented artist. I stand amazed at Tom's artistic ability. I have enjoyed every one of his paintings I have seen. The colors and conceptualization, the layout and detail. Sad to hear of his passing. I have enjoyed knowing him and his family for close to forty years.

- Curtis McCarthy

To my Cousins, Sending our condolences on the passing of Uncle Tom. I remember as a young child wanting to be an artist like Uncle Tom as we had many pieces of his work in our home. As I grew older, it did not take me long to figure out that I did not have the talent to be an artist like him. Luckily his art work will continue to be something we can all remember him by. I enjoyed our conversations through the years as well as reading the book he wrote. In early May, he sent a text congratulating my daughter on her high school graduation which meant a lot to us. Perhaps she will follow in his footsteps as she begins her studies in the college of visual arts and design.

- Russell Stephens & Family

Dear Leek Family, I am so sorry for your loss. Tom, for me, was a great person. And a human being with a heart of gold. I am Yola, the person who has helped him, with cleaning, from 18 to 20 years. And I have come to appreciate him. When it was time to clean the house, I would always sent a reminder text to him, and he always would answered me saying, "I'll wait for you here." And yesterday was not the exception. I sent a reminder, and I miss not receiving an answer. And yesterday morning I came to his house, knocked on the door, and called his phone. And nobody opened. And nobody answered. Until I asked a neighbor about him "If he knew something about Mr. Thomas." And it was there that I found out. The new was sad, and unfortunate for me.■ Because in all these years I learned to care for Dr. Thomas. I imagine what you are going through. I ask God for each one of you. So that the loss is not so difficult. I will always remember Mr. Thomas, with love and respect. And in case you need something that I can do I will go to the condo office and leave my phone #. God bless you. ■

- Yolanda CURIEL