



Thomas Ernst Pawel

December 20, 1925 - August 22, 2004

Thomas Ernst Pawel went to be with his Lord and Savior on Sunday, August 22, 2004 at the age of 78. He died suddenly after suffering a brain hemorrhage, at home, on Saturday, August 21, 2004. Tom Pawel was born in Leipzig, Germany December 20, 1925 to Dr. Ernst and Charlotte Pawel and emigrated to the United States, with his parents, in 1937. Tom arrived in the United States speaking only German - a language he spoke with great relish, retaining his native regional accent, throughout his life. He was the nephew of Otto Zuhr, Mayor of West Berlin. He served in the United States Army during World War II and became a U.S. Citizen. A graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the Harvard Graduate School of Business, he moved to Texas in the 1950's where he founded Concord Oil Company in 1956. An avid athlete and supporter of athletics, Tom was a generous benefactor to the Modern Pentathlon and regular participant in marathons, triathlons, and 10K races through-out the region including a second place finish, for his age group, in the Combat Medic 10K held on July 24, 2004. He gained recognition as a businessman of vision when he donated 1500 acres of the Briggs Ranch to establish the Texas Research Park. When Citicorp decided to locate U.S. Customer Service Operations in San Antonio, Mr. Pawel was approached for a similar donation resulting in locating those corporate facilities in close proximity. Always thoughtful of his German heritage, Mr. Pawel was selected and served as the Honorary Consul for Germany in San Antonio for over a decade. He was a member of the Board of

Directors for the San Antonio Plaza Club and active in numerous professional organizations supporting economic development and the oil and gas industry. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Nancy Ray Pawel; sister, Renate Ronnie Guttman; children, Margaret Pawel Moore, Elizabeth Lisa Pawel and husband Rick Schlesinger, and Charlotte Pawel Jonas and husband James; grandchildren, Zachary Pawel Schlesinger, Margaret Elizabeth M.E. Jonas, William James Jonas IV, Myles Standish Jonas, and Alden Anderegg Jonas. In lieu of flowers, those who wish may send memorials to: Boysville, 8555 E Loop 1604 N, San Antonio, TX 78109; Texas Research Park Foundation, 14815 Omnicron Drive, San Antonio, TX 78245; St. Mary's Hall, P.O. Box 33430, San Antonio, TX 78265; or Treehouse Day Program for Autistic Children, 271 E. Lullwood, San Antonio, TX 78212.

Tribute Wall

RS

“ So long, Tom. I going to miss your humor and abilities in our uranium ventures. And here we are now just starting into another boom time. You left too soon ol' buddy.

Robert B. Smith - October 09, 2004 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ Dear Nancy,

We were both saddened to learn of Tom's death and touched to get your email. Thank you so much for thinking of us in what must be one of your most trying and saddest times.

We wish you the very best and wish we could be wi

Charles & Juliette Doster - September 20, 2004 at 12:00 AM

EH

“ Thomas Ernst Pawel

Evelyn A. Hubbell - September 12, 2004 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ Dear Nancy, Phoebe informed me of your loss and I just wanted you to know how much feel for you. Prayers are with you and yours.

I still talk about my pottery days with you at Incarnate Word.

Blessings on your day!

Sr. Lydia

Sr. Lydia Plastas - September 06, 2004 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *Though our meetings were brief, I have fond memories of conversations with Mr. Pawel, and am glad that I had the opportunity to meet such a unique person.*

My condolences to the family.

Steve

Stephen Seeger - September 06, 2004 at 12:00 AM

NR

“ *Dear Ms. Pawel, Margaret, Lisa and Charlotte, I am so saddened by the passing of Mr. Pawel. You all will remember me and my Mother, Joanita Reed ~ from 35 years ago when we all swam together. I was honored and thrilled to see Mr. Powell when he attende*

Nancy Murray -Wetz Rathburn - September 02, 2004 at 12:00 AM

WC

“ *dear ones..thank you for sharing that bright ray of sunshine called Tom. I will always treasure his smiles...God Bless you all...hugs, weezie*

weezie chesney - August 30, 2004 at 12:00 AM

IM

“ *To The Family of Tom,*

Our deepest sympathy on the loss of your beloved one. Tom was a great man and he will be missed by everyone who know him.

Love Ingeborg and George Mehren

Ingeborg Mehren - August 30, 2004 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ *My deepest sympathy and love to you and your family at this time of sorrow. You are in my prayers and thoughts now and in the coming months. May God give you peace and comfort you. Marty Ellsberry*

Marty Ellserry - August 26, 2004 at 12:00 AM

HA

“ *Dear Nancy,
Jackie and I were very,very sorry to learn of Tom's passing. He was always a special person to both of us and we will miss him. our sympathies and prayers are with you in this difficult time. We hope to stay in touch.
Sincerely and Fondly,*

Horatio Aldredge - August 26, 2004 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ *Tom always carried a wonderful humor and raised others outlook todays each day. I will miss him each first Tuesday on the court house steps.*

Danny Gonzalez - August 25, 2004 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *The Board of Directors of the San Antonio Business and Economic Society express our deep sense of loss. Tom was a vibrant and constant member of SABES and he was always greeted with pleasure at our monthly gatherings. He will be missed.*

San Antonio Business and Economic Society - August 25, 2004 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Nancy and the family. We have the fondest memories of working with Tom and Nancy on the COLFA Advisory committee at UTSA. I also had the privilege of being involved with the early development of Texas Research Park. We

Bob & Yolanda Crittenden - August 25, 2004 at 12:00 AM

PT

“ Dear Nancy and family,

I have such great memories of Tom and your family's involvement with the U.S. Modern Pentathlon. When I was training and living in San Antonio, I always looked forward to seeing Tom at the competitions and social events. I am g

Perry Toles - August 25, 2004 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Dear Nancy and Family we send our condolences.

*Fred and Agnes Maddux
and Family*

Dr.& Mrs. J. F. Maddux - August 25, 2004 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Dear Mrs. Pawel, Margaret, Lisa & Charlotte,

I am sending my personal deepest sympathies for your sad loss of your husband, father and unique man. This is my twenty-third year working for him. His generosity will not be forgotten. The office will ne

Cathy Schick - August 25, 2004 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Georgia has known Tom since the early 60's through their connection with Texas Osage, then Dennis met him through running since the 80's. Dennis and I have been to many races with Tom. It was a shock to learn of his death. He will be remembered by his

Dennis&Georgia Sweezea - August 25, 2004 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Dear Mrs. Pawel and Family:

The City of San Antonio's International Affairs Department staff and myself, are deeply saddened by Tom's passing. He was a remarkable gentleman with exceptional talent, grace and wisdom. It was indeed a pleasure to have w

Jose Luis Garcia - August 25, 2004 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Dear Pawel family,
On behalf of the International Affairs Department, please receive our profound condolences over the passing of one of San Antonio's most cherished figures. A model citizen in every respect, Tom's absence reverberates throughout the ent

Beth Costello - August 25, 2004 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ *I am so sadden to hear of the passing of Tom Pawel. My sincere sympathy to Nancy and the family.*

Bann Williams

Bann Williams - August 25, 2004 at 12:00 AM

DO

“ Dear Mrs Pawel, Our deepest condolences for your great loss. Mr. Pawel was one amongst the very "special"! Our prayers are with you and your family. Respectfully, Don O'Connor & family

Don O'Connor - August 24, 2004 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ Nancy'
I am sad and shocked that you have lost your husband. Please know that you are in my thoughts. You are always welcome at my home or studio, if you care to visit. Marcia Dahlman

Marcia Dahlman - August 24, 2004 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ Dear Mrs. Pawel, Margaret, Lisa and Charlotte,
I pray that your aching hearts will be soothed during this difficult time. He will be greatly missed by many.

Blair Perry - August 24, 2004 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ Dear Nancy, I can remember how traumatic it was for me when Dick died suddenly 1n '91. If there is any way I can help ease your pain now, please call on me. I have always loved meeting up with you and Tom whenever our paths have crossed. What a blessing f

mary denman - August 24, 2004 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Over the years I had the pleasure of flying Mr. Pawel for viewing properties he had an interest in. Mr. Pawel was always a gentleman and I will greatly miss his presence.

John Deer - August 24, 2004 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Dear Nancy and Family,

It is with shock and deep sadness that I learned of Tom's passing today. Over the few years I knew Tom, I developed a deep respect and admiration for his integrity and professionalism. I also came to appreciate his sense of hum

Mike Pittsley and Karen Blankenship - August 24, 2004 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ My husband Michael Pittsley has already left a note but I had to add my own. I learned so much from Tom and respected him so. He had a heart of gold and was one in a million. He was a delight to know. We so enjoyed he and Nancy at Mike's 50th birthday par

Karen Blankenship - August 24, 2004 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Nancy, we were so sorry to hear about Tom. He will be sorely missed by so many of us. You and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers.

Byron and Billie-Kite Howlett

Byron and Billie-Kite Howlett - August 24, 2004 at 12:00 AM

AJ

“ Dear Nancy,
Our hearts go out to you and your family and we send our thoughts
and prayers during this difficult time.
-- On behalf of the Wellesley Club of San Antonio

Amy Jaspersen - August 24, 2004 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *Thomas Ernst Pawel*

Ben Bernard Buecker - August 24, 2004 at 12:00 AM

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JC

“ *Dear Ms Pawel,*

*As one of Margaret's Alamo Heights schoolmates and friends, I
know how influential her dad was in her life, and how much she
loved and thought of him. I am very sorry to hear of your loss, a
significant loss to San Antonio as well.*

John Cuellar - August 24, 2004 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ *Dear Nancy,*
*It was a shock for us all to learn of Tom's untimely passing. The leap
of faith that Tom and you took in donating 1,500 acres to create the
Texas Research Park was extraordinary and demonstrated Tom's
unique vision. While many of us had the*

Jim Dublin - August 24, 2004 at 12:00 AM

LV

“ Nancy, I am so sorry for your loss. I am afraid I can't find the right words to say. My thoughts are with you. Linda

Linda Vroegindewey - August 24, 2004 at 12:00 AM

ED

“ Thomas Ernst Pawel

Edward Sosa, Bexar County Sheriff's Civil Division - August 24, 2004 at 12:00 AM

EC

“ I would like to extend my condolences to Mr. Tom Pawel's family. I work with the Bexar County Sheriff's tax sales. It has been a pleasure knowing Mr. Pawel. He always had a smile and always was very courteous. I also enjoyed conversing with him and his

Edward Sosa, Bexar County Sheriff's Civil - August 24, 2004 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ Dear Nancy, I would like to offer my most sincere condolences on your sudden loss. The entire staff at the Alamo Street restaurant will miss Tom very much. Marcia Baer Larsen. Alamo Street Restaurant and Theatre.

Marcia Baer Larsen - August 24, 2004 at 12:00 AM

NW

“ Nancy, My thoughts are with you as you begin this new stage of your life. Since I am in Atlanta, I am unable to be there for the services but I will be with you in thought. Nancy

Nancy White - August 24, 2004 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Dear Nancy, Margaret, Lisa & Charlotte,

Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. We have always admired Tom and your family. Our deepest sympathy for your loss.

*Love,
Marsha & Bob*

Bob & Marsha Hillman - August 24, 2004 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ We will miss visiting with Tom, sharing stories and competitions in running and swimming for so many years. He was always so delightful and up beat in chats at art events. This is a great loss.
Beth & Leonard

Leonard & Beth Stern - August 24, 2004 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ Farewell to a good friend--we will miss you Tom

George Weatherston - August 24, 2004 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Mrs. Pawel and family,

I am very saddened by the news of Mr. Pawel's passing. I hope you are well.

Please know you are in my thoughts.

Melissa Coulter - August 24, 2004 at 12:00 AM

VM

“ *Thomas Ernst Pawel*

Vard & Becky Moore - August 23, 2004 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ *To the family of Mr. Thomas Pawel, our deepest condolences to all of you. We knew Mr. Pawel as the Honorary Consul of Germany, he was very helpful and kind. Ruhe in Frieden! Roger and Monika*

Roger Monika Terry - August 23, 2004 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ *Tom was an incredible man...he will be missed! Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with your family.*

Susan Drake Goodman - August 23, 2004 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ *Dear Nancy, Sincerest condolences to you and your loved ones for your loss... We've long admired you and Tom for your many generous contributions to the community, and have appreciated the warmth and humor with which you approach life. Tom certainly will*

Roxi & Mark McCloskey - August 23, 2004 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ *Dear Nancy, Margaret, Lisa and Charlotte, I still think so fondly on our childhood years, and the fun times we shared in your home. I admired Tom and all of his great accomplishments. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Paula Krumboltz Hutchinson - August 23, 2004 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Dear Nancy and family,
Tom inspired me through his running--we ran several local races together. I thank God for him and pray that you will be comforted in your sorrow.

Dogan A. Perese - August 23, 2004 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ Dear Nancy, I am shocked and so sorry to learn of Tom's death. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in this time of sorrow. With sincere sympathy, Love, Doris

Doris A. Townsend - August 23, 2004 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Nancy and family,
I'm very sorry for your loss.
Mr. Pawel was an excellent person, as well as employer. He will be greatly missed.
Sincerely,
David Hernandez,
Concord Employee

David Hernandez - August 23, 2004 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ Dear Charlotte, James and family, I was so sorry to read of Tom's passing in this evenings paper and wanted to pass on my sincere sympathy to you and your family. Tom was a wonderful person to be around. His encouragement, involvement and support during my

Reagan Greer - August 23, 2004 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *Mr. Pawel was an inspiration to me when I use to participate in triathlons several years ago and he has remained so. I always admired his dedication to staying in shape and would see him on one of his jogs during the day near the SACC or other parts of to*

Charles J. Bondurant - August 23, 2004 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ *Nancy and Family, Arleen and I send our deepest sympathy for your sudden and untimely loss. Tom was a good friend of over 30 years to me. In the last couple of years Tom and I had often talked about working together in some fashion for the benefit of C*

Tom & Arleen DeBrooke - August 23, 2004 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ *Dearest Margaret and Mrs. Pawel,*

I am so sorry to hear about Mr. Pawel passing away. It was certainly a surprise for all. My deepest sympathy goes out to both of you and your family. You are in my prayers and thoughts. I will always remember the severa

Mollie Drake - August 23, 2004 at 12:00 AM

ER

“ *Have known Tom since 1983 and he had always been friendly, helpful, and cordial to me and any friend I may have been with at the time. Always the gentlemen. Truly a gredit of the highest order to his community. My sincerest condolence for your sorrow.*

E. Gerald Rolf - August 23, 2004 at 12:00 AM

VW

“ Dear Mrs. Pawel,

It is very difficult at work today and will be for some time. I miss Mr. Pawel very much and thought of him as my working father. My father and Mr. Pawel were exactly the same age. I keep expecting him to get off the elevator any min

Virginia Whitworth - August 23, 2004 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *I was very saddened to hear of "Herr" Pawel's passing. I shall remember his warm smile, gracious manner and wit. My thoughts and prayers are with you, Mrs. Pawel, Margaret, Lisa and Charlotte. Love.*

Cristina E. Martinez - August 23, 2004 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *Nancy, I could not believe what I was hearing when I heard the tragic news. You are all in my prayers to be sure. I can vividly recall how gleeful Tom was at Maureen's 90th birthday party when he found and shared a rare treasure about her. It was a hi*

Dick McCracken - August 23, 2004 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ *The Board offers our deepest condolence to the family of Tom Pawel.*

San Antonio Art League Museum - August 23, 2004 at 12:00 AM

HF

“ *We regret the loss of Mr. Pawel and offer you our condolences.*

helen & clarence fey - August 23, 2004 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ My deepest sympathy for the loss of Tom. Tom and I knew each other through the Landman's Association and local running events. He was a warm and gracious person who I am honored to know.

Marsha Collier - August 23, 2004 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ I would like to offer my heartfelt condolences to Nancy, Margaret, Lisa, Charlotte and all the extended Pawel family. I worked at Concord Oil Company for seven years and I credit much of my business sense to those years working under Tom's tutelage. Pl

Peter Bauerlein - August 23, 2004 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ Dear Mrs. Pawel and family,
I am so sorry to hear of Mr. Pawel's passing. I think we all thought he would live nearly forever. I admired and liked him. He helped me when I needed it and I will never forget him. Please, let me know if I may do anyth

Patricia Schultz-Ormond - August 23, 2004 at 12:00 AM

HS

“ Please accept my deepest condolences. The news of Tom's sudden death was saddening. I had the pleasure and privilege to know him when I worked with City of San Antonio's International Affairs Department. In his excellent role as Honorary Consul for Ger

Henry E. Sauvignet - August 23, 2004 at 12:00 AM

NR

“ Tom was a wonderful man. He was full of life and vigor. He will certainly be missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to you.
With warmest sympathy,
Nancy Finney

Nancy Rector-Finney - August 23, 2004 at 12:00 AM

FR

“ Dear Nancy, Margaret, Lisa and Charlotte,

I was shocked to read about Tom this morning. He and I were close friends for 30 years, and I treasured the relationship. We shared the same business interests and probably understood each other better than mo

FRANK RUSSELL - August 23, 2004 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Dear Nancy - we are in Idaho and just learned of Tom's untimely death. Needless to say, we were as shocked as were all of your family and many friends. Tom's great wit and wonderful companionship will be sorely missed by all who knew him. Our deepest sy

Joe and Joci Straus - August 23, 2004 at 12:00 AM

MV

“ Our deepest sympathy on Tom's sudden death. Mario lost a good running friend and will miss him at the races. I will miss visiting with him at art openings. Much love to you Nancy,

Anita Valencia

Mario and Anita Valencia - August 23, 2004 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ M- Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and yours at this time. -Tom, Carrie, Morgan and Noah

Tom Barron - August 23, 2004 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ My deepest sympathy to you Nancy, on the shocking news of Tom's sudden death. What a wonderful man he was and a real role model to many of us. My heart goes out to you and yours. He will certainly be missed.

Love,
Kathleen Kuper

Kathleen Kuper - August 23, 2004 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ Dear Nancy: It was my pleasure to have known Tom professionally and to have had the opportunities to work with him. He had a keen mind and sense of fairness.

I was honored when you and Tom joined us for a birthday celebration not too long ago.

Tom

Kay Micklitz - August 23, 2004 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ I would like to express my deepest sympathy to the family of Tom Pawel. You may not remember me but I certainly do remember Tom Pawel and his wife and 3 daughters. I had great respect for Tom Pawel as he officially was my very first boss at Concord Oil C

Carol Bocchetti - August 23, 2004 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ *Mrs. Pawel,
The passing of your fine husband has left an indelible imprint in our world. I have fond memories of Tom and our mini visits during my tenure at Boysville and more recently, at at the Club Giraud reception in honor of the new commissioner of*

Patricia & Raymund Paredes - August 23, 2004 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ *As former Assistant to the Mayor and former City Manager, we did a great deal of business for the City. We remember Tom as one of the most ethical and generous businessmen we ever worked with. He has left San Antonio a far better place than he found it.*

Shirl Thomas and Lou Fox - August 23, 2004 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ *Dear Nancy and family, please know that Tom and all of you are held in very high esteem by many people. Tom's and your assistance with the creation of the Texas Research Park is truly a lasting legacy, as are your wonderful contributions in education and*

Mike Lawrence - August 23, 2004 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ *Nancy & Family,
I was very saddened to learn of Tom's passing just this morning. He was a good friend of mine and we spent some time on the road going to various mining events back in the 1980's. He was also a good "running buddy" as he often called me*

Terry E. Dudley - August 23, 2004 at 12:00 AM

EO

“ I knew Tom only through his running. He was such a quiet, unassuming and personable man. It was many years before I realized how very important he was in the business life of San Antonio. I will miss his always warm smile and friendly greetings.

Ernie Oakes - August 23, 2004 at 12:00 AM

GR

“ Dear Nancy, the opportunity to know Tom was life enriching and the shock of his sudden loss is devastating. Tom's integrity, kindness and generosity were exemplary. The legacy created via his major contributions to the Texas Research Park set the corpora

Glenn Reed - August 23, 2004 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ We will miss a very good man

Jim & Diane Horan - August 23, 2004 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ Dearest Nancy,
Bob and I send you our heartfelt condolences. It is with disbelief and deep sadness that we send you this message. Be strong and be proud of the memory of Tom who will remain with us as a wonderful and gracious friend. We will miss him ve

Angelika Jansen-Brown & Bob Brown - August 23, 2004 at 12:00 AM

HB

“ Dear Nancy,

Our heartfelt condolences to you and your family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Helene & Julio Benitez

Helene Benitez - August 23, 2004 at 12:00 AM