



Tommy August Dressler "Tom"

October 6, 1950 - May 25, 2025

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Tommy August Dressler—known as Tom—who departed this world on May 25, 2025, in Dallas, Texas, at the age of 74. Born on October 6, 1950, in Sweetwater, Texas, Tom was the son of Nelson A. Dressler and Emma Jane McConnell Dressler. He was a beloved brother, uncle, and friend whose presence will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

From 1989 until his retirement in 2014, Tom served as the Workforce Development Director at the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission in Amarillo, Texas. Earlier in his career he held similar positions in Sweetwater, Lubbock, Kilgore and Dallas. His passion for helping others through his work was inspiring, and his commitment to community development left a lasting impact on many lives.

Tom is survived by his sister, Barbara Dressler Bowen, and her husband, Gary Bowen, of Bertram, Texas; his brother, Mack Dressler, and his wife, Kathy Dressler, of Allen, Texas; as well as nieces and nephews—Craig Bowen of Austin, Texas, Sarah Dressler Schmotzer and her husband, Jereme Schmotzer, of Plano, Texas, and Kate Dressler Larson and her husband, Riley Larson, of Allen, Texas. Tom was also a proud great-uncle, with great-nieces and nephews: Carter Bowen, Kyleigh Bowen, Henry Larson, Sadie Schmotzer, Emma Larson, and a new great-nephew, Caleb Schmotzer.

Tom appreciated the finer things in life—fine dining, his cherished BMW, stylish clothes, and great jazz music. He possessed an impressive knowledge of rock and roll bands, sharing stories from his early days as a guitarist, and he will be remembered for his sharp wit and dry sense of humor.

Tom's remains will be cremated, and plans are being made for a memorial ceremony to be held at a later date. Memorial donations may be made in his name to any charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall

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“ I just learned of Tom's passing and am saddened to hear this news. Tom hired me as a Program Manager at PRPC in Amarillo in the early 90s. He was an amazing mentor, director, and friend. My sympathies and thoughts are with his family and friends. Carolyn Briley Parsons

Carolyn Parsons - July 07, 2025 at 03:49 PM

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“ David and I met Tom more than 40 years ago by way of our friendship with his brother Mack. We didn't get to see Tom often but will remember him fondly as a sensitive person with a keen sense of humor and the ability to make us laugh at the most inappropriate times. We will miss him.

Kathryn Grubbs - June 04, 2025 at 02:37 PM