



## Thomas Ruddy

January 4, 2007

Ruddy, Thomas Patrick Aug. 20, 1963 - January 1, 2007. Preceded in death by partner, Juhad Al-Waraq; grandparents, Roy & Mary Sturdivant and Matthew & Louise Ruddy. Survived by his precious daughter, Courtney Marie Ruddy; parents, Matthew & Joan Ruddy; sister, Rebecca A. Ruddy; brother, Matthew J. Ruddy; twin brother, Timothy P. Ruddy; nephew, Matthew F. Ruddy; aunts and uncles, Jane & Mike Ruddy, Mary & Sam Leppla, Roy & Joy Sturdivant, Jerry Sturdivant; cousins, nephews and nieces and many dear and supportive lifetime friends. Tom was always so kind and helpful to others. He will be forever loved and missed by all of us. Memorials preferred to the family for Courtney. Mass of Christian Burial, Friday, January 5, 10 AM at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 1310 Mainstreet, Hopkins. Private interment St. Margaret's Cemetery. Visitation Thurs, January 4 (TONIGHT) 5-7 PM with prayers at 6:30 PM at: Washburn-McReavy Strobeck Johnson Chapel 1400 Mainstreet, Hopkins 952-938-9020

# Tribute Wall

JD

“ Tommy, I just wanted to say that I miss you every day. I think about you all the time and miss you so much. I hope Courtney is doing ok, I miss her very much too. I hope your family is doing good.

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*Jen Dueffert,*

*excelsior, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Jen Dueffert** - September 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ Dear Tom, I just want you to know that I miss you very much and I think about you all of the time. I miss hearing your voice on the other end of the phone saying, "Hey, little buddy", I miss going out to dinner with you and I miss your sense of humor....I just really miss you! Last week, on your birthday was an especially hard day for me... it's hard to believe that you would have been 45 years old! I am forever grateful to you and your family for being a part of my life! I will NEVER forget you and our time together and you will always be a very special part of my life! Love Always, Michelle

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*Michelle Ruddy,*

*Richfield, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Michelle Ruddy** - August 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Dear Tommy, It's been almost a year since you died. We will always miss you. You were a very special person...always full of fun and good humor...considerate and kind, respectful of others, a good and loyal friend...we could go on and on. You meant the world to us which makes letting go so hard. Our gratitude is that we have many wonderful memories of you as a son, brother and father. Your little Courtney is now our joy and she is doing very well. She's becoming the wonderful little girl you wanted her to be. She's also a good friend, funny, loving all her activities...Spanish Immersion, dance, soccer, swim. She's a good athlete, just like you. we love you Tommy ! (Courtney typed that in). Your many friends and ours were so supportive while you were in the hospital and after you died. We were very touched by all the comfort and generosity and it still continues. We will always love you and miss you and we pray for you every day and hope you are helping to guide us through this time in our lives. Rebecca, Matthew and Tim talk about you often and miss you terribly. Your death had a huge impact on them. It was always the four of you. Stay close to them as you were special to each of them in many ways. You'll be glad to know that they are still very active in Courtney's life and they're keeping your memory alive for her. Our love and prayers to you Tommy. May your soul rest in peace. Love, Courtney, Dad, Mom, Rebecca, Matthew, and Tim.

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Joan Ruddy,

*Chanhassen, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Joan Ruddy** - December 31, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ To entire Ruddy Family~ I'm so sorry to hear of the loss. I pray the memories and laughter Tom brought to your lives will always be with you. God bless and give you strength and peace. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. I meet Tom when he was working in Detroit Lakes, MN quite a few years ago, all I can say was he was great, a great friend, a great sense of humor, a great father and partner to Juhad. Everyone up here just heard the news, and are praying for you and your family. Stacy Sexton

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Stacy Sexton,

Detroit Lakes, Minnesota

Contact Me

**Stacy Sexton** - September 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ *the photo (Tommy and Timmy) in the gallery is the last picture of the twins together. I took the picture an hour before Tommy went to be with our father in heaven. Tommy looked comfortable and we stayed by his side. God bless the Ruddys and all of Tommys friends. This photo is for all of you that couldn't be there. Take care Tommy, Brant*

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*Brant Mosher,*

*Eau Claire, Wisconsin*

*Contact Me*

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**Brant Mosher** - January 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM

EW

“ Dear Courtney, I am so sorry about your dad's passing. I just saw him at gymnastics before Christmas. He told my mom how proud he was of you. He also said he missed your mom. They are together in heaven now. God is taking care of them. I would like you to come over to my house to play sometime so I can give you a big hug. God bless you and your family.

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*Eleanor Wandrei,*

*Minnetonka, Minnesota*

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**Eleanor Wandrei** - January 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Dear Ruddy family, I just found out about Tom's death tonight at church from a mutual friend, Jennifer Martin. I was stunned. I don't know how I missed it in the paper. I just talked with Tom at length at the girl's gymnastics the Tuesday before Christmas! It's funny, but I have known Tom (and Tim) since jr. high, but never really talked with him at length until our conversation that night. He told me what a difficult year it had been losing Courtney's mom. He told me how thankful he was that he had his parents to help him. He also spoke highly of some of his high school friends that he keeps in touch with. Mostly he talked about Courtney and how much he loves her. Before we parted, he gave me a big hug...just like we were old friends. What a cool guy he was and what a sweetheart. I only wish I would have had more time to get to know him. Matt and Joan, Becky, Matt, Tim and Courtney - my family is so sorry for the loss of your son, brother and father. Please know that you are in our prayers. God Bless you all.

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*Lisa (Mcfarlin) Wandrei,*

*minnetonka, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Lisa (Mcfarlin) Wandrei** - January 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM

K(

“ I am deeply saddened by this news. You were so young and full of life - It has been years since we have seen each other, but I have so many great memories - which I will treasure forever, take care

~

*Karin Harmsen (Stageberg),*

*Delano, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Karin Harmsen (Stageberg)** - January 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM

ER

“ THERE ARE MANY OF YOUR FRIENDS WHO WILL SPEAK OF YOU AND JAHAD OFTEN. WE WILL REMEMBER TIME WITH SMILES ON OUR FACES BUT A VOID IN OUR HEARTS. MAY GOD FILL YOUR FAMILIES HEARTS WITH WARMTH AND LOVE AFTER SUCH A PREMATURE LOSS.

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*ECHO RIVERA,*

*FRIDLEY*

*Contact Me*

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**ECHO RIVERA** - January 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ To the Ruddy family I was saddened when I learned of Tom's passing. I have not seen him for many years but we were friendly along time ago. I pray that God is with your family in your time of grief and that he gets you through it. I will keep your family in my prayers.

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*Bill McCloskey,*

*Maple Grove*

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**Bill McCloskey** - January 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ I was shocked to see one of the "Ruddy boys" in the obituary. Please accept my condolences. I'm sure you are all devastated for your loss. I will light a candle for him.

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*Rick Angrist,*

*Milltown*

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**Rick Angrist** - January 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Matt, Joan and family, We wish there were words to comfort you. Just know that we truly hope you find peace with this soon. Curt and Kathe Ostrom

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January 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Dear Tim and Family, I was so shocked to hear of Tom's passing, although it's been since High School that we have seen each other, It still seems as if it were yesterday. Tom will forever have a permanent place in my soul. You two always made quite an impression. Please accept my expression of sympathy for your loss. I hope these words will comfort you as they have me in my own times of grief. Take Tom with you through out your life, remind courtney he is with her always. Hold him close in your heart, watch he will surround you. In Memory: Do not stand at my grave and weep. I am not there. I do not sleep. I am a thousand winds that blow; I am the diamond glints on snow. I am the sunlight on ripened grain; I am the gentle autumn's rain. When you awaken in the morning's hush, I am the swift uplifting rush of quiet birds in circled flight. I am the soft star that shines at night. Do not stand at my grave and cry. I am not there; I did not die. My thoughts and prayers are with you and you family.

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Lisa (Glatzer) Sebald,

Rogers

*Contact Me*

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**Lisa (Glatzer) Sebald** - January 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ Dear Courtney, Rebecca, Joan, Matt, and family, Even though we did not know Tom, our thoughts and prayers go out to you in this time of sorrow and grief. Please accept our deepest sympathy and love, Linda Goss & Tom Jogodka

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*Linda & Tom Goss & Jogodka,*

*Greenville*

*Contact Me*

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Linda & Tom Goss & Jogodka - January 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ I miss you so much little brother. I know you are with Juhad dancing in the heavens free from your earthly troubles but selfishly I wish you were still with us. You are so dear to me and to so many many more. The light of your love burns so bright in the memory of you. We will all care for Courtney as if she were our own and remember your brother Matthew Loves you and feels your spirit soaring. M.

~

*Matthew Ruddy,*

*L.A.*

*Contact Me*

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**Matthew Ruddy** - January 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ Tom, your with Jihad now. God will take care of you both although many will miss you. God Bless the Ruddy family. My thought and prayers are with you. Kari Annoni

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*Kari Annoni,*

*St. Louis Park, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Kari Annoni** - January 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SK

“Joan, Matt & family -We want you to know you are in our thoughts and prayers. Also, Joan, many of our Derham Hall classmates are remembering you & Tom in their prayers. With love, Suzy (Hager) & Larry Kennedy

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Suzy Kennedy,

Stillwater, Minnesota

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**Suzy Kennedy** - January 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ We were told about Tom by Annie and Buck. We are in Green Valley, AZ, so we cannot be with you. You know how sorry we were to hear about Tom. We have talked to Waldo's and, of course, they are shocked. Our hearts go out to you and the family.

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*DALE MANGAN,*

*Green Valley, Arizona*

*Contact Me*

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**DALE MANGAN** - January 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ *Rebecca and Family -We were very sorry to read of your brothers' passing, Rebecca. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your entire family at this difficult time.*

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*Patsy & Bill Bernhjelm,*

*Outing,, Minnesota*

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**Patsy & Bill Bernhjelm** - January 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ Dear Joan, Matt, Becky, Matthew, and twin Tim, and daughter Courtney.....Our hearts are hurting for you. We reach out to you with our love and our hugs. We so wish we could be with you now to celebrate Tom's life. He was a special person and will be dearly missed.Our Love Jim and Nanny #3.....

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*Alice and Jim Waldo,*

*Green Valley, Arizona*

*Contact Me*

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**Alice and Jim Waldo** - January 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JA

“*Joan, Matt, Rebecca, Matt and Tim*We just got the sad news tonite while on vacation in Miami. Sorry we can't be with you to mourn this loss. Tommy was such a warm, kind soul. He will be so missed.*Jimmy, Susan Luke and Josh Audette*

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*Jim Audette,*

*St. Paul, Minnesota*

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**Jim Audette** - January 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM

VA

“ To all the Ruddys...I was so sorry to hear about Tom. He was such a devoted father. A generous and caring cousin, he was so easy to love. I'll always remember his humor and loyalty, in a lifetime you don't meet people like Tom. I wish I was there to mourn his passing. He will be so missed.

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*Vicki Audette,*

*Kerrville, Texas*

*Contact Me*

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**Vicki Audette** - January 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ My thoughts are with you at this sad and difficult time. Traditionally, in the Jewish religion we share some special words when a loved one dies. Let me offer the following: "May Tom's name be for a blessing. May his soul be bound in the bond of life". Much love,  
Louisa

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*Louisa Hext,*

*Minneapolis, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Louisa Hext** - January 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Tommy, we brought in the new year together, however it was'nt the way we would've liked to. i left you to go with the lord privately and timmy by your side only ten minutes prior, please rest in peace. my deepest sympathies to you and your family. with love, Brant

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*brant mosher,*

*eau claire, Wisconsin*

*Contact Me*

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**brant mosher** - January 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ TO EVERYONE IN THE RUDDY FAMILY, MY HEART-FELT SYMPATHIES ARE WITH YOU AT THIS TIME OF LOSS.I TRUST THAT TOM IS BEING HELD IN THE LOVING ARMS OF THE DIVINE. KNOW THAT I AM THINKING OF ALL OF YOU WITH TENDER, LOVING, CARE. JANE ELLENSANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

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*Jane Ellen,*

*Santa Fe, New Mexico*

*Contact Me*

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**Jane Ellen** - January 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Tommy, I miss you so much. I don't know what I'm going to do without my Tommy around. You were an incredible friend to me, and I thank you so very much for that. I will never forget you and I love you with all my heart.

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*Jenny Dueffert,*

*Excelsior, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Jenny Dueffert** - January 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ OSTC & Empowered Expressions both send their heartfelt condolences to all.

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*Outward Spiral Theatre Company,*

*Minneapolis, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Outward Spiral Theatre Company** - January 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ To Courtney, Matt, Joan and the entire Ruddy Family: I'm so sorry to hear of the loss of your father, son and brother, Tom. I wish I could take this pain from you. I pray the memories of Tom will give you comfort and that God will give you strength and peace. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. God bless you always. Your friend,  
Phyllis Weinbender

~

*Phyllis Weinbender,*

*Minnetonka, Minnesota*

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**Phyllis Weinbender** - January 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Tommy, I will always miss your kind heart and hilarious sense of humor. I know you are at peace. I love you. Your sister,

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*Rebecca Ruddy*

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January 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM