



Thomas Fiock

January 18, 1955 - May 15, 2023

Thomas (Tom) P. Fiock (68) passed away peacefully at home in Englewood, Colorado, May 15, 2023, with his wife, sister and brother-in-law by his side. Tom is survived by his wife of 38 years, Linda (Wszelaki) Fiock, sister, Katie (Ted) Simison, nieces Beth (Aaron) Ganci and Erin (John) Loyet, nephew, David (Hannah) Simison, great nephews, Eli Ganci, Isaac and Henry Loyet, great niece, Iris Ganci, cousin, Anthony Bialy and many close friends. He is preceded in death by his mother, Mary (Danter) Fiock and father, William Virgil Fiock.

Tom was born on January 18, 1955, in Danville, Illinois to Mary and Virgil Fiock, the firstborn of two children. He spent his childhood years in Danville, Illinois. As a boy Tom was very involved in the Boy Scouts, attending powwows, councils and camporees throughout the United States. Tom was on the Danville YMCA swim team. He also raced motocross throughout his teen years. Tom loved playing Ultimate frisbee with Full Tilt, the Southern Illinois University-Carbondale (SIUC) disc team, swimming, hiking, scuba diving, sailing and snow-skiing. Boating and wakeboarding were his favorite past-times. He was a major sports fan with Formula One Grand Prix racing at the top of his list attended the inaugural race (2012) in Austin, Texas at the newly built Circuit of the Americas, in addition to the next six years. Tom also enjoyed the Cardinals and Rockies, the Blues and the Avalanche, the Denver Nuggets, the Rapids, University of Illinois and SIUC football and basketball teams. Tom and Linda joined the 4Cs Corvette club in 2018 participating in

several fun activities. They also enjoyed cruising in the Mediterranean and the Caribbean, specifically the lower Antilles. In recent years, Tom collected ancient mosaics and artifacts, Navajo weavings, hand crafted belt buckles and Avalanche Stanley cup Memorabilia.

Tom had an extensive educational background and diverse employment history. After graduating high school in 1973, he enrolled in the Community College of Danville and completed general education studies. In 1975, Tom was accepted into the University of Illinois, majoring in general engineering, earning his degree in 1977. In 1978, Tom launched his professional career in Oak Park, Michigan, as an Applications Sales Engineer for Mechanics Research Corporation. He was then accepted into graduate school in 1980 at SIUC in the Accounting and Business Administration program and worked as a graduate assistant in the College of Engineering and Technology. After graduating in 1982 he was employed as an Assistant Professor teaching Labor Relations, Statistics, Management, Structural Analysis, Fluids, Machine Design, Accounting and Operations Research in the College of Technical Careers with SIUC. In 1983, Tom became a registered Professional Engineer in Illinois and later continued his licensure in Colorado. Also, in 1983, Tom received his license as a Certified Public Accountant in Illinois. Tom met Linda while attending graduate school in 1982 and they married on May 18, 1985, at Touch of Nature in Carbondale, Illinois. Tom then continued his higher education at SIUC, earning a master's degree in electrical engineering in 1990. In 1992, Tom was employed as a Research Associate for a water resources group, Planning and Management Consultants Ltd. Tom was awarded two patents, one in 1989, for a Toggling Speakerswitch and the other in 1992, for an Electronic Ski Binding. He was selected for Who's Who of American Inventors, (1992-93 and 1993-94).

In August of 1994, Tom and Linda moved to Denver, Colorado area embarking on new careers. Tom landed a Job in 1995, with J.D. Edwards as an Area Specialist and Senior Consultant. Using his broad range of engineering and accounting skills, Tom implemented and supported JDE software in multi-plant

environments in manufacturing, construction, mining, food processing, pharmaceutical/medical devices, and waste disposal. Tom was highly successful and earned many awards during his ten years with J.D. Edwards: 1999 Paragon Award, JDE Application Consultant of the Year, 1999 U.S. Central Area Applications Consultant of the Year, 2000 and 2001 Above and Beyond Award and member of the Corporate SWAT Team in 1999.

Establishing his own company in 2008, Fiock Consulting, Inc., Tom was in high demand and continued to implement and support JDE software for a variety of companies and organizations. He retired in 2013, to travel and enjoy his interests and passions.

There will be a Celebration of Life open house for Tom on July 15th from 11am to 2pm in the Bloom Room at Hudson Gardens, 6115 S. Santa Fe Drive, Littleton, CO 80120.

Tom's family greatly appreciates the cards, gifts, flowers, love and support during this difficult time. Tom was larger than life, loved adventures, traveling, socializing, sports cars and Kentucky Lake. We will remember Tom for his humor and stories, his big heart and brilliant mind. He will be buried with his beloved pets, Nugget and Daisy, in the Fouts Family Cemetery at a time to be determined. There will also be a celebration/open house on September 16th, 2023, at the Irvington Community Building in Irvington, Illinois, from 1 to 4 p.m. in conjunction with Tom's, mother-in-law, Joan D. Wszelaki who passed away on December 20th, 2022. In lieu of flowers memorial donations can be made to Denver Dumb Friends League or Scleroderma Research Foundations and can be accepted at Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home at 235 N. Sycamore Street, Centralia, IL 62801 (618)532-3523. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com and the Sutherland Funeral Home Facebook Page.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL **15**. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (MT)

The Hudson Gardens & Event Center
6115 South Santa Fe Drive
At the Bloom Room
Littleton, CO 80120

Celebration of Life

SEP **16**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Irvington Community Building
208 North 2nd Street
Irvington, IL 62848

Tribute Wall

GK

“ I met Tom at the University of Illinois. We became part of a group of friends, that shall I say enjoyed life. He will be missed to all of us in that group. I was fortunate to be able to visit Tom and Linda last January when Dan L. and I made a Colorado trip. RIP my friend!

Greg Kramer - July 15, 2023 at 02:06 PM

DH

“ I met Tom through his wife Linda. I can share that from what I knew of Tom, he was a perfectionist and held himself and others to high standards. He loved his family, including his dogs and was known as a boating enthusiast. He chased after adventures and I know Linda has many wonderful memories of their travels.

Debra Hedin - July 14, 2023 at 04:14 PM

NM

“ Tom was always a fun and friendly neighbor. I especially remember the 4th of July neighborhood get togethers where he and Linda shared great fireworks and delicious homemade ice cream! Tom will be missed.

Nancy Marosits - July 14, 2023 at 01:00 PM

JU

“ We are thinking of you and remember fondly our outings with you and Tom, and even catching your mom on her way to a Rockies/Cardinals game (guess her favorite team)!
June Bug & Scott

June - July 13, 2023 at 06:38 PM

DL

“ Tom and I met in Champaign, IL in 1975. By the 2nd semester we became roommates. We were close friends for the rest of his life. Tom and I shared many quiet reflective moments having a beer, a smoke or some whiskey. We were both deep thinkers and enjoyed hanging out. We both loved motorcycles and fast cars. We traveled together many times and could rival Hunter Thompson for wild adventures. Tom rode on the back of my 650 Yamaha round trip from Chicago to Colorado in 1980, visiting friends in Boulder and making it to the top of Pikes Peak. Neither of us knew at the time we would eventually both live within an hour of each other in Colorado. It was hard to have a conversation with Tom that didn't include some reference to Danville where he grew up. Tom did not begin life with a silver spoon, but he accomplished great things. He also was a great friend, husband and family man. I will miss Tom. Anyone that wants to hear some great stories, give me a call, buy me a beer or catch me anywhere anytime and I can entertain you for hours with 50 years worth of good times, difficult times and that unique perspective on life Tom shared with me. My heart goes out to Linda, Katie and the extended family and friends that share the same sadness I feel.

Dan Leisering - July 13, 2023 at 11:30 AM

VT

“ Tom (and Linda) was always so friendly whenever I would see them walking in the neighborhood. Tom always played with my dog and my dogs loved him. They invited us on their boat one time and afterward, Tom gave us a cd with pictures of the day. His friendliness is definitely missed.

Vicki Theim - July 12, 2023 at 11:55 PM

DT

“ I met Tom through my friendship with Linda. My condolences to everyone who is missing Tom and I know there are a lot of people sharing this grief. When I think of Tom I think of someone who was very accomplished, very active, and liked to be around people. He loved what he loved and that included boating, social gatherings, his pets, and Linda! I know he left this world too soon. He will be missed beyond words by Linda, his family, his friends, and everyone that knew him. I pray that our memories and love offer comfort during this time of grief to Linda, family, and friends.

Debbie Tertinger - July 09, 2023 at 07:43 AM

LS

“ We always loved seeing Tom and Linda walk their dog thru the neighborhood. They were always so happy and nice to talk to. Always interested in what was new in our lives. You will be greatly miss

Lisa Steiner - June 29, 2023 at 03:38 PM

SR

“ We have known Tom and Linda since the mid 90s and we have enjoyed skiing boating dining and car racing with them. Tom shared his great intellect with humility, humor and compassion for others. He cared about our families and our struggles and celebrated our successes. Our friendship with him and Linda is certainly one of the most enriching experiences of our lives. We greatly miss him and we will never forget him. Shauna and Tibor

Shauna Reynolds - June 23, 2023 at 04:44 PM

SB

We are truly heartbroken, we met Tom and Linda in year 2000 as we moved in the neighborhood. He encouraged my son to play basketball in their driveway, I remember he came to our yard as we were putting leaves in bags and took about 10 of them to help us because he saw that we are struggling. My wife said Tom is an amazing man who truly cares about his neighbors. I had the privilege to talk to him several times . Despite his powerful and unique knowledge of computer science, he was so down to earth. We truly miss him.

Sam Babalморad - June 25, 2023 at 06:22 PM

SG

“ We met Tom through some great friends of ours. We spent alot of time with him and Linda. Had some fun times. We also had the pleasure of spending time on their boat and and home. We would meet for dinner and catch up if we hadn't seen them for a while. Tom was a good friend and we will miss him.

sheryl Grayson - June 23, 2023 at 08:44 AM

AB

“ gonna miss you tom. hearing your voice and talking about danville with you cousin anthony

anthony bialy - June 18, 2023 at 05:45 PM