



Theodore Arthur Lutz

August 21, 1936 - June 5, 2020

A wise man once said, “We are here not to get all we can out of life, but to try to make the lives of others happier.” (Theodore A. Lutz, Class of 1954 - Tillamook High School Yearbook)

Theodore “Ted” Arthur Lutz was born on Friday, August 21, 1936, to Rev. Edward and Verona (Borchers) Lutz of Sherwood, Oregon.

As a boy, Ted lived in Sherwood, Oregon and San Jose, California, and later relocated to Tillamook, Oregon, where he spent most of his teenage years. Ted was a 1954 graduate of Tillamook High School and was involved in Wrestling, the Radio Club, the Chess Club, and the Dancing Club. Ted attended Redeemer Lutheran Church in Tillamook, where his dad was the pastor. It was here where he later met his bride-to-be, Sandra Rose Johansson, and they began dating on December 25, 1956.

On May 29, 1954, Ted enlisted in the U.S. Army. He was a Military Police Officer in the “B” Company 6th Engineer Combat Battalion. He served during the end of the Korean War as an E-4 Army Specialist 4 and was awarded a National Defense Service Medal and a Korean Service Medal. Ted was released from active service on May 28, 1957.

On August 30, 1958, Ted gathered up the courage to propose to the blonde

Swedish girl, Sandra Johansson, in front of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Tillamook, Oregon. Ted and Sandra were joined together in marriage on Sunday, December 7, 1958. Thus began a "Love Affair to Remember."

Ted was a well-experienced and skilled man who worked in a variety of jobs. Early on, he worked as a cement mixer and hod carrier, appliance repairman, piano salesman at Rife's Music Center, lumber mill worker in Tillamook, paper mill worker in Albany, salesman for Fuller Brush and Shaklee, manager at King Road Variety Store, manager at Willamette Crest Apartments, and in office management at a truck driving school and a recycling center. Most of his occupation was spent in various management roles working for the Oregon-based Bi-Mart retail chain, where he worked in Corvallis, Albany, Klamath Falls, McMinnville, and Oregon City. Ted finally retired from his position at Bi-Mart at the age of 65 in 2001.

In June of 2012, Ted was diagnosed with Mantle Cell Lymphoma. The cancer went into remission only for him to be stricken with Progressive Supranuclear Palsy. Ted struggled with his health for almost eight years. At the age of 83, Ted went home to his Heavenly Father, having passed away peacefully in his home with family at his side on Friday, June 5, 2020.

Ted was preceded in death by his son Arnold Lutz; parents Rev. Edward and Verona Lutz; brothers William and Rev. Paul Lutz; and sister Lois Schuerman. Ted is survived by his beloved wife Sandra Lutz (Johansson) of almost 62 years; daughters Julieann (Steve) Webb of Happy Valley, Oregon, and Tanya Elias of Marana, Arizona; daughter-in-law Deborah Lutz of Brookings, Oregon; son Troy (Michelle) Lutz of Gladstone, Oregon; grandchildren Christopher, Sara, and Clarina Webb, Corrina and Sean Lutz, Joshua Elias, and Devyn Lutz; great-grandchild Hadlee Webb; and many beloved nieces and nephews.

A private memorial service for Theodore will be held this Thursday. Ted will be

laid to rest at St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery in Sherwood, Oregon.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be given to the Christ the Vine Lutheran Church Organ Fund.

Please click the link below to watch Ted's memorial video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZwB0yhqNZH8>

Tribute Wall



“ *Hillside Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Theodore Arthur Lutz*



Hillside Chapel - June 30, 2020 at 07:32 PM



“ *Hillside Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Theodore Arthur Lutz*



Hillside Chapel - June 10, 2020 at 11:02 PM



“ *Love you so much Grandpa! I miss you.*



Josh Elias - May 08, 2024 at 01:40 AM

JE

“ *Josh Elias lit a candle in memory of Theodore Arthur Lutz*



Josh Elias - February 26, 2024 at 05:41 PM



“ *Theodore Arthur Lutz*

January 28, 2023 at 02:51 PM

JE

“ *Miss you Grandpa. I love you.*



Josh Elias - September 16, 2022 at 10:46 PM

JE

“ *Josh Elias lit a candle in memory of Theodore Arthur Lutz*



Josh Elias - December 16, 2021 at 01:51 PM

TE

“ *Tanya Elias lit a candle in memory of Theodore Arthur Lutz*



Tanya Elias - June 17, 2021 at 01:33 AM

TE

“ *Just over one year ago we lost you. So we all gathered together last week to remember you. Joshua, Macchiato, and I drove from Tucson to Portland to be with the family - it was our Daddy Memorial Vacation. We ended our trip in Yuma, where you were stationed as a young man, having heard your stories of laying on your Jeep in the dark of night staring at the stars in the Arizona skies. I hated how you had to suffer for so long but knowing you're at peace made losing you to this earth more bearable. I miss you, Dad. I look to the day when we will all see you again. I love you so much. ❤️*

Tanya Elias - June 17, 2021 at 01:33 AM

JE

“ *Josh Elias lit a candle in memory of Theodore Arthur Lutz*



Josh Elias - January 14, 2021 at 02:50 AM



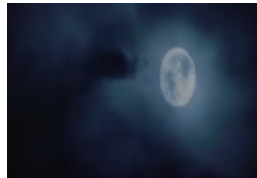
“ *Tanya Elias lit a candle in memory of Theodore Arthur Lutz*



Tanya Elias - October 30, 2020 at 07:33 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Beautiful Savior*



Tanya Elias - June 24, 2020 at 05:45 PM



“ *Tanya Elias lit a candle in memory of Theodore Arthur Lutz*



Tanya Elias - June 24, 2020 at 05:21 PM



I love and miss you, Dad. :-)

Tanya Elias - June 24, 2020 at 05:21 PM

LB

“ Thank you for the memorial video, family members. It was so enlightening and encouraging to see so many memories of laughter and life and love. I would like to ask Ted many questions now after seeing the slides!

I know Ted as a gentle spirit who loved music. And it is a gift to know Sandy and meet the progeny of a wonderful couple. God hold you all tight. - Linda B.

Linda Borecki - June 16, 2020 at 02:47 PM



Thank you, Linda.

Tanya Elias - June 16, 2020 at 08:01 PM

JW

Aww. That's so sweet. Thanks for your note.

Julie Webb - June 23, 2020 at 03:38 PM

SL

“ To my sweetheart husband Ted, I miss you so much, my heart aches and I feel such a knot in my stomach when I look thru the house for you. The last few weeks were so hard my darling, so hard to watch. I love you so much, but you are higher than the angels now with no more pain.....with Arnie and your family. I will join you someday soon sweet Ted!



Sandy Lutz - June 16, 2020 at 02:01 AM



Oh, mom, this brings me to tears. I miss Dad so much, as well. To know he is free of the pain and the entrapment that was his body those last few months is what keeps us moving forward. I know he is watching over you and waiting for you to join him one day. I love you so much.

Tanya Elias - June 16, 2020 at 08:00 PM

JW

I love you mom.

Julie Webb - June 23, 2020 at 03:39 PM

PC

“ *Priscilla Copps lit a candle in memory of Theodore Arthur Lutz*



Priscilla Copps - June 13, 2020 at 07:11 AM



“ *16 files added to the album Memorial and Graveside Services*



Tanya Elias - June 12, 2020 at 08:49 PM

CW

“ *Grandpa I will always remember your LOVE. You taught me how to love regardless the obstacles or blessings life brings! Love you my Hero.*



Clarina L Webb - June 11, 2020 at 01:30 PM

TL

“ To my dear and precious mother: May our loving God hold you in his arms today and wrap you in a blanket of peace. May His Spirit fill you with much needed strength. And, may Jesus not just walk beside you, but carry you through this day and the the days ahead.



Troy Lutz - June 11, 2020 at 11:36 AM

Karin Johansson

Even though we aren't able to be with you Sandy and family know that we are there in every spirit, Richard and I and Krissi and Tayla are deep in prayers for you all as we have been for months. We loved Ted was a example for others of what a good husband ,father, and friend should be. May he RIP God watch over you all. Love you Karin Richard, Krissi, Tayla

Karin Johansson - June 11, 2020 at 12:19 PM

TE

“ Today's the day we say goodbye to Dad. Lord, give us strength. Amen.



Tanya Elias - June 11, 2020 at 10:33 AM

LA

“ Laura sent a virtual gift in memory of Theodore Arthur Lutz



Laura - June 10, 2020 at 05:30 PM



“ Donna McGraw lit a candle in memory of Theodore Arthur Lutz



Donna McGraw - June 10, 2020 at 10:07 AM



My husband and I met Ted and Sandy on a cruise to Hawaii. We connected first through the cruise group page and then met in person on the cruise. We pray for strength for Sandy in her time of sorrow. Ted is now with the Lord watching over her.

Donna McGraw - June 10, 2020 at 10:15 AM

TE

Thank you, Donna.

Tanya Elias - June 10, 2020 at 01:00 PM

JW

Thank you

Julie Webb - June 11, 2020 at 02:00 AM

TH

“ Ted was very dear to Allen and to me. His sense of humor was endearing. His love for Jesus and for his family are a testimony to his great faith. Our prayers are with your whole family. His memory lives on through his beloved wife, children and grandchildren. We will meet again.

Traci House - June 10, 2020 at 07:13 AM

TE

Thank you, Traci.

Tanya Elias - June 10, 2020 at 01:02 PM

JW

We love you two. He did love you very much.

Julie Webb - June 11, 2020 at 02:01 AM

TH

“ *Traci House lit a candle in memory of Theodore Arthur Lutz*



Traci House - June 10, 2020 at 06:59 AM

TE

“ *Tanya Elias sent a virtual gift in memory of Theodore Arthur Lutz*



Tanya Elias - June 10, 2020 at 03:41 AM

JA

“ *I remember Mr. Lutz from when I was in high school (more years ago than I can believe) - I remember him smiling. I'm so sorry for your loss. May you find peace and comfort in your memories and faith.*
Jean Abshire

Jean Abshire - June 10, 2020 at 02:02 AM

TE

Thank you, Jean. 💜

Tanya Elias - June 10, 2020 at 03:39 AM

JW

Thank you

Julie Webb - June 11, 2020 at 02:01 AM

JE

“ *Josh Elias lit a candle in memory of Theodore Arthur Lutz*



Josh Elias - June 09, 2020 at 11:16 PM

JW

“ *Julie Webb lit a candle in memory of Theodore Arthur Lutz*



Julie Webb - June 09, 2020 at 08:30 PM

DD

“ *To the Lutz Family Tanya and Josh:
Sorry for the loss of your husband your father
Tanya and your grandfather Josh! May his
journey home have been fast! My thoughts
and prayers are with you all tonight! May your
father. RIP!*



Dawn Dallaire - June 09, 2020 at 05:30 AM

TE

Thank you, Dawn. Your words mean a lot to all of us.

Tanya Elias - June 09, 2020 at 02:42 PM

JW

Thank you

Julie Webb - June 09, 2020 at 08:30 PM



“ *Tanya Elias lit a candle in memory of Theodore Arthur Lutz*



Tanya Elias - June 09, 2020 at 04:32 AM