



## Thomas Lee Kohan

November 23, 1951 - November 2, 2012

Thomas "Tom" Lee Kohan, 60, of Phoenix, Ariz., formerly of Kankakee, passed away Nov. 2, 2012, at Hospice of the Valley Sherman Home in Phoenix.

Tom was a cameraman for major sporting and social events in Arizona, California, Nevada, New Mexico and Illinois. He was born Nov. 23, 1951, the son of Stanley and Darlene (Clement) Kohan. He was a graduate of Bradley-Bourbonnais Community High School and Southern Illinois University. Tom traveled extensively throughout the United States. He was a talented musician, playing numerous musical instruments, especially the guitar. He was a songwriter, composer and vocalist. He was involved with several bands throughout his lifetime. He was an avid jogger, bicyclist and hiker. He loved cats.

Surviving are one sister, Dianne Dillon, of Kankakee; one nephew, David (Lori) Dillon, of Bradley; one stepbrother, Ernest Sittig Jr., of Baneberry, Tenn.; his former wife and caregiver, Lynn Pierson, of Phoenix; his friend and caregiver, Barbara House, of Phoenix; several aunts, uncles and cousins; and his high school, college and "band" buddies throughout the United States.

Tom was preceded in death by his father, Stanley Kohan; his mother, Darlene Sittig; and his stepfather, Ernest Sittig Sr.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Celebration of Life memorials will be held at a later date in Illinois, Arizona and California. Inurnment will be in Kankakee Memorial Gardens, Aroma Township. Memorials may be made to local animal shelters or to organizations of the donor's choice. Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes is in charge of arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Tom Kohan was my best friend.  
He was adventurous, loved the outdoors away from civilization. He also loved playing his guitar.  
I was with him once when he drove us to the store where all of the instruments are sold. We went in, he must have picked it out earlier, he spoke with the guy behind the counter and the guy turned around, ran his eyes along the row of guitars and handed Tom the one he wanted. Tom pulled out his wallet and laid \$1,100 or \$1,200. (Probably around 1990)  
I don't remember ever seeing Tom with over \$40.  
Tom is my friend.  
We went together to Ray Moen's on Broadway in Bradley, SIU, Fountain Bluff, Pine Hills LaRue, Little Grand Canyon, Ma Hales restaurant, Goreville waterfall and then there was Arizona.  
Tom was a Good Human Being.  
He was my brother.

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**Dave Janczak** - May 10, 2022 at 02:51 PM

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“ from one of your band buddies, tom rest in peace



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**df ward** - November 17, 2012 at 01:03 PM

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“ R.I.P. Tommy. Keep an eye on all of us. Sure going to miss you.

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**Cid Niedert Bittmann** - November 16, 2012 at 10:34 AM



“ Susan Nooks lit a candle in memory of Thomas Lee Kohan



susan nooks - November 16, 2012 at 08:28 AM



“ So very sorry to hear about Tommy's passing. Great memories of a wonderful, fun, and kind young man. I am so very happy that I was able to visit with him a few years ago at our 40th Class reunion. Prayers for Lynn and his family. Rock On Tom!!!



Diana Duchene Mecila - November 16, 2012 at 07:38 AM



May God be with "Tom" in the HEAVEN'S above, he was a kind and gentle SOUL , I will always remember all our good old school years at Bradley .(Susan (Wendt)Nooks

susan nooks - November 16, 2012 at 08:27 AM



I remember all the girls chasing him in schools.

Pamela Cullins - November 16, 2012 at 08:51 AM