

Eulogy written by Noah Hern (almost 15 years old) about his Great Uncle Tom Hern (read Saturday, June 15th 2019)

Thomas Hern was a man of few words but his effect on the world was greater than anyone could imagine. He was a traveler among people who were lost, a teacher, a learner, somebody who didn't let life slow him down.

In his final years, he was fighting a war of his own, a war that would ultimately take his life, a war against cancer, but nonetheless, he still made an effort to be lively and work, grow and live with his family.

In his last week of life, Tom was declining quickly, we were told maybe months, then weeks, then days and ended being hours. That last amount of his life he was surrounded by family, his two nephews, Bryan and Kevin Hern and their mother Cheryl Hern-Janovic, as well as, all the lovely hospice people who helped us in the last week.

Tom Hern was beloved by all his family, friends and students. We were all proud to have him as our teacher because even in his lowest days he was still ready to help out others and make life a little easier.

Though Tom did not have any children of his own, his legacy will live on in his books. Tom was a survivor and fought until he thought he completed everything he wanted to do.

Before Tom died, he finished his 5th book, which has yet to be published. Finally, the most important thing Tom did was be a part of a family surrounded by people who had the courage to help him in his time of need and pursue his wishes.

Tom will be loved and remembered by his family, friends and everybody he has met upon his travels.

Let's celebrate his life today with thoughts of joy and not sorrow!