

He answered, "While the child was still alive, I fasted and wept. I thought, 'Who knows? The LORD may be gracious to me and let the child live.' But now that he is dead, why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I will go to him, but he will not return to me."

*2 Samuel 12:22-23*

### There's A Place

There's a Place, where the streets shine  
With the Glory of the Lamb  
There's a way we can go there  
We can live there beyond time  
Because of You, because of You.  
Because of Your love, because of your blood

No more pain, no more sadness,  
No more suffering, no more tears  
No more sin, no more sickness  
No injustice, no more death  
Because of You, because of You.  
Because of Your love, because of your blood

Our sins are washed away, We can live foreve  
Now we have this hope, Because of you .  
We'll see You face to face,  
And we will dance together  
In the city of our God, because of You.

There is joy everlasting  
There is gladness, there is peace.  
There is wine ever flowing,  
There's a wedding, there's a feast.  
Because of You, because of You.  
Because of Your love, because of your blood

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Now we have this hope, Because of You .  
We'll see You face to face,  
And we will dance together  
In the city of our God, because of You.



The righteous perish,  
and no one ponders it in his  
heart; devout men are taken  
away, and no one understands  
that the righteous are taken  
away to be spared from evil.

Those who walk  
uprightly enter into peace; they  
find rest as they lie in death.

*Isaiah 57:1-2*

To My Loving Husband,

I wanted to write you a love letter so that whenever you're feeling a little unloved, you can pick this up and remember that I love you. When I think of God's love for us, so unconditional, that's the type of love I have for you—the man I know He has given to me. I know I don't always show my feelings outwardly, probably for fear of being hokey, but I want you to know how I feel about you. Here is a partial list of the things I love about you:

1. You make me feel protected.
2. You sing my praises to others, even though I know I don't deserve it.
3. You encourage me when I feel insecure.
4. You pray for me.
5. You let the kids know you love and admire me.
6. Although you probably don't believe it sometimes, you portray confidence in yourself.
7. Your sense of humor.
8. You stand by your values and morals.
9. You still love me three kids and 20 years later, even with all the blemishes.
10. Your ambition.
11. Your love for our God and the desire to know Him more.
12. Your willingness to acknowledge your unworthiness to our God.
13. Your willingness to work hard to provide for our family without complaint.
14. The sacrifices you make for the kids and me.
15. Your willingness to share everything with me in trust.
16. For being a great father.
17. For being a loving husband.
18. For being the father of my children.
19. For being my lover.
20. And I love you for sharing all the many intimate moments and life lessons we will be enduring together in the future.

Thank you for being the man you are and for allowing God to transform you. I know we'll have many more Valentine's days as long as we keep our eyes focused on Him.

Your devoted, grateful, and awed wife,  
Sandy

Anchorage resident Thomas Edward Middleton, 46, died April 15, 2008, near Sheep Mountain of injuries sustained in a helicopter crash while working for the State of Alaska.

A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. Monday at Christ Community Church Alaska, 2222 West 100<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The Rev. Tracy Simmons will officiate.

Tom was born Sept. 17, 1961, in Fort Dix, N.J. He moved to Nenana in 1964 and lived there until 1974, when his family moved to Anchorage. He moved to Santa Rosa, CA, in 1997 and returned to Alaska in 2005. Tom graduated from Anchorage Community College, where he studied electronic technologies. He was a member of the Alaska Army National Guard for 11 years. Tom received the Army Commendation Medal in Brim Frost 1983.

Tom was employed by Anadrill/ Schlumberger from 1989 to 1997, Agilent Technologies in Santa Rosa from 1997 to 2005, and by the State of Alaska since 2006.

He was a member of Christ Community Church. His hobbies included music and playing the guitar. His family wrote: "Tom was a man of integrity. He was honest, just, loyal and faithful. He spoke the truth when others may have been too afraid to speak out. He loved his wife, Sandy, of 25 years, as Christ loved the church, putting her above himself. His children, Rachel, Andrew and Jennifer were his gems, and he was proud of each one of them.

"Music was a big part of what made him complete. He'd spend hours creating new music and, much to the family's displeasure, play it again and again. He recently considered a change of employment, and he was saddened by the fact he wasn't able to talk with his father or father-in-law about it, who both went to be with the Lord in 2006. Talk away my best friend, lover, and partner. I will miss you deeply, and I will never again be loved as you love me. You are free from what bound you to this earth, and now you can find rest and happiness. We love you and will see you again one day."

Tom is survived by his wife, Sandra, of Anchorage; daughter, Rachel Middleton of San Francisco; son, Andrew Middleton of Anchorage; daughter, Jennifer Middleton of Anchorage; mother, Marie Middleton, sister and brother-in-law, Vickie and Steve Edmonds, all of Littleton, Colo.; brother and sister-in-law John and Dee Middleton of Bailey, Colo.; brother and sister-in-law, Ed and Robyn Middleton of Wasilla; brothers, Larry and Scott Middleton; and brother and sister-in-law, Marvin and Brandi Middleton, all of Littleton.

Tom was preceded in death by his father, Edward, and nephew, James Middleton.

## THOMAS E. MIDDLETON



September 17, 1961 - April 15, 2008