



Thomas A. Walsh

March 21, 1952 - April 23, 2020

TOPSFIELD- Thomas A. Walsh, 68, passed away following cardiac arrest on April 23, 2020 in Beverly Hospital.

Born in Ipswich on March 21, 1952, he was the son of the late Edmund T. and Evelyn L. (Bowman) Walsh. He was raised and educated in Topsfield and graduated from Masconomet High School. He worked as a plumber, mechanic, and handyman. He was known to be able to fix almost anything. Tom was Jr. Vice Commander of the Sons of the American Legion Post 331 in Beverly and was in the process of becoming Commander. Before that he spent many years as a member of the Franco-American Club in Beverly where he also served as a bartender.

Tom loved spending time with his family and friends and was known for always helping people out, being an honest man, and telling great jokes. He enjoyed the outdoors- fishing, boating, camping, and bird watching. Tom was a motorcycle enthusiast, enjoyed watching NASCAR, had a love for music- especially the Rolling Stones and Bluegrass, played the bass fiddle and harmonica, and enjoyed attending Bluegrass festivals with his vintage camper he proudly restored.

Tom was affectionately known as Tommy Tunes, Walshey, Uncle Tom, King of Jokes, and Tom Thumb, as well as lovingly known as Papa by his grandchildren.

He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Vernon A. and Lori Walsh of Beverly, his three grandchildren, Kayla, Ethan and Zoey Walsh, his sisters, Mary Martin of West Newbury and Cathy Seale of Rowley, nephews Ryan Maker, Jonathan, Michael, and Steven Seale, David and Joseph Martin, niece Robyn Maker, as well as an aunt, uncles, and cousins. He was predeceased by his sister, Patricia Morgan.

A celebration of his life will be announced at a later date due to COVID-19 pandemic.

Comments



“ I'm am truly shocked and deeply saddened to hear of Tom's passing. Tom was a great friend and I loved him a lot. We had some good times back in the day. I wish I got to see you more. Tom was one of the good guys for sure. Till we meet again, RIP.
Love, Kim



Kimberly Cifra - April 30, 2020 at 12:39 PM



“ Tommy you were allways be a good friend of mine you made my day at the post on sat afternoon and at our meeting making everyone laugh and i proud that you were going to be the next commander of the sons of the American legion post 331 so God bless you and your family bro
You will be miss. From Dennis and Teresa

Dennis F James - April 30, 2020 at 03:17 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Tom's passing. Although we have lost touch over the years we shared some great memories a couple years back of our wedding where he served as best man along with some hilarious camping stories and some stories never to be told! Tom was a wonderful friend and brought smiles to everyone that knew him. We feel so fortunate that he was part of our lives. Thanks for the memories Benson

Steve and Cheryl Monaco - April 29, 2020 at 08:11 PM



“ Tommy.. thank God the fun times corny jokes. .. hugs.. helping at the post. Giving it your all. You wore your heart on your sleeve. Always caring. Sticking up for what was right. And helping out selflessly. I hope to see you again. Give your dad a hug. Glad your together again. But gonna surely miss you my friend. Til we meet again. Get that music going up there for us. Love you my friend.

Buck Jones



Byron "Buck" Jones - April 29, 2020 at 07:03 PM



“ Tom you were one of my favorites! I am so sorry to hear of your passing! Our last conversation at Land and Sea was the best! May you Rest In Peace and FLY HIGH!
Love, John and Maryann Kerwin



Maryann Kerwin - April 29, 2020 at 03:49 PM



“ Tom love you and miss you. Thank you for so many years of being a true and honest friend. Always enjoyed your visits, jokes, songs, and talks. So glad we had a bit of time on your bday, and all the phone calls and text messages. Darlin, till we meet again, and we will, may you rest in piece. Love tom and michelle tuneburg

michelle tuneburg - April 29, 2020 at 03:30 PM



“ WALSHY You will be missed, we built the apartment in Maine for you and it will be forever be called Tom's place, you were a Great Friend to everyone Abby didn't eat all day Dogs know, Your Jokes,Your Stories, Your Laughter, will never be forgotten, WE were shocked to hear, even more shocked to say Goodbye, We'll keep an Eye on your pride and joy , Vern and family.. Tell my parents I miss them and keep everyone laughing above.. WE LOVE YOU WALSHY!

Jim Borek - April 29, 2020 at 08:58 AM



“ Who is going to play the music now? So long Tom you will be missed. Your Friends, Marianne and Curtis Hall

Marianne Hall - April 29, 2020 at 08:45 AM



“ Tommy, thank you for being such a great friend, You will be missed, Prayers are out to your family. You will never be forgotten. With loads of Love, John and Jean

John Vincent - April 29, 2020 at 05:00 AM



“ I met Tom in the early 70's. He drove a Mustang fastback. We would cruise around smoking cigs. and maybe having a few beers back in the day. He had more jokes than most of us and was a good man. I will miss you.

Larry Watson - April 28, 2020 at 09:43 PM



“ Tommy, Glad to call you a Friend. We've had many great deep conversations that I will cherish. You will be Never Forgotten

Joey Bryson - April 28, 2020 at 06:27 PM



“ Dear Tom , I miss you already....RIP my friend. I'm sick for losing you. I will always remember our friendship & how you made myself & others laugh.

Joyce mears - April 28, 2020 at 06:07 PM



“ Tom's been close to our family since I was a little kid. He and my uncle have lived in topsfield since they were little. He was always a happy camper and played excellent music! He was always watching my back like he was my brother He always talked how he loved his family to pieces. I'm gonna miss him to pieces. Love you Tommy! R.I.P

Judy Pirrotta - April 28, 2020 at 05:59 PM



“ Tom and I were good friends and he could talk to me about anything on his mind. He was an awesome mechanic and did not waste time or money doing a great job. He had a love for Blue Grass music and would go out to New York to the big Blue Grass festival that would last several days, He seemed to enjoy it immensely. I gave my guitar with hopes that he would learn to strum some. He liked the idea and took it home. I would catch up with him and ask him how it was going, He would say it is still there! I would chuckle and he would give me smile in his eyes that only a friend would know what he was really thinking. He cared about his parents and was always there for his father and mother. I will miss Tom, since I moved I have not had much of a chance to see him, but I did see him in November on Veteran's Day. He was sitting at the bar in the Legion and when he saw me he gave me that big Irish grin and a great big hug. That was Tom for you all the way! RIP my friend, now you get to hear some good Blue Grass with the Angels and the Lord will surely offer you a bale to sit on.

Charlie Blute - April 28, 2020 at 05:36 PM



“ Love you always you were my special brother and my dad when I needed advise thank you tom

Talmadge gallagher - April 28, 2020 at 05:05 PM



“ We are so sorry to hear of Tommy's passing - he brought joy to all around him - his jokes and the music he played at the club ! Always with a smile and willing to help anyone ! I sure they are all laughing and dancing in heaven ! He will be missed ! Our prayers go out to all of his friends and family ! We miss and love you Tommy , Julie and John !!!

Julie Chapman - April 28, 2020 at 04:58 PM