



## Mr. Thomas Stephen O'Toole

July 23, 2015

O'TOOLE, Thomas "Tom" Stephen, 69, of Plant City, Florida, entered into eternal rest on July 23, 2015. He was born in Brooklyn, New York in 1946. He was a veteran of the United States Navy, having served aboard the USS Wasp in the Vietnam War. He loved his family, and he enjoyed golfing and boating. He is survived by his wife of 35 years Diane Davis O'Toole; sons Sean S. O'Toole (Kari) of New York, Ryan T. O'Toole (Alexandra) of Georgia, Ty S. O'Toole (Jessica) of Leesburg, and Shannon L. O'Toole (Meghan) of Georgia; sister Marguerite "Marge" Johnson (Brad) of North Carolina; siblings-in-laws Tommy Davis (Diane) of Homosassa Springs, Lula Hudson of Tennessee, and Patricia Benjamin of Spring Hill; grandchildren Sean Jr., Brenden, Cassidy, Kayle, Ellie, and Llayton; great-grandchildren Kayleigh, and Sean III.; step-grandchildren Lily, and Peyton; dogs Tiger and Mackie; 61 nieces and nephews; and many friends. He was preceded in death by his son Thomas A. O'Toole; siblings Joan C. Turner (Raymond Grohosky), and Theodore C. Benjamin; and nephew Dennis J. Grohosky. A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, August 1 at 11:00 A.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 CR 39 S, Plant City, where the family will receive friends beginning at 10:00 A.M. Expressions of condolence at [www.HopewellFuneral.com](http://www.HopewellFuneral.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Thomas Stephen O'Toole



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**Hopewell Funeral Home** - August 01, 2015 at 07:41 AM

DN

“ There wasn't a time that I can remember that Tom failed to put a smile on my face.I remember a time many years ago when I was invited over to Tom and Diane's home for dinner.It was very cold out that time of year..After dinner Tom and I walked up by the pool and chatted for awhile.When it was time to go back we stood at the edge of the pool and just looked at each other and said lets have a race to the other side.It was so cold in that water,the second race was to see who got in the door first.Diane just looked at us and laughed.I will truly miss the smiles and the laughs my friend.

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**David Nigro** - November 13, 2019 at 08:41 PM

JJ

“ Love to Aunt Dianne and all. I am deeply sorry I could not be there on Saturday. You are all in my prayers and thoughts and I will be there in the near future to pay my respects. Much Love Uncle Tommy, ONLY Fond and special memories of you!!  
Joan, Marc and Cameron!!

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**Joan Jennert** - August 06, 2015 at 12:52 PM



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Joan Jennert - August 06, 2015 at 12:48 PM



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Joan Jennert - August 06, 2015 at 12:48 PM



“ My heart is breaking for you all, thoughts and prayers going out...

Amber Young - August 05, 2015 at 03:34 PM



“ Garden Accent - A heart of gold stopped beatin g... was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas Stephen O'Toole.



August 04, 2015 at 11:15 AM

NM

“ tom was a big joker..but always had a hug on sunday mornings for me. he and Diane always came to church on Sundays and you always saw the boys like little ducks following. His mom did a great job with him. he will be sorely missed Say hi to mom for me Tom...nancy allen [nursery]

nancy allen [St. Matthias] - August 01, 2015 at 02:57 PM

JB

“ John J Barbero purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mr. Thomas Stephen O'Toole.



John J Barbero - July 31, 2015 at 06:22 PM

SS

“ Sent with love to all, The Parham Family, Jim & Sarah purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mr. Thomas Stephen O'Toole.



Sent with love to all, The Parham Family, Jim & Sarah - July 31, 2015 at 11:11 AM



“ Tom loved his family and friends and always had a smile. We will miss you, Tom!

Stephanie Maley - July 31, 2015 at 10:49 AM

SP

“ Tom, you may gone but you are never forgotten, you live on in our memories of fun family times with you and your family! We are so glad we came to say goodbye before your Memorial since we cannot be there:( We are sending our love and support out to Diane and the family during this time of sadness and celebration, yes celebration of your graduation to the next life, the one of eternal bliss.

Love, Jim & Sarah Parham

*May the road rise to meet you.*

*May the wind be always at your back.*

*May the sun shine warm upon your face.*

*And rains fall soft upon your fields.*

*And until we meet again,*

*May God hold you in*

*the hollow of His hand*

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Sarah Parham - July 31, 2015 at 10:28 AM



“ Serenity Prayer 30" Sonnet was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas Stephen O'Toole.

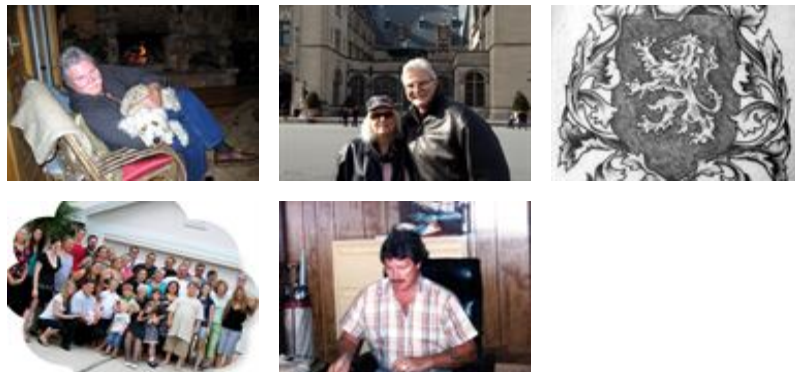


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July 31, 2015 at 10:05 AM



“ 45 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Hopewell Funeral Home** - July 31, 2015 at 08:49 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas Stephen O'Toole.



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July 30, 2015 at 05:21 PM



“ *Love Tina and Chris* purchased the *Exotic Grace* for the family of Mr. Thomas Stephen O'Toole.



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**Love Tina and Chris** - July 30, 2015 at 02:27 PM

RY

“ Robert Yerzy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Stephen O'Toole



Robert Yerzy - July 30, 2015 at 12:48 PM

RY

*Tom inspired and motivated others when least expected! Even when living life seems impossible to live, Tom inspired and motivated others beyond expectations! I have shared Tom's passion and contagious compassion for others in China and the Philippines! And now Heaven above just got better! May we always remember the best of times with Tom!*

Robert Yerzy - July 30, 2015 at 12:56 PM

JM

“ Joe & Sharon Ballinger / Bruce & Kathy Markley purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mr. Thomas Stephen O'Toole.



Joe & Sharon Ballinger / Bruce & Kathy Markley - July 30, 2015 at 11:30 AM

JF

“ This is a message from one you all knew in Toccoa, GA, during the 90's when we both attended St. Math. I loved the time I spent with you. I lived in Leesburg a TOO short a time, and know Plant City. I know all of you have so very memories to treasure. Your hearts are heavy, but may you find comfort in the knowledge that Tom is looking down on all of you this very moment. Jane Ayers Fisher, Seneca, S C

jane fisher - July 28, 2015 at 10:14 PM

MA

“ I know that Tom is with the Lord and not hurting any more, but I will miss him forever and ever. Who's going to call me and make me laugh like you always did.  
Love you so much. Marge

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**Marge** - July 28, 2015 at 11:35 AM

JM

“ My dearest Diane,  
It was such a shock to hear for Tom's passing. I am completely overcome because Tom was the guy we thought would always be there. I am purely stunned and I am so very sorry for your loss and extend to you and your family prayers and peace as you go through this difficult time.

Tom and I first met in the early 70's when we were both just kids fresh out of the military...he with a Navy background and me the Army both during the Vietnam era of the sixties. Tom was one of the greatest guys to be around and we had more fun than the law should have allowed! Although our destinies took different paths we always maintained contact and I have always considered him a very good friend.

Tom was a man's man he also had a serious side whether it was business or personal he was loaded with compassion and concern for his fellow man and I will never ever forget him. He was one of the greatest salesmen that I have ever known.

I'm going to do everything that I can to be there on Saturday. In the meantime you and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Take care,  
Jack Mattheus

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**Jack Mattheus** - July 28, 2015 at 09:36 AM

LC

“ Love, John, Peggy, Ian & Leah Cicalis purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Mr. Thomas Stephen O'Toole.



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**Love, John, Peggy, Ian & Leah Cicalis** - July 28, 2015 at 09:21 AM

PW

“ Diane: I was so saddened to learn of Tom's passing. I hope you are surrounded by your family and find peace with all the memories of Tom. I lost Harry in January and it's been the hardest time of my life. If I can help you, please call me. Prayers for all of you.

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**Pat Wise** - July 27, 2015 at 11:45 PM

GM

“ *Diane, Shannon and Family,*

*I want you to know I am glad we all got to know each other as well as we did, you are truly a family that cares deeply for each other and you will need to rely on that in the coming months to deal with this big loss. Tom was so full of life, I met him at a time where I needed that, he helped me gain some perspective I needed and also some fire in my belly. He certainly knew the importance of enjoying life and keeping family first, I know he struggles with the demand of the business pulling him away and trying to keep that family balance but I know from several talks family was truly first. He emphasized that with me. Visiting the lake a few times are by far my best memories of Tom; out by the lake, eating good food, telling a few stories, drinking some spirits, drinking games, etc... Times I will never forget.*

*Blessings my friends, remember the good times with your Dad/Husband.*

*Greg Marshall*

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**Greg Marshall** - July 27, 2015 at 08:51 AM

DN

“ Diane do you remember the time You invited me to dinner? As usual when Tom and I got together we would get into that "loud mouth soup"(alcohol) and that night was no exception.After dinner Tom and I decided to take a walk in the cold weather,it was winter time.We got to the pool area and made a bet with each other to see who could swim to the other side of the pool the fastest.The next thing you know we were swimming like two young boys laughing our ass off.We stayed in the pool for awhile because we were afraid of two things,freezing to death on the way back to the house and second, incurring your wrath. Of course the wrath never came because you loved that man so much.We laughed so hard all the way back,Being a good sport that you are Diane you took it all in stride being the lady you are. That was just one of many special moments we all shared and for that I will hold a special place in my heart for the man that made everyone feel special and when you were with him you knew you were in the presence of greatness,  
I lift my glass to salute you my good friend and may you be in Heaven before the devil knows you are gone  
I love you Tom.

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David Nigro - July 26, 2015 at 05:02 PM

TW

“ Sorry for your loss. Our Thoughts and Prayers are with you and your Family and Friends. Mr. & Mrs. Amon Weaver

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Teresa K. Weaver - July 26, 2015 at 03:07 PM

PF

“ Patricia F. purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mr. Thomas Stephen O'Toole.



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Patricia F. - July 26, 2015 at 11:19 AM

SM

“ Sharon Mazurek lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Stephen O'Toole



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Sharon Mazurek - July 26, 2015 at 11:16 AM

SM

“ I have have the pleasure of sharing many, many happy times with Tom & Diane. They were inseparable from the moment he laid eyes on her, on the golf course in Ft Meyers, those many years ago. I will treasure that memory with many more always. Tom treated me like his kid sister and was the older brother i never have. Heaven is a happier place with his booming laughter - I will miss him terribly.

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Sharon Mazurek - July 26, 2015 at 11:12 AM

PT

“ Gone perhaps but not to be forgotten, this man was bigger than life. Our hopes for the O'Toole family are that the time will pass quickly until the point when the memory of Tommy brings a smile to their faces instead of a tear to their eyes. Our thoughts are with you at this awful time in between.

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Patty Dorfman and Bob Tommasino - July 26, 2015 at 10:26 AM

AS

“ *Diane and Family so sorry to hear about Tommy's passing .  
Deepest Sympathy  
Arlene Schlichte.*

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**Arlene Schlichte** - July 26, 2015 at 06:06 AM

 Lauren  
Johnson

“ *In Loving Memory of Thomas O'Toole - Uncle Tommy:*

*-WISP o' O'TOOLE-*

*Friend,*

*Watch, listen.*

*Voice - booming, soothing.*

*Smile - wise, laughing.*

*"Friend,*

*Mind wandering through misty woods.*

*You don't understand your purpose.*

*Friend,*

*I knew you too little,*

*Please do not shed your salty emotions,*

*Not out of anger, not out of sadness.*

*Friend,*

*You now lose your way so easily,*

*You sink, you burst, you burn inwardly.*

*You weep from frustrations,*

*From the guilt of an honest smile,*

*From pains, that you forget for a moment,*

*That come swiftly back to haunt you of your loss.*

*I understand, dear friend.*

*You once had a light and the woods seek to snuff it out.*

*Do not fear, dear friend,*

*Friend follow me, as I once did you.*

*Friend, now you see?*

*Yes, you see,*

*The little wisps in the fog that guide us home."*

*I wrote the poem Wisps a while ago, but made a few edits in honor of my (Great) Uncle Tommy! Poetry is my way of expressing the love I share for a person.*

*I am grateful to have known such a charismatic and wonderful man!*

*I miss you but know you are with God so I will try not grieve too*

*much. Rest in peace my friend and watch over your loved ones the*

*way you do.*

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**Lauren Johnson** - July 25, 2015 at 10:25 PM



“ *To my Aunt Diane, Sean, Ryan, Ty and Shannon, and my Mom (his sister Marge) and Dad,*

*I am sorry for the loss we are all feeling, but thankful for two things: first, that I was here to say good-bye to my Godfather and second, that he is no longer suffering, but rejoicing in Heaven with our Lord and God!*

*I will NEVER forget the love he had for family and for life. How many times we were able to celebrate various occasions together, happy and sad, but always a chance to celebrate the love we have for each other.*

*My daughter Kimaya remembered times that he would make a phone call on Christmas Eve or morning and cause her and her brother Bradley to pause - was that Santa?*

*For me, I will always remember his smile and his great big hugs that forever made you feel safe and loved.*

*I will miss you forever, and remember you always in my heart! Here's to you Tom O'Toole (Uncle Tommy!). May God keep you in his care, until we meet again :-)*

*Love forever and always,  
Deb*

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**Debra Tomczyk** - July 25, 2015 at 08:13 PM



*I didn't get to see my great uncle tommy that much but the few times I did he made me smile 😊💕*

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**Kimaya Tomczyk** - July 25, 2015 at 08:42 PM