



Thomas Theodore Riordan

May 30, 1923 - August 17, 2017

Thomas Theodore Riordan was born on May 30, 1923 in Glen Lyon PA; he passed away at home with his family on Thursday, August 17, 2017.

Tom was a loving family man and a great friend to all he met. He was a devout Roman Catholic who lived his faith to the very end. He was a graduate of Newport High school; he went to college at Pennsylvania Military Academy and earned his Master's degree from Temple University. He was a World War II Veteran who served proudly in the European theatre. Tom was a great athlete, lettering in football when he played at PMC. He had a lifelong passion for all sports but his love was high school football. He had the distinct honor to be a high school football official for over 28 years in New Jersey. His true passion was education; he loved teaching, he started his teaching career as a seventh grade history teacher, a football coach, Vice Principal then Principal and finally Superintendent of Clearview Regional High School in Mullica Hills, NJ. Tom and Rita retired and started the next chapter in their life and moved to Pawleys Island, SC where with his two sons founded Plantation Services Garden Center. You could always count on him meeting you at the door with a smile and a cold drink.

As an Irishman, he leaves behind a legion of friends, students and acquaintances that could fill the Riordan Football Stadium dedicated in his honor.

Tom was predeceased by his wife of 60 years Rita and is survived by his three children and their families; Sharon (John) Calderone of Hammonton, NJ, Michael (Rose) Riordan of Pawleys Island and Patrick Riordan also of Pawleys Island; his nieces and nephews and their families, Kevin Riordan, Kelly Lopez, Sue Krynick, Paul Krynick and John Krynick.

A memorial mass will be held at 11:00 AM Saturday, August 19, 2017 at Precious Blood of Christ Catholic Church. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service.

The family would like to express our gratitude and thanks for the loving and wonderful care of our father by his two special angels, Pearl and Leatha.

In lieu of flowers the family would like donations to be made to Tideland Hospice or PBOC.

Sign an online guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ Wendy Wilkins Valdez lit a candle in memory of Thomas Theodore Riordan



Wendy Wilkins Valdez - April 11, 2024 at 05:28 PM



“ I wasn't ever in Mr. Riordan's office like some others were, but those I knew who had been loved him! It takes someone special to leave those who were disciplined feeling good about him. I'm so glad he came to my class's 30th reunion. I hadn't told anyone I'd invited him, so it was a great surprise and more than a few guys went up to him to greet him (some hugged him). I was happy because I knew he was well liked and they showed it. I'm sorry it took this long to leave this, but I wasn't sure then what to say since I didn't personally know him from school - more OF him. I hope all of your memories to this day are full of love and joy of your time with him.

Wendy Wilkins Valdez '73

Wendy Wilkins Valdez - April 11, 2024 at 05:22 PM

WU

“ Thanks for your service Soldier !!
Wayne Williams
United States Marine Corps



Wayne Williams - USMC - August 29, 2017 at 10:08 AM

ME

“ We were so sad to hear of the death of your father, Tom He was such a friendly person--always had a smile and greeting whenever we saw him. He was absolutely wonderful to us. Our deepest sympathy. Tom will be missed.

Al and Mary Lou England

Mary Lou England - August 26, 2017 at 03:26 PM

LS

“ Stan and I offer condolences to your family Mr. and Mrs Riordan were one if the first couples we met when our tiny garage church first started. They were truly good people! I know they are so happy to be reunited. I will miss his sweet smile in his special pew at PBOC Catholic Church. Louanna and Stan Sowa

Louanna and Stan Sowa - August 24, 2017 at 11:48 AM

WR

“ My heart is with all of you as you grieve. My heart is also with you as you celebrate an extraordinary life. We loved our "Mr. Riordan"! He had a positive, often life-changing, impact on the students who were fortunate enough to pass through Clearview during his tenure. Hugs - Wendy (Class of '74)

Wendy (Lauren) Ricklefs - August 21, 2017 at 06:17 PM

JL

“ Please accept our deepest sympathy and heartfelt thoughts. Tommy was my godfather and I will truly miss him. I will always have fond memories of our lively discussions about family and sports. During our recent telephone conversation, he was still kidding me about San Diego sports; a nice last memory.

John & Sue

John Laychus - August 19, 2017 at 07:34 PM

CG

“ Chief, you will be missed by my entire family. Rarely did I stop in and not find you sitting on the wicker furniture holding court. There was always the latest news around town and a comment or two to "bust my chops" as Larry would say. Your kindness and humor will always be with me. Rest easy. You are home...

Chris Greene

Chris Greene - August 18, 2017 at 10:36 PM

JP

“ We are very sorry to hear about your Dad's passing. He was such a vibrant man and I so enjoyed hearing my Mom's recap of their weekly conversations. Wishing you all peace and comfort in your memories. Sending deepest sympathy and love.

Julie and Jack Pelly

Julie Pelly - August 18, 2017 at 05:29 PM

HO

“ Tom became one of my dearest friends. We shared many breakfasts & lunches with another friend ,Bill Riker. I will miss Tom. He was a good, intelligent man and a pleasure to be with.

Herman Overcash

Herman Overcash - August 18, 2017 at 04:27 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Thomas Theodore Riordan.



August 18, 2017 at 12:24 PM

KP

“ Kim Paulino lit a candle in memory of Thomas Theodore Riordan



Kim Paulino - August 18, 2017 at 07:54 AM

JG

“ *Our condolences to all of you. Your dad was a great man and will be sadly missed. May he Rest In Peace. - Jerry & Susan Gavin*

Jerry & Susan Gavin - August 17, 2017 at 08:24 PM