



Thomas "Tom" Palmieri

September 29, 2021

Thomas "Tom" Palmieri, of Monroeville, age 74, passed away on September 29, 2021 surrounded by his family after a courageous battle with cancer. He was the beloved husband of Sandra (Shamlin) Palmieri, for 52 years. Tom was born on October 16, 1946 in Pittsburgh to the late Dominic and Angela (Kaminski) Palmieri. Devoted father of Leslie Ann (Rafael) Gelpi and Brian (Loren) Palmieri; proud "Pap" to Anthony Palmieri, Brandon Gelpi and Chase Gelpi; big brother of Catherine (Charles) Taggart, Roseanne (John) Williams and the late Frank (surviving wife, Ann), Richard (surviving wife, Anne Marie), Marie, and Arthur (surviving wife, Carol); also survived by many nieces, nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews. He was also preceded in death by his nephew Dominic Palmieri. Tom proudly served in the United States Navy and then as a City of Pittsburgh Police Officer for 29 years. He later worked as a Federal Security Officer until his diagnosis in June of 2019. Tom, "Mr. P." enjoyed his many years coaching youth sports including Pee Wee Football for Greenfield, Morningside, and Gateway (Monroeville) and as a girls basketball coach for St. Rosalia's in Greenfield for many years. Tom was a Pittsburgh Sports Fan and loved to travel, dance, and spend time with family and friends. He was very proud of his children and grandsons. Friends will be received on Saturday from 6-8 p.m. and Sunday from 1-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the GENE H. CORL FUNERAL CHAPEL INC. AND CREMATION SERVICES OF MONROEVILLE, 4335 Northern Pike (412-372-2100). Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. on Monday, October 4, 2021 at Christ the Divine

Shepherd Parish at St. Bernadette Church, 245 Azalea Drive, Monroeville.
Interment following in Good Shepherd Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Tom's name to the Wounded Warriors at www.support.woundedwarriorproject.org or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at www.stjude.org. Online condolences may be left at www.corlfuneralchapel.com.

Cemetery Details

Good Shepherd Cemetery

733 Patton St.
Monroeville, PA 15146

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 2. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Gene H. Corl Funeral Chapel Inc.
4335 Northern Pike
Monroeville, PA 15146
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ghcorl@comcast.net
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Visitation

OCT 3. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Mass of Christian Burial

OCT 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Bernadette Catholic Church
245 Azalea Drive
Monroeville, PA

Tribute Wall

Lauran Webb

“ Tom and I worked together at Zone 6. I am so sorry for your loss. Tom was one of the nicest officers I knew. He made me a ceramic Black Police Christmas Statute. I sit it out every year.

Lauran Webb - November 29, 2021 at 08:33 AM

MD

“ I just found out about Tom. I am so sorry to hear that he is gone. Tom was a great guy and a good friend. I would see and talk to him every once in awhile at the SS Office when I went to Home Depot. I didn't even know he was sick. I remember our coaching days. We had a great time coaching the girls at St. Rosalia grade school. I had known Tom since grade school and what you see is a what you get kind of guy. I'm so sorry he's gone. He passed too soon and even though I haven't seen him much since they moved to Monroeville I will miss that. Tom Palmieri Rest In Peace. Lord knows you deserve it more than anyone. You will stay in my heart forever! I loved you like a brother. RIP



Mickey DeAngelo - October 09, 2021 at 03:15 PM

MD

“ Mickey DeAngelo lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tom" Palmieri



Mickey DeAngelo - October 09, 2021 at 02:27 PM

MD

“ Tom had the biggest heart of anyone I ever knew. I’ve known him since we were kids in grade school and he never changed. He was passionate about coaching basketball and being around the players. I know he will be missed by a lot of people. Why ??? Because he was Tom Palmieri.....that’s why! Rest In Peace my friend. Love you with all my heart.



Mickey DeAngelo - October 09, 2021 at 11:52 AM

CA

“ Sorry for your loss- I remember “Mr. Palmieri” fondly as our St Rosalia grade school basketball coach. Colleen Burke Abram

colleen abram - October 05, 2021 at 08:06 PM

WB

“ We we so heartbroken to hear of Tom’s passing. The world seems a little less than it was before. Tom has a big heart and was always ready to lend a hand or sprinkle his sense of humor. We worked with him for many years and have nothing but respect for him and appreciated the way he did his job.

Until we meet again my friend.....

Wendy &Skeet Blizzard - October 04, 2021 at 08:17 PM

AB

“ I have been so heart broken to hear of Tom’s passing. I had the privilege of knowing him for eleven years. He always made us feel safe at work, he was always my favorite security guard. It was such a perfect retirement job for him. He was always there to share stories of his police days or to share wisdom. He was encouraging when me and another woman were just young new hires with no clue what was going on. Over the years I have moved offices but occasionally would luck out and get to work with Tom and we always caught up and laughed like we still worked together daily. He just had such a great way with people and you couldn’t help but gravitate to him. He was a class act and I will miss him. Rest In Peace, Tom. The world is definitely a little darker without you.

Anne Blakeslee - October 03, 2021 at 06:03 PM

DT

“ Hi Sandy, this is Tommy’s cousin Donna Palmieri Tersine. I want to send my heart felt condolences to you and your family. Tommy was always a very special and sweet cousin to me. My prayers are with all of you may the Good Lord hold you in his heart and help you as you grieve Tommy’s loss.

Donna Palmieri Tersine - October 03, 2021 at 04:51 PM

MI

“ So very sorry to hear of Tom passing. My heart goes out to all of you. He was a sweet man who will be dearly missed.

Love,
Michelle Sloane Palmieri

michelle - October 03, 2021 at 10:00 AM

RR

“ *Uncle Tom was one of the best men I ever knew. I could say so much, but I can't find all the words. I will say this: I cannot hear the YMCA without thinking of Uncle Tom. He taught me sometimes you gotta laugh- even if it's at yourself. Most importantly, celebrate today because you never know who's going to be here tomorrow.* ”



Regina Roof - October 02, 2021 at 11:22 PM

DC

“ I've had the pleasure of knowing the Palmieri's since college with Leslie. I'll never forget how warmly I was welcomed the first time I came to the house for Sunday dinner. Mr. P said, "I hope you're hungry because you're about to have the best meal you've ever had!" After 1 bite I looked over at him & said you're right and He smiled!

His love for Sandy was so strong it shined thru his smile when he looked at her.

When Mr. P. Spoke with you, he gave you his full attention & always had good advice.

My favorite memory of Mr. P. was the look of love on his face when he first saw Leslie come down the stairs in her wedding gown.

I'll never forget how much fun He and Mrs. P had at their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Rest in peace Mr P and thank you for raising the best friend a girl could ask for.



Debbie Celedonia - October 02, 2021 at 10:55 PM



Tom is one of a kind. God graced me with him and Sandy as my neighbors. I cherish knowing Tom and his sweet family.Amen.

Theresa Davenport - October 04, 2021 at 07:07 AM

EC

“ I worked with Tom when he was a Police Officer in Pittsburgh. I'm still here after 29 yrs, he was a true class act.

But if I could thank him for the greatest gift he gave me. He introduced me to my Late wife Danielle Pittson Churilla. Tommy and Danielle worked out of the Squirrel Hill Station. She was a clerk at that time.

He gave me the GREATEST GIFT a man could ever received.

Thank you Tom, Give Danielle a hug and a kiss for me.

Eric Churilla - October 02, 2021 at 08:07 PM



“ My Uncle Tommy was a lot of things. He was a phenomenal dad, the best Pap, a loving husband, a devoted son, a great brother, and a wonderful uncle. He was a Navy vet, a cop, an Elvis look alike, and the best dancer in the family. He was charismatic, his presence could fill up any room he was in. He was the kind of guy that everyone liked. To me he was all that and so much more. To me he was a superhero. Even when I was old enough to realize he didn't know everything I still knew he could fix anything. To me he was my fun, crazy uncle. When I was a kid, he was always ready to play whatever games we'd come up with (or all too often suggest even sillier ones himself). When my brother and I were still young enough to believe in Santa, Uncle Tom was a Christmas morning fixture at our house so that we could show him what Santa brought us. Every Halloween after we were done Trick or Treating, my brother and I would go and visit Aunt Sandy and Uncle Tom so that they could fuss over our costumes and make us feel so special. After we got home, my brother and I would always have a lot of fun separating out our candy into three piles--one for Drew, one for me and one for Uncle Tom. He'd always come by the next day, usually in his squad car, to pick up his candy. He loved sweets, almost as much as he loved coffee. To me my Uncle Tom was a pillar of strength and of unconditional love. I knew that no matter where life took me, he would have my back and I would have his love. To me he was a storyteller. The only thing better than his stories was how much fun he had telling them. To me he was a dancer. He was always in the middle of the dance floor at weddings, especially when the YMCA was playing. He had moves too, even when he got old. He tried to teach me to dance before I went to Homecoming my Freshman year of high school. We danced to Ricky Martin together in his living room. We had a blast even though I could never quite move my hips like he could. To me my Uncle Tom was a teacher. He was always so patient when I struggled with dancing, or with basketball or the myriad of other things he tried to teach me over the course of my childhood. The important lessons stuck though. He taught me how to look out for myself. He taught me about honor and duty. He taught me about bravery and service. He taught me how to smile no

matter what. He taught me about love too. He and my Aunt Sandy taught me to look for a partner that you can grow old with and not just next to. He taught me so many things that I hope to pass on to my daughters. I know that I am a better person for having had him in my life and for having been loved by him. He was one of a kind. I loved him very much and I will miss him tremendously. I'd like to say that I had a special relationship with Uncle Tom, and that I was his favorite, but all of his nieces and nephews would tell you the same thing. (Although I was his favorite. Clearly.)



Liz Williams-Herrman - October 02, 2021 at 03:06 PM

DB

Very touching Liz. Sorry for your loss. RIP Uncle Tom. 🙏🙏🙏

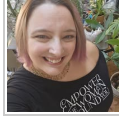
Diane Bellante - October 02, 2021 at 07:04 PM

AP

“ *We will think of Tommy every Christmas as we set up our villages. So talented RIP*



Ann Palmieri - October 02, 2021 at 01:58 PM



That's a great photo!

Liz Williams-Herrman - October 02, 2021 at 03:25 PM

AP

Our Renaissance man!

Ann Palmieri - October 03, 2021 at 07:21 PM

WA

“*Dear Sandy, I'm so very sorry to hear of this sad news today. Please, know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Tom is such a good and gentle man, may he have eternal peace.*

Wanda - October 01, 2021 at 09:37 PM

TR

“*Tom will surely be missed. My wife Renee and I were met with a humorous greeting one summer morning at our Monroeville home when he was visiting his son, our neighbor Brian. That was the beginning of years of great conversations filled with valuable insight. I had several fond memories sharing stories from my childhood home of the Manchester area of Pittsburgh where Tom served as a police officer for many years. His knowledge of the basketball courts and fields in which I was raised sent us down memory lane on many occasions. I recall a large snake invading our yard one summer and as my wife screamed, here came Tom calming the situation and removing it to the nearby woods. Tom became a good word of counsel for me and Renee as we discussed life and navigating this crazy world. Our hearts mourn with the family in this moment. We will miss that quick wit and warm greeting Tom delivered whete ever we met. Keeping all in prayer we send our sincere condolences.*

Tiny and Renee Reese - October 01, 2021 at 10:52 AM

TR

“ Glad I got to work with Tom the last 7 years at the Federal Contract in the Pittsburgh Region.

Great conversation and was never a man lost for words!

Served his Country, City, and The Pittsburgh Region for over 50 years!

Rest In Peace!

PSO Rubino

Thomas Rubino - September 30, 2021 at 09:05 PM



“ 6 files added to the album Photos from Elizabeth's wedding (October 2013)



Jim Taggart - September 30, 2021 at 05:15 PM

LD

Thank you Jim. These pictures captured my Dad so well, the dancing, YMCA, love of family, time with his big brothers and the complete love and adoration he had for my mom.

Leslie Gelpi (Tom's Daughter) - October 02, 2021 at 09:55 AM

AZ

“ *My family grew up close to Mr P. We adored this family. He was a class act guy. Fun and kind. GOD bless his wife and children. I thought he was a great man. Annie Joyce Zak*

Annie (Joyce) Zak - September 30, 2021 at 04:42 PM