



Thomas C. "Big Daddy" Mulchy, Sr.

February 18, 1953 - October 13, 2008

Mr. Thomas C. "Big Daddy" Mulchy, Sr., age 55, of the Utica area, passed away on Monday, October 13, 2008 at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center with the love and support of his wife and family by his side.

Born in Utica on February 18, 1953, Thomas was the son of the late Charles and Elizabeth (McGuirl) Mulchy. Raised and educated locally, he was a 1972 graduate of Utica Free Academy. On September 4, 1976 he married the former Francine Spartano with whom he shared 32 years. As partners in life, they relied upon one another, and complemented each other's strengths.

Tom began his working career as a plumber steam-fitter at the Marcy Psychiatric Hospital, retiring in 1994 from the renamed Central New York Psychiatric Center at Marcy after 20 years of dedicated service. Tom had an affinity for the athleticism of his son, Tom, Jr. which prompted him to become a volunteer and a trained EMT Medic, serving the Whitesboro School District.

Focusing on football and wrestling, he was also a coach for the middle school wrestling team, supporting the strength and development of those students.

He traveled the United States and Puerto Rico which became a family affair and a rewarding experience. He had a passion for these sports and possessed a great need to help others, especially the youth who participated.

Tom proudly served as past president of the Whitesboro Boosters Club in 1996. His medic training also led him to volunteer with the Schuyler Fire Department. Concurrently, he had been employed by Cornell Cooperative Extension as a job coordinator for the "green team" whose members worked

on the beautification of the city of Utica. In 2000, Tom continued his education at M.V.C.C. earning an Associates degree in Recreation Leadership.

Tom was a great dad and was so proud of his children. He instilled the wisdom which motivated his son and daughter to excel at their life goals. He also provided a joyful upbringing which included Sunday family ventures, summers at Cape Vincent which were the source of many of their fondest memories. He loved the water --- swimming, boating, fishing --- and enjoyed it with family and friends. He appreciated the winter sport of snowmobiling. Tom was a modest man who loved his family and lived life to the fullest. He honored his loved ones and his Irish heritage to the best of his ability. He was a parishioner of St. Mark's Church.

Tom is survived by his devoted wife, Francine; his daughter, Elizabeth "B" Mulchy of Syracuse and her friend Dave Harney; his son and daughter-in-law, Thomas C., Jr. and Melane Mulchy of Wellington, FL; and his granddaughter, Liliana Grace Mulchy. Survivors also include his sisters and brother-in-law, Carol and Jack McCarthy of Utica, and Kathleen Mulchy of AZ; his brothers and sisters-in-law, Michael and Cheryl Gossin of Chicago, Edward "Buddy" and Mary Mulchy of Alexandria Bay, and Timothy and Mary Mulchy of Albany; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles, and godchildren; and his in-laws, Frank and Angela Spartano of Sauquoit, and Jessica Spartano of Utica. He held close to his heart the many friendships he made during the years, with special mention of Bob and Linda Rose and family, Marlene and MaryLou, the Wenz family, and the Clayton McGowen family.

The family extends gratitude to the numerous physicians, the outstanding attending doctors, hospitalists, nurses, and staff of the St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Emergency Room, and Intensive Care Unit who were so personal in their care of Tom, his wife, and family. They hold dear the relationships that were established and will be cherished in their memories; the Acacia Home Care, especially his aide, Jen, and his physical therapist, Shelly; Utica Fire Department Rescue 1 for their response time and personal concern; and Fr.

Lucian Urbaniak for his spiritual commitment throughout their lives, as well as Fr. Richard O'Neill for his years of friendship.

Visitation will be held Thursday (today) from 4:00-8:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. By family request, please omit floral offerings. Tom's funeral service will commence on Friday morning at 10:00 from the funeral home and at 11:00 at St. Mark's Church on Keyes Road where his Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. Interment will take place in St. Agnes Cemetery.

Previous Events

Service

OCT 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mark's Church
440 Keys Road
Utica, NY

Tribute Wall



“ *Francine and Family,*
I was so sorry to hear about Toms' passing. He was truly a GREAT MAN and friend and will be missed by all the lives he touched. How well I remember the fun times at Cape Vincent. My thoughts and prays are with you now. God Bless you All.##imported-begin##Jacquelyn Rizzo-Schmidt##imported-end##

October 20, 2008 at 06:39 PM



“ *Dear Beth & Family,*
I am so sorry to hear about your loss of your father. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time of sorrow.##imported-begin##Aimee Wiegand-Whitney##imported-end##

October 19, 2008 at 11:42 AM



“ *Dear Mulchy family;*

I was so sorry to hear of the death of Tommy...we were friends since grade school, and friends with the whole Mulchy family. I only saw Tommy frequently throughout the years, and we were warm and friendly each time I saw him, the last time a few years ago at the MVCC gym. On behalf of my whole family, please accept our heartfelt condolences.

Sincerely,

Mike Graham##imported-begin##Mike Graham##imported-end##

October 18, 2008 at 06:09 PM



“ *Mulchy Family,*

I was terribly sorry to hear of the passing of Tom Sr. He was a real asset to the school community when he worked here and just a great guy. In my years of coaching and teaching, I've never met another parent who was so intensely proud of his children. Please know that I am thinking of all of you at this difficult time and hope you can find comfort in the great memories you can share of a man who was so committed to his family.

Take Care,

Coach Todd Scott###imported-begin##Todd Scott###imported-end##

October 17, 2008 at 01:41 PM



“ *Francine and Family,*

I want to extend my sincere condolences to the entire Mulchy family upon the passing of my dear friend Tommy. He was truly a great man who will leave a legacy of the many lives he touched in such a positive way. I will always remember Tommy as that special person that brighten up your day by his kindness and gentle ways. As friends we played hard, laughed often and most important just enjoyed the ride. There's no greater quality in life, then to be known as a friend, "Tommy my friend, you'll be missed"!!! Peace

Francine and Family, I know words can never replace the loss of Tommy but may the wonderful memories of those special times spent together ease the pain.

God Bless you all, Eddie###imported-begin##Edward R. Wilusz Jr###imported-end##

October 17, 2008 at 11:46 AM



“ Fran, Tommy, Beth, and family. We are sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you always. Eric and family##imported-begin##The Schmidt's##imported-end##

October 17, 2008 at 10:19 AM



“ To the Mulchy Family,

Pat and I would like to appoligize for not making it to Tom's viewing. I was in bed with a virus and Pat was out to a workshop.

I prefer to remember Tom as a caring, dependable Amb. Lieutenant, and a loving partner and friend who I personnaly got to know, understand, and love as a brother who was always their for me. Pat always knew Tom would watch my back and I would watch his on our EMS calls.

How do you say "Good-Bye" to someone you knew for many years from growing up in the Cornhill when times were so much different. As my brother said; Don't ever say Good-Bye but say "See ya Later!"

So Tom, as I now leave you, I say, "See ya later" until we meet again in a place where there is no more suffering or pain.

God Bless You Forever,

Love,

Mike & Pat Hickey##imported-begin##Mike & Pat Hickey##imported-end##

October 16, 2008 at 05:18 PM



“ Francine and family, I was so sorry to hear of Tommy's passing. I always remember the good old days when we were in high school and all the fun we used to have. He was a great person. Your in my thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, Donna###imported-begin##Donna (Saladino) Lacatena###imported-end##

October 16, 2008 at 02:38 PM



“ Im very sorry for your lose. Your dad was a very good person, I have a lot of good memories with your dad moh. valley wrest and many wrestling tourny. Your dad was always ready to help a young man in need and many boys will remember him for a long long time. he was very proud of his family as you were of him. May God bless your dad and you . I wish you the very best tom marriott ex mohawk wrestling coach###imported-begin##tom marriott###imported-end##

October 16, 2008 at 02:05 PM



“ Tom Ryan and I knew Tom and his family during Tom Jr'shigh school years. I have fond memories of a devoted mom and dad and their children. I am pleased to think Tom saw his children achieve their academic, career and personal goals. Tom enjoyed life and taught his children that they could face the challenges of life with grace and pride. Best wishes to Mrs. Mulchy, Tom Jr. and his family, and Elizabeth "B" and Dave. I know you will miss him, but you have a strong loving family and group of friends that will be with you during this time. Much love, Kathryn Shappee and Tom Ryan###imported-begin##Kathy Shappee###imported-end##

October 16, 2008 at 12:45 PM



“ *Fran and family,
I'm very sorry to hear of the passing of tom.. i had the pleasure of
takin care of tom while he was at the sitrin home...tom will be
missed by all..my heart goes out to u and ur family in this sad
time..may god bless u all...
Bille-Jo (cna on the 3-11 shift at the sitrin)##imported-begin##Billie
Jo (CNA from the sitrin)##imported-end##*

October 16, 2008 at 10:24 AM



“ *Fran, Tommy and Beth,
Words cannot express how we feel at this time. We are deeply sorry
for your loss. Big Tom's humor and friendship will always be
remembered and cherished. Our thoughts are with you always.
Love, Kat & Mike##imported-begin##Kat & Mike
Defosse##imported-end##*

October 16, 2008 at 09:52 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to your family at this time. With
deepest sympathy. Ray & Anne Quinn##imported-begin##Ray &
Anne Quinn##imported-end##*

October 16, 2008 at 09:14 AM



“ *I was so saddened to see that Tom has passed away. I have known
him for many years. When I think of Tom I think of the old White
"Falcoon" he drove back in 71.....the football games, the pep rally's
and the dances. Whenever you were with Tom you were always
laughing. He was the best! I express my deepest sympathy to his
wife and family.##imported-begin##Joanne Ryan##imported-end##*

October 16, 2008 at 08:41 AM



“ Dear Mulchy family, I am very sorry about your loss of Mr. Mulchy. He was a great person, and like a father figure to me. He was always there for me when i needed him in athletics, and as a coach he helped me excell as a young man. I am sorry i cant make it to the service for i am at college and can't make it back. He will always hold a place in my heart. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

Kyle T.##imported-begin##Kyle Tritten##imported-end##

October 15, 2008 at 09:52 PM



“ Beth and Family,
I am sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. God Bless.##imported-begin##Deanna (LaClair)
LaPaglia##imported-end##

October 15, 2008 at 08:19 PM



“ Tom I am so sorry for your loss. Although I didnt know your Dad that well the few times I did meet him he was always very kind, you could tell what a big heart he had. Please know if there is anything you need we are always here for you. Our thoughts and prayers are with you & your family during this difficult time.

With Love

Matt, Danielle & Kaleigh Quinn##imported-begin##Danielle
Quinn##imported-end##

October 15, 2008 at 07:31 PM



“ Mommy Mulchy, Beth, and Tommy I am so sorry about your loss. Daddy Mulchy was a great guy and will be missed. I will never forget the time we were driving through Cornhill and he stopped in the middle of the street and turned the radio up and said let buggy Fran LOL. If there is anything that you need please don't be afraid to ask. Love you guys, Eileen###imported-begin###Eileen McGowan###imported-end##

October 15, 2008 at 01:59 PM



“ Today we have lost a great man in the community, and a personal friendship of 40 years. From the days of UFA to your marriage with your lovely bride (Fran) and the birth of two great children(JR & Beth). I will miss you dearly, but someday we will reunify. God bless you my dear friend.###imported-begin###Thomas J Saladino###imported-end##

October 15, 2008 at 01:31 PM



“ Francine,
Tommy was a great friend to my brother Tom and was always there for him. May God bless you and your family in your loss.###imported-begin###Rick Saladino###imported-end##

October 15, 2008 at 10:36 AM



“ Fran, Tommy & Beth,
We were so sorry to hear of your loss. Tom was the greatest. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Be strong.###imported-begin###Monescalchi Family###imported-end##

October 15, 2008 at 09:37 AM



“ We will miss you Big Tom. May you rest in peace until we see each other once again.

Jim, Ann Marie, Emily, Grace and Sophia##imported-begin##Jim Hall##imported-end##

October 15, 2008 at 07:34 AM



“ Tom and Family, I am so sorry to hear of your father's passing. He was a nice person and will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Nadine T##imported-end##

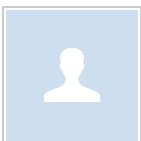
October 15, 2008 at 07:27 AM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. Mr. Mulchy was an extremely kind hearted person. He showed me the sport of wrestling and introduced me to the Mohawk valley wrestling family. We will all miss him.

Dan, Donna and Greg##imported-begin##Williams##imported-end##

October 14, 2008 at 06:38 PM



“ I am very sorry for your loss. Mr. Mulchy was a great guy and I have a lot of great memories of him. From the many wrestling trips together to the summer months working with him on the Green team. He will be truly missed. Mrs. Mulcy, Tommy, Beth, and the rest of the Mulchy family, my thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time. God Bless. - Justin##imported-begin##Justin Knapp##imported-end##

October 14, 2008 at 03:21 PM



“ Tommy, Franie and Beth, I am Sorry to hear about your loss. I appreciate everything that Mr. Mulchy did for me, he was a great person with a great heart. I will miss him. Stay strong.##imported-begin##Tommy Knapp##imported-end##

October 14, 2008 at 12:30 PM



“ Dear Fran and Family,
We are so sorry to hear of Tom's passing. He was such a kind and giving man. I will always remember when he and Matt DeMichael stayed with Joel and I at the hospital in ChenangoForks. He made it an extremely long day for himself when he didn't have to. We wish to extend our sympathy to the whole family and if there is ever anything we can do, now or in the future please let us know. You will be in our prayers over these next days, weeks and always.

Michelle, John, Patrick & Joel##imported-begin##Ahern##imported-end##

October 14, 2008 at 11:14 AM



“ Dear Tom and Family,
I am sorry to hear about the passing of your father. He was a great man because of his dedication to us as athletes and to his family. He will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.
God Bless
Sean T.##imported-begin##Sean Temple##imported-end##

October 14, 2008 at 09:02 AM