



Thomas E. Maher, Sr.

June 28, 1936 - January 23, 2009

Mr. Thomas E. "Tom" Maher, Sr., age 72, a lifelong resident of this area and currently of Sauquoit, passed away peacefully in the privacy of his home on Friday, January 23, 2009 with his loving family by his side.

Born in Utica on June 28, 1936, Thomas was the son of the late Charles R. and Catherine (Maroney) Maher. Raised and educated locally, he was a graduate of St. Agnes grammar school and T. R. Proctor High School class of '54. Upon graduation he served in the U. S. Army with the majority of his time spent in Korea.

Tom began his working career as an engineering draftsman at the General Electric Co. Light Military Electronics plant in Utica. He was employed briefly thereafter at the General Electric Co. Television facility in Syracuse as the lead designer on a project that was the forerunner of what is now the VCR video system. He subsequently became involved in the engineering temporary help field and was the president of 20th Century Design, Inc. Upon selling the company he became the on-the-job coordinator for the Rome Chamber of Commerce and later served in a similar position for the Utica Chamber of Commerce. He returned to the temporary engineering help field in the early 1970's as the founder of T & M Technical Services Co., Inc., and much later, in the mid 1990's expanded the organization to include a new entity named Staffing Specialists Co., Inc., in order to service the temporary office help field. The companies had offices in Utica, Syracuse, and Norwich, with satellite offices in Binghamton and Oneonta. Tom retired in 1999.

A nostalgic person by nature, a Proctorian through and through, Tom had a lifelong passion for East Utica and the memories of his youth there. He also had a special attachment to the Hidden Valley Golf Club and its people where he most often played over the years, and not only on the golf course. Mr. Maher was a member of the American Legion Post # 1000 in Chadwicks, a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post # 9591 in Clinton, the Proctor Alumni Association, the Central New York Community Arts Council, the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, and an honorary member of the Commanders Club of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV). His past affiliations include the Yahnundasis Golf Club, The Calvary Golf Club of Manlius, The Moose Club, the Personnel Managers Association, and the United Way. He was a parishioner of Sacred Heart/St. Mary's Church.

Thomas is survived by his children and their families, William A. and Kirana "Pa" Maher of North Syracuse, Joyce A. and Joseph Nicotera, and Thomas E. Maher, Jr., all of Utica, and their mother, the former Carol Hensel. In addition he leaves his beloved companion of many years, Karleen Markowicz and her children, Mary L. Markowicz, and Michael and Yee Markowicz.

In addition, he leaves his sister, Barbara Kokesch of NY Mills; and his brother and sister-in-law, Donald and Dolores (Cassidy) Maher of CA. At one time he was wed to Mary Burroughs Davis and also leaves behind step-daughters, Gail McKinstry, Sara and Ronald Smith, and their brothers, Carl Davis, and Mark Davis. Perhaps most of all, he regrets leaving his beloved grandchildren and great-grandchildren, all of whom brought great joy to his life – how much he loved them all. Also, the many friends he has lost over the years that he carried around in his heart and that he hopes to "meet again some sunny day". He was predeceased by his older brother and cherished sister-in-law, Robert R., Jr. and Muriel (Abdoo) Maher; and his brother-in-law, David Kokesch.

The family is grateful to Dr. Samir Desai and his staff; Dr. Diane Cavalarro; Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc.; as well as his caretakers, for their dedication and professionalism.

Visitation will be held Monday (today) from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. The American Legion Post #1000 will gather for ritualistic services at 6 p.m. Please consider memorial contributions in Thomas' honor to Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc.; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Thomas' funeral service will commence on Tuesday morning at 9:00 from the funeral home and at 10:00 at Sacred Heart/St. Mary's Church in NY Mills, where his Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. Entombment will take place in Calvary Mausoleum with Military Honors.

Previous Events

Service

JAN 27. 10:00 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart/St. Mary's Church
201 Main Street
New York Mills, NY

Tribute Wall



“ TO THE FAMILY OF TOM, SO SORRY TO LEARN OF TOM'S PASSING. MY BROTHER PETER PERRITANO PASSED AWAY 12/10/08. WE KNOW TOM WOULD HAVE BEEN THERE IF HE WAS NOT ILL. PETER AND TOM WERE CLOSE FRIENDS. HE ALWAYS SPOKE HIGHLY OF TOM AND WAS CONCERNED ABOUT HIS HEALTH. WELL, NOW THEY EACH HAVE A GOLF BUDDY. THAT SUNNY DAY HAS COME. PETER'S WIFE KATHY WAS HEARTBROKEN TO HERE THE NEWS TOO. AGAIN SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. NO ONE KNOWS WHAT THE OTHER SIDE IS LIKE. WE JUST ALL HOPE WE'LL BE TOGETHER AGAIN. SINCERE SYMPATHY. LYNDA PERRITANO PADULA PETE'S LITTLE SISTER.###imported-begin###LYNDA PERRITANO PADULA###imported-end###

January 31, 2009 at 11:39 AM



“ TO TOM'S FAMILY, I AM PETER PERRITANO'S SISTER, AND AM SO SORRY TO LEARN OF TOM'S PASSING. PETER DIED ON DEC. 10, 08. WELL NOW THEY BOTH HAVE A GOLFING BUDDY ON A SUNNY DAY. PETER ALWAYS INFORMED ME OF TOM AND FELT SO BAD THAT HE WAS ILL. THAT GROUP WAS ALWAYS SO CLOSE. I MISSED HIM AT THE WAKE KNOWING HE'D BE THERE , WERE HE IN GOOD HEALTH. SUCH HEARTFELT SYMPATHY TO YOU ALL. LYNDA PERRITANO PADUL###imported-begin###LYNDA PERRITANO PADULA###imported-end###

January 27, 2009 at 12:43 PM



“ To Barbara, Donnie and family of Tommy, my deepest and sincere sympathies at the loss of your brother, husband and friend. Words cannot express the sadness of this time and I am sorry that I am unable to attend his services. We stayed in touch by email and I had no idea that he was so ill. For the pain you are feeling right now, I hope you will only remember the good times and it will help you through this nightmare.##imported-begin##Kay Leaf##imported-end##

January 26, 2009 at 06:33 PM



“ MR.THOMAS MAHER,SR. A TRUE GENTLEMAN AND FRIEND TO ALL. I AM HONORED & PRIVILEGED TO HAVE KNOWN YOU. YOUR MANY FRIENDS SHARE WITH YOUR FAMILY , THE SADNESS OF YOUR LOSS. GOD BLESS YOU TOM.##imported-begin##BOB BENTON##imported-end##

January 26, 2009 at 02:43 PM



“ My sympathies to Mr. Maher's family. You are in my thoughts.##imported-begin##Jim Creveling##imported-end##

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“ My sympathy to you and your family.##imported-begin##George Wm. Jones##imported-end##

January 26, 2009 at 11:27 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Mr. Maher's passing. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends.##imported-begin##G. Kinsey Lamb##imported-end##

January 26, 2009 at 08:59 AM



“ To Tom's family, I am very sorry to hear about his passing. My father worked with him at General Electric and we also had many good times together in east utica, may god bless him.##imported-begin##Mike Filippelli##imported-end##

January 25, 2009 at 11:00 PM



“ To All of Toms Family & Friends,

We are sorry for your loss. We will always remember his great smile and sense of humor. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Minka & Leo Degan and Sandy McNamara##imported-end##

January 24, 2009 at 09:49 AM