



Thomas Edward Loughlin, Sr.

May 28, 1915 - December 7, 2006

Mr. Thomas Edward Loughlin, Sr., age 91, of Utica, passed away on Thursday, December 7, 2006, at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center with his family by his side. The family finds comfort in knowing that Tom has joined his wife in heaven, Harriet C. (Cheek) Loughlin, who passed away on March 11, 2006.

Born in Philadelphia, PA on May 28, 1915, Tom was the son of the late John and Amelia (Gale) Loughlin. At the age of 3, his father passed away. The family remained in Pennsylvania, where he was raised with his brother, sister, and half-sisters. As a teenager, Tom set out for new experiences. It was then that he met his mentor, Alfred Moon, who was looked upon as a father figure. Alfred taught Tom great values and lessons, upholding his Quaker background. As a young man, Tom was a natural athlete, and showed talent in football and track during high school, earning 4 letters. During his collegiate years he also excelled in sports, competing with Jesse Owens at Penn State track relays. While competing in football, an injury halted his sports career. The injury led him to meet Harriet at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business, where he graduated. It was on September 19, 1937 that he married the former Harriet E. Cheek, with whom he shared 68 years until her passing. A truly devoted couple, their union was strengthened by mutual sacrifice and support.

During WW II he worked for American Airlines as a navigator, transporting soldiers and goods world wide. Also, during the Korean Conflict he navigated

for Northwest Airlines. During his tenure in aviation, he participated in numerous flights and fishing trips to Newfoundland with Charles Lindbergh. In 1948 he lived in New York City, and around 1955 Tom and his family resettled in the Utica area, where he began his lifelong career in the insurance industry. In 1957 he established and operated the Loughlin Insurance Agency. Tom was a member of the American Legion Post 229 in Utica.

Always non-judgmental, Tom instilled optimism in his daily and family life. He found the beauty and the good in every situation, and truly lived as a gentleman. He carried the presence and values of generosity, kindness, and honesty. He maintained a life-long commitment to sports and athletics, and felt great fulfillment in supporting baseball and youth sports in the Utica area. He had a special fondness for football. An avid outdoorsman, he enjoyed hunting and fishing with his family. In his more recent pastimes, he took pleasure in spending time with his grandson, Benjamin, and his canine companion, Moose.

Mr. Loughlin is survived by his sons, Thomas E. Loughlin, Jr. of Utica, and Robert C. Loughlin of Utica, who continues to manage the family business. Also surviving are his grandchildren, Betsy L. Loughlin, and Georgia C. Loughling of Utica, and their mother, Karen Robbins of Whitesboro, and Benjamin S. Loughlin of Utica; his half-sisters and their families, Winnie Tettermer of NJ, Jean Sincage of PA, Gertrude Cooper of FL, and Isabelle Feindel of FL; and his in-law, "Betsy" Camper of Heber Springs, AK. He was predeceased by a brother, David Loughlin of Bucks County, PA; and a sister, Margaret Vaccaro of NJ.

The family offers a special thank you to the doctors and staff at the Faxton-St. Luke's C.C.U. and ER for their professional care and compassion. Gratitude is also extended to the Masonic Care Community of New York, especially to Thomas Moore, for his beloved friendship.

In keeping with Tom's wishes, there will be no public services. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave.

“I give my heartfelt thanks to all my family, friends, clients, and associates, who are considered extended family in sharing this wonderful life”... Tom, Sr.

Tribute Wall



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August 20, 2009 at 12:23 PM



“ *Olgunka-rd* ”

April 27, 2009 at 08:50 PM



“ *Olgunka-ja* ”

April 27, 2009 at 04:53 PM



“ *Semil* ”

December 05, 2008 at 06:08 PM



“ *Asina* ”

December 02, 2008 at 11:08 AM



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April 18, 2008 at 06:58 AM



“ *Sorry, but what is mariburjeka?*

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March 20, 2008 at 10:40 PM



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March 15, 2008 at 10:09 AM



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February 04, 2008 at 04:58 AM



“ *Well, I jammed in a lot in that last message. The only thing I can say now is that I miss the heck out of you...and he great times we had right until the last horn blew. Watch for new photos.*

Tommy Jr.##imported-begin##Tommy Jr##imported-end##

April 08, 2007 at 04:01 PM



“ Wonderful ,saddened friends, be cheerful..
Perhaps it is folly to be surprised , alarmed and unready for the passing of a 91 year old man in an era where the average life expectancy of a male in his birth year of 1915 was 51..but I certainly was..and continue to be. Papa did not evidence his chronological age...at all. He was alternately, 40 or 23..depending on whether he was planning insurance coverages...or reveling in good food or slamming a hook home into the jaw of a 26 pound Chinook salmon. He had the energy, enthusiasm, and outlook of a new and eager college graduate, taking on the world's ever changing challenges , afresh, with each new day.
He was always fun to have as company.Unfailingly.
It is not unusual for males to qualify other males in terms of their conduct during sporting contests..citing their level of competition conduct, guts, resilience, high unfailing spirit, and most of all , sportsmanship.
I cannot imagine a finer sports-sharing buddy than the man after whom I was named. He was .THE FINEST and most edifying companion on a golf course., that being the test any man of true Scots heritage holds another man .their behavior and demeanor while playing the very little short of sacred ancient game our Celtic ancestors invented .and have attributed sacramental status....and which Tiger Woods , not a Scotsman born..but surely accepted...perfected. Note here that Tiger Woods was a real first rank and ongoing favorite of papas...perhaps the last sports figure papa adopted into his heroes gallery along with Jimmy Foxx, Sonja Heine and every last mother's son on the 1980 USA Olympic Hockey Team which won gold at Lake Placid.

He will NOT be fun or easy to have to follow in example of his consistent patience and cheerfulness...and doggoned nearly impossible to follow in his selflessness. But we must try...we aging spoiled brats Robert and myself.. who in the last year became the world's oldest orphans.

Ancient wisdom tells us that "The apple falleth not far from the tree.." meaning that nature and nurture will result in one's offspring

*being very similar to the parent in nearly every way.
HOORAY!!! Finally an explanation for the rare times in which we were in a tiny bit of conflict. Both papa and I have been regarded as gregarious Irishmen (when not proffering our Scots identity) , both of us as ready with tales and anecdotes to amuse and and inform.., and both being willing (no, eager) to deliver them. When we were together in public with others who might provide us an audience for our individual and mutual anecdotes and expression of our skills as raconteurs..we often found ourselves in competition with one another for center stage. There was no angst, no "sturm und drang" about whom would get the top billing, or limelight or first crack at tale-telling..but..the little, subtle competition was there.
He wanted to tell his tales about life in Pennsylvania at the Penn Mansion (Pennsbury Manor) or the Air Transport Command, or fishing, trapping, or hunting, or enjoying the company of his new family (the Cheeks of Tennessee)..and I wanted to tell anecdotes generated in a life which was so broadly and deeply shaped by the storyteller with whom I was vying for the admiration , approval and amazement of the audience at hand.
...and that was it. Our only area of scraping, Our only conflict None of the sicknesses which infect so many family relationships in modern times, Wow.....if only the rest of the world's families could have such a non-problem as their main problem; .By the way, we usually solved the 'spotlight problem" by doing a duet...providing one another with added details remembered from prior performances made to and for one another in private moments...or for prior audiences of friends ,clients and family. It was a delicate dance..that duet...but the fact that we managed to share the limelight gave voice and credibility to the mutual regard, respect and love we had for one another...and ,for mama...a partner in nearly every family and b*

December 18, 2006 at 03:07 PM



“ Dear Tom Jr.,
Very sorry to learn of your Dads passing. He was a very kind hearted person and a wonderful Insurance man. As you know he helped me and my family out many many times. Like my Dad they are both resting in peace up in heaven and probably Smiling down on us. Also the GE Ski Club sends it's condolences to you and your family.
Donna##imported-begin##Donna Sambor-Pratt##imported-end##

December 15, 2006 at 10:45 AM



“ Thomas, I was stunned to hear of your father's passing. He was such a kind and caring man. I am so sorry, and I can only imagine what you are going through. I know how close you were to him and how much you will miss having him in your life. Please take comfort in the knowledge that he is now in heaven with your mother, who he loved so dearly.
I remember that even though he had a difficult time getting around, he would take the time and trouble to pay attention to my grandchildren. I will treasure the picture I took of him with them. He will definitely be missed.
Loyce##imported-begin##Loyce ##imported-end##

December 12, 2006 at 09:02 AM



“ Dear Friends,

My family is just beside ourselves with the loss of Tom Sr. We will miss him greatly - he was such a well spirited man of highest integrity and compassion for all others who surrounded him.

This is very sad news we are just devastated, he will be greatly missed by my children as well.

Our love and prayers extended to your family in these difficult times.

*With lots of love and condolences,
Sussie, Nicholas, Nathaniel, Noah, Alexis, and Austin
Murteza###imported-begin##Sussanne Murteza###imported-end##*

December 11, 2006 at 07:08 PM



“ dad , You will always be in thoughts and in my heart. I will miss our talks and your advise but most of all i will miss you.

Thank You for being in my life.###imported-begin##karen###imported-end##

December 10, 2006 at 07:24 PM



“ Dear Betsey and Georgia,

It will be the little things that you'll remember about Granddaddy. Perhaps it will be in the still of the night and you will remember his laughter. Or in quite moment and a story that he shared will drift back into your memory. A photo of him and Rusty will remind you of a special time shared. But always remember how much you were loved by him. A part of him is in both of you. Continue being the caring and compassionate women you both are.

Karen,

You had a special relationship with Tom. In the Pray of St. Francis a line reads "Where there is sadness, joy". Whether it was making his favorite meal, taking him to an appointment or spending an afternoon with him....you brought him joy.

Bob,

You have been blessed with memories of a extraordinary man. Not only was he a devoted husband, loving father, proud grandfather, Tom was a gentleman. His legacy continues in you.##imported-begin##Aunt Ruth and Uncle Bob##imported-end##

December 10, 2006 at 04:34 PM



“ DEAR TOM JR. AND BROTHER, I FIRST MET YOUR FATHER IN 1972 AT THE MAYRO BLDG. WHEN I WENT TO WORK AS AN OFFICE NURSE/MANAGER FOR DR. AL SHKANE. HE WAS TRULY A KIND AND CARING GENTLEMAN. OFTEN I WOULD GLANCE OUT THE WINDOW AND SEE HIM WALKING HIS OFFICE ASSISTANT, MARY, TO HER CAR TO SEE HER SAFELY INSIDE. HE HAD WONDERFUL MANNERS! MY AUNT AND UNCLE , FRANCIS AND LORETTA BROWN, NOW BOTH DECEASED, ALSO WORKED IN THE MAYRO BLDG. AND ALWAYS SOPOKE OF YOUR FATHER'S INTEGRITY AND FRIENDLINESS TO ALL WHO WORKED IN THE MAYRO BLDG. HE SURELY WILL BE SPENDING CHRISTMAS IN HEAVEN THIS YEAR! DOTTIE TALLINI, MURRELLS INLET, S.C.##imported-begin##DOTTIE TALLINI##imported-end##

December 10, 2006 at 11:45 AM



“ tom ,bob verry sorry for the lost of yourfather george gotie##imported-begin##george gotie##imported-end##

December 10, 2006 at 10:29 AM



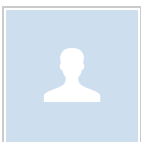
“ Dear Tom & Robert, So Sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. The pain of loosing Momma & Dad in the same year is one of the hardest things to indure. Now they are reunited forever. You can count yourselves lucky to have had them around for so long. Reading his life's story shows that he lived a full and colorful life. Some people pass through this life and hardly leave a footprint. He seems to have left many footprints and you guys have some big shoes to fill. All you have is each other now to carry on what your parents started. Finish the good job that they started, together. Love you both and wish you the best. My thoughts are with you and your families at this time. Jim Milsted, Paulsboro, NJ###imported-begin###Jim Milsted###imported-end###

December 10, 2006 at 08:59 AM



“ I am so very sorry. Mr. Loughlin was my insurance agent when I first started driving. He was so wonderful and compassionate to "the new driver".. He will be SO missed. "Thanks Tom"###imported-begin###Lynn Sokolowski###imported-end###

December 10, 2006 at 03:36 AM



“ I am so thankful that I located my Uncle Tom ten years ago. We shared a unique relationship. My husband, Ted, and my boys enjoyed every visit we had with him. We could sit for hours and listen to him tell stories of his life experiences. The pleasure was ours to have known him. He was definitely a special person.###imported-begin###Cindy Gola###imported-end###

December 08, 2006 at 09:04 AM