



Thomas P. "Tommy" Kiffer

January 30, 1968 - August 10, 2006

Mr. Thomas P. "Tommy" Kiffer, age 38, formerly of Rome and more recently a resident of West Palm Beach, Florida, passed away on Thursday, August 10, 2006, in Florida, as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Born in Portsmouth, New Hampshire on January 30, 1968, Tommy was the son of the late Thomas George and Nancy Elaine (Kirschner) Kiffer. He was raised and educated in Rome, NY and attended Rome Free Academy. He and his partner John Llewellyn recently celebrated 12 years of their life together, a life of completeness and love. They were soul mates.

For many years, Tommy was employed as a dental office manager in New Haven, CT and subsequently in West Palm Beach, FL. He was an inventive jokester with a dynamic and spontaneous personality. As a fervid family man and friend, he was a source of support for all those dear to him. He appreciated the goodness in people, accepted their faults, made them feel loved, and bore their griefs on his broad shoulders when needed. He enjoyed dinner and conversation with friends and family, and spent time biking, hiking, and boating in Connecticut. He also took great pleasure in traveling and was looking forward to a trip to Ireland. These were the finer things in life that Tommy loved. While growing up, Tommy was a parishioner of St. Mary's Church in Rome.

Left to mourn Tommy's passing are his partner, John; his sister and brother-in-law, Kirsten and Anthony Marino of Utica; and his brother, Eric C. Kiffer of Rome. His extended family includes his nieces Frangelia Marino, who was

also his Godchild, and Dia and Andrea Marino; his aunts, Brenda Kiffer of Long Island, and Carol Ward of Jacksonville, FL; his cousins, Jennifer Kiffer of Manhattan, Claudine Dugan of Long Island, and Martha Eadie of Chicago. He also leaves his second family, who treated him as their own, including Fran and Anthony Marino, Cynthia Marino, Mary Jo DeBiase, Frank, Jimmy, and Joey and Danielle Marino, Melissa and Robbie DeBiase, and Julianna Clemente, Jessica Llewellyn, and Melissa Marriot, and members of the Llewellyn family. Surviving Tommy are many dear and cherished friends, especially acknowledging Naomi Oshel, whom he loved as a sister; and David Piccola, a second brother and childhood friend, Ted Caldwell, a dear friend in FI; also, all his everlasting friends from New Haven, CT who meant so much to him. He was predeceased by his paternal grandparents, Felix and Margaret Kiffer and his maternal grandparents, Madelyn and Paul Kirschner; and numerous aunts and uncles.

Visitation will be held Wednesday from 5-8 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. For those wishing to do so, please consider memorial contributions in Tommy's honor to the American Heart Association, or the Seigenthaler Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc.; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Tommy's Mass of Christian Burial which will be celebrated on Thursday morning at 10:00 at St. Mary's Church in Rome. Interment will take place in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Previous Events

Service

AUG 17. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary's Church
210 West Liberty Street
Rome, NY

Tribute Wall



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June 13, 2010 at 12:01 AM



“ 4##imported-begin##name##imported-end##

June 13, 2010 at 12:01 AM



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June 13, 2010 at 12:01 AM



“ Tommy,

It gets worse not better. I miss you so much sometimes I can't stand it. I need you...I need to talk to you, to see you smile, to hear you laugh. It was way to early.

My love is endless babybrother....

Love,

Kirsten##imported-begin##kirsten a. marino##imported-end##

October 19, 2008 at 02:40 PM



“ Tommy,

It's been almost two years now and I miss you so much! We all miss you!

Love,

Kirsten##imported-begin##Kirsten Marino##imported-end##

July 01, 2008 at 06:32 AM



“ *My heart goes out to John, Jessica and family. I will never forget the trip Jess and I took to New Haven to visit John and Tom. We had a great time and I am glad I met two , three ;) wonderful people.##imported-begin##Keith King##imported-end##*

August 24, 2006 at 09:16 PM



“ Hi Kirsten & Anthony:

Sorry, I wasn't able to attend Tommy's wake and burial, but my thoughts are with you all. I'm so sorry on the sudden death of Tommy. It shocked me and I had to repeat it several times when David told me the unfortunate news. I can't believe that he's really gone. In the short time that I have known him, he was a genuinely great person to be with. I'll miss him, his laughter, jokes. and food. At least, he's now resting in peace. There'll no longer be any demons to hurt and confuse him. He'll be watching over you and your family, and keeping you all safe. He's now with his family in heaven. I'm sure he would like everyone to go on with their life and time will help slowly ease the pain of losing him tragically. If you need anything or any help that I can do Kirsten, please do not hesitate to call. I'll be your friend as it was when Tommy was with us. Take care and chin up !!! Frangelina needs your support. Take Care.

*Sincerely yours,
Rose & Clinton*

P.S. Please accept our deepest sympathy and condolences on your great loss.##imported-begin##Rose & Clinton Lo##imported-end##

August 18, 2006 at 07:50 PM



“ To those who love Tom, I was very shocked and saddened to hear of his passing. It has been many, many years since Tom and I shared in each other's lives but sometimes it feels like it was only yesterday. These past few days have been one of those times. Tom will always have a place in my heart. I am truly sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Anita K. Luckina (Sharma)##imported-end##

August 18, 2006 at 05:03 PM



“ Tommy, you will be truly missed by everyone you have touched. You have a heart of gold. May you rest in peace and find eternity forever. "Good-bye my friend and Thank You".##imported-begin##Dave Lo & Tom Flanders##imported-end##

August 18, 2006 at 09:24 AM



“ Tommy will always be by my side and forever in my heart! I considered him one of my truest and closest friend. He was the kind of friend everyone wished they could have. I am so greatfull to have had him in my life. My heart goes out to every important person in Toms life. God rest his soul.##imported-begin##Nikki "bonds"##imported-end##

August 17, 2006 at 04:57 PM



“ Kirsten: I am sure you don't remember me, I was Tom's first girlfried. I played trumpet and he played trombone. I'll always remember how much of solid person he was. I lost my sister a few years ago in an accident, she was in your grade and dated Richard Adolfi, your neighbor. I have not gotten over her loss but many times have thought she was not struggling with the daily struggles that we were. I hope the same for your brother and pray for you and hope that the hole in your heart will be filled. My children are the only thing that keeps me going.##imported-begin##Traci Richards Copland##imported-end##

August 17, 2006 at 09:28 AM



“ Words cannot express the sadness I felt, when I learned of Tom's passing. I knew Tom thru his partner John, when I lived in Rome. Tom was always a gentleman, and was always willing to give a helping hand when needed. Even though Tom and John moved and we lost touch, I'll never forget the times that were had.

My heart and prayers go out to Tom's family and especially to John, who indeed did have a soulmate in Tom.

Requiescat in pace##imported-begin##Kevin Armstrong (formerly of Rome, NY, now residing in Pittsburgh, PA)##imported-end##

August 16, 2006 at 06:51 PM



“ I was lucky to work with Tom in Connecticut, he was a loving , funny, and fair person. His smile was beautiful and he shared it often with us. Tom you will be so missed. Tom and I both grew up in Rome, NY and had many wonderful conversations about how lucky we were to come from such a nice small town. It was a little bit of home for both of us. Kristin, Tony and John I will keep you in my prayers.

Andi##imported-begin##Andrea Schmidt##imported-end##

August 16, 2006 at 03:57 PM



“ We were not related but were always welcomed inot Tom & John's home as family. Circumstances gave us two wonderful nieces in common who loved and respected Tommy very much. My family will always think of Tommy fondly and lovingly and we know that he will be truly missed by many. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family with special thoughts to Tony and Kristin in this most difficult time. Love, Steven, Genaro & Harrison###imported-begin##Genaro Hathaway, Steven Kottage & Harrison###imported-end##

August 16, 2006 at 02:45 PM



“ Tommy,
My oldest friend and my brother, I'll miss you. We've grown up together, grown apart and come back together like not a single day has passed. I'm not prepared to say goodbye. I never planned on you leaving before me. Almost every memory that I have that makes me smile you're a part of.
You lived life on your terms, the world be damned. Yet, you always did this with love in your heart. You lived life to it's fullest. I hope that we can learn from the memories that you've left us. I hope that the love that you shared with us, we can continue to share with each other. I promise you my old friend that I'll continue to offer everyone in my life the same love that you would have offered.
My journey is going to be strange without you at my side. But, I know that in spirit you'll always be there. So I'm going to hold on to that and don't be surprised if you hear me mumbling to you...Often. I'm going to miss you my freind.
Love,
David###imported-begin##David Piccola###imported-end##

August 16, 2006 at 11:00 AM



“ My husband and I were extremelly fortunate to have Tom as a friend. Tom could always make me smile and no matter what he planned he would always make sure it was something my son Dylan could be apart of. Tom was so loving and dear to our hearts that my son referred to him as "Uncle" Tom. Tom was a big kid at heart and down to earth, he loved to entertain and have fun. Tom will be truely missed by all but the memories will live forever.##imported-begin##Beth and Brian Retzlaff##imported-end##

August 16, 2006 at 10:29 AM



“ You will be in our hearts and thoughts forever.

May you fly on eagles wings and be caught by an Angel on your journey home.

With Love and Tenderness we say.....Until Then...Enjoy the Ride!!!

We will pass on the smiles, tenderness and love that you gave to us in an endeavor to both honor you and allow others to understand that love comes in many forms.

Love you (Son)

Jill and Joe##imported-begin##Joseph and Jill

Semones##imported-end##

August 16, 2006 at 10:07 AM



“ Words cannot express the sadness I feel. You brought so much joy and happiness to every life you touched. I will never forget that bright smile that lights up a room. It’s hard to say goodbye to someone as loyal, generous and loving as you are. I am very honored to have met you!##imported-begin##Rigo Vernon, Meriden CT##imported-end##

August 16, 2006 at 09:29 AM



“ Tommy ,
Thank you for 12 years of total devotion, undying love, and a beautiful life. You were and always will be my true love. You left a huge void in my life but I trust one day we will be together again. Rest in Peace My Love. I Love You Eternally!
Love, John##imported-begin##John Llewellyn##imported-end##

August 15, 2006 at 11:09 PM



“ I have, and will always think of you as a brother, growing up with you and David was always eventful to say the least. I never had the opportunity to say "Thank you for looking out for me," you watched over me as David always did, I was too young at the time to fully appreciate the full scope of what the two of you were trying to do for me, but I hope you know that it did pay off, and I won't let another day go by without saying "Thanks," you were and are a big brother to be proud of Tommy!!! Thank you for having a heart of gold and for the many laughs I had the opportunity to share with you and David. I will keep you and your family in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Dana Piccola##imported-end##

August 15, 2006 at 10:43 PM



“ I had the fortune to meet Tom as a colleague at work but was blessed and privileged to call him a friend. Tom was a kind, generous, thoughtful, fun loving man who welcomed one and all into his life and home. I cherish the wonderful times we all shared while he lived in New Haven and will remember and miss his friendship, advice and support. May he rest in peace.##imported-begin##Jameel Dhanani##imported-end##

August 15, 2006 at 09:31 PM



“ Words cannot express my feelings, except shock and sadness. I was very fond of your brother and we had a lot of good times and "big fun" as he used to call it. I will see you at the wake, unfortunatley I will be out of town for the funeral. But Tommy, you and your family will be in my prayers and my thoughts.
~Mark##imported-begin##Mark Swire##imported-end##

August 15, 2006 at 05:08 PM



“ I can neither be eloquent nor profound with my words, but my thoughts are these: Tom was a wonderful friend to us all here in Connecticut. To say he will be missed is a great understatement. We'll miss his humor, his generosity, his frankness and his love of a good time. It was both an honor and a blessing to have called him "friend". I am better for having known him.##imported-begin##Ron Caton##imported-end##

August 15, 2006 at 04:49 PM



“ We met Tom through a friend. He welcomed us into his beautiful home often. He was most gracious and giving. He and John offered a lavish table filled with food, there was never an empty glass, and the wonderful sounds of friends and family laughing, chatting, enjoying time together were around every corner. Tom always walked around to make sure everyone was enjoying themselves.
We were Tom. We did.
We have many more fond memories of Tom.
He will be missed.

Jim Berryman & Saiful Kassim
Meriden, CT###imported-begin##Jim Berryman and Saiful Kassim
Meriden, CT###imported-end##

August 15, 2006 at 02:11 PM



“ To My Baby Brother,

*I know you are at peace now, but my life will never be the same without you. My heart is broken! One day when we're together again, my heart will heal .
Until then, I will live with the memory of what a truly beautiful person you were. Honest, loving, devoted, giving, inteeligent ,witty and funny. Most of all you will never be forgotten for you have touched the souls of all who truly knew and loved you.*

I will miss you!

Love
Your favorite sister###imported-begin##Kirsten Kiffer-
Marino###imported-end##

August 14, 2006 at 10:46 PM



“ a good man with a big heart you will be missed but never forgotten
kendall llewellyn##imported-begin##kendall a llewellyn##imported-
end##

August 13, 2006 at 04:50 PM