



## Thomas J. Vogel

April 19, 1936 - December 11, 2017

Albany-Thomas J. Vogel, 81, passed away on December 11, 2017 surrounded and embraced by his loving family.

Born April 19, 1936 in Albany, NY, Thomas, widely known as “The General,” was a devoted family man, husband and life-long Communicant of the Blessed Sacrament Church. He was the son of the late Edward H. Vogel and Margaret A. (Porter) Vogel and the fourth of fifteen children. Thomas married the late Nancy R. (Carr) Vogel in 1955. They had 12 children. He was a proud grandfather to 38 grandchildren, and great-grandfather of 37 great-grandchildren who he often called “Toots” or “Mr. McGillicutty” at family gatherings. As many will recall, The General also liked to say, “What are you going to do in a small town?”

Thomas was a very hard and disciplined worker and made an impact in several capacities throughout the years. His most cherished work included 38 years as Engraver at the former Carr Mfg. Jewelers, (Albany, Latham) and over 32 years of distinguished service with the New York Guard. He served as Military and Liaison Officer for New York State’s Division of Military and Naval Affairs, became Chief of Staff of the New York Guard and earned the rank of Major General prior to his retirement in 1992.

The General was well-liked by everyone he encountered. He was beholden to the Orchard Restaurant and it’s kind staff for letting him use their restaurant as his central social hub. It became the center of Tom’s social life and preferred meeting place for family and friends. Tom’s witty one-liners, kindness, spirited humor, and generosity to all touched the lives of many and will surely be missed.

Some of Tom’s favorite past-times included playing golf, shuffleboard, dancing, darts and

family picnics. He cherished the yearly family golf tournaments with his siblings and children. The annual Vogel reunions at Thatcher Park were highly anticipated occasions as well. He made sure to tell his children to save those dates so as many as possible could attend. These truly were some of his "Happy Days" as he would call them. Without question, Tom's greatest loves included his wife Nancy, his children, their children, and his church - where he gave his all, without fail. He leaves behind his daughters, Margaret Vogel-Nagengast ( the late Michael) and Karen Kozakiewicz (David) of Albany, Mary Orner (Erik), Sandra Makis (the late Robert) of Delmar, Ruth Kinum (Edward) of Waterford, the late Patricia Bullis (James) of Duanesburg; his sons, Thomas Vogel (Christine) of Ballston Spa, John Vogel of Mayfield, Edward Vogel of Glenmont, Jason Vogel (Jody) of Delmar, Terrance Vogel of Albany, and Brian Vogel of Delmar and his many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

Thomas is survived by his sisters Margaret Mulroy (John), Joyce Martin (the late Thomas), Jean Vogel, Carol McGlone (Gerald) and Sharyn Vogel, brothers Richard (the late Phyllis), Edward (Helen), William, Robert (Maryanne), John (Carolyn), David (Josephine) and Donald (Geri). He was predeceased by his sister Patricia Joan McDermid Seely (the late Leonard) and brother James (Sherry).

The family would like to express their heartfelt thanks to the caring staff at Eddy Village Green (Cohoes) for their compassion, care, professionalism and overall hospitality during The General's time of care and final days. In lieu of flowers, anyone wishing may make a donation to Blessed Sacrament Parish, 607 Central Avenue, Albany, NY, 12206.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Tom's family Thursday, December 14, 2017 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm in McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany, NY.

Funeral services Friday, December 15, 2017 at 8:00 am in McVeigh Funeral Home, Albany thence to Blessed Sacrament Church, Albany at 9:00 am where his Funeral Mass will be celebrated.

The Rite of Committal will be held in Our Lady of Angels Cemetery immediately following the Mass.

To leave a message for the family please visit [www.McveighFuneralHome.com](http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com)

Thank you for always taking care of your family Dad, we will always carry your memory in our hearts.

# Cemetery

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## Our Lady of Angels Cemetery

1389 Central Ave  
Albany, NY,

# Events

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**DEC** **Visitation** 04:00PM - 07:00PM

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McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.  
208 N Allen St, Albany, NY, US, 12206

**DEC** **Service** 09:00AM

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Blessed Sacrament Church  
607 Central Ave (Father John Bradley Way), Albany,  
NY, US

# Comments

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“ Sending my condolences and love to the Vogel family. Tom was my cousin (Marion Porter Hillger, my Mother, was sister to Tom's Mother, Margaret). I'm sure there is a wonderful reunion going on in Heaven. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

**Kathy Hillger** - December 16, 2017 at 11:41 AM

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“ I am Tom's cousin. Our mothers were sisters. My mom was Marion Porter Hillger. Until she died 12 years ago, she always kept in touch with the Vogel klan & passed news on to my sister Kathy & I. I am very sorry for the pain of your loss.

**Mary Hillger Kozlik** - December 16, 2017 at 08:23 AM



“ My condolences to Tom's family for the loss of an extraordinary man. I am Tom's cousin, Barbara Porter Kruza, daughter of Bob Porter. I will always carry the memory of spending time with the Vogel family at those special gatherings when I was young. Tom was always so kind and loving. So sorry for your loss.

**Barbara Porter Kruza** - December 16, 2017 at 10:34 AM



“ Sending condolences from Tim Porter, Bob (Margaret's brother) and Jean's son. I, too, remember the Thatcher Park reunions and the pick up softball games. Prayers to the family!

**Tim Porter** - December 16, 2017 at 10:45 AM

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“ Our sincere sympathy to all the Vogel family. Your Mom was a cousin of the Blairs. I remember your Dad making numerous visits to the emergency room over the years. I worked at SPH at that time. My husband also grew up with some of the Vogel's. So between the Carr's and the Vogel's, there are many memories. May God continue to give all of you strength. Bert and Tom Blair

**Bertha A Blair** - December 15, 2017 at 10:46 AM

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“ My dad, Donald Vogel, Sr. (known as Chief by his nephews), loved his time spent golfing over many years with his nephew Tom, other nephews and his brother, Jacky. Tom said recently that "those were the days." God bless him for all his good works and love of family and friends. Our love and sympathy: Mary, Don and Luke Vogel, Josh O'Connor and his daughters Jaylee and Olivia.

**Mary Isabelle Vogel** - December 14, 2017 at 01:58 AM

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“ Ruthie, Mary and Vogel Family,

Thinking of all of you in your time of loss, and keeping all of you in my prayers.

Mary Ellen

**Mary Ellen Shea** - December 13, 2017 at 10:30 AM

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“ Vogel family, I am so sorry for your loss. Thinking of you doing this sad time. Lisa (Vogel) Schimmenti

**Lisa Schimmenti** - December 12, 2017 at 06:41 PM