



Thomas Francis Cassidy Jr

November 28, 1950 - February 1, 2022

Loudonville-Thomas F. Cassidy Jr let go of his wife's hand to pass into the arms of the Lord on February 1, 2022 at Albany Medical Center after a brief but courageous battle with cancer.

Tom was born to Thomas Sr., and Faire (Marshall) Cassidy on November 28, 1950.

Raised in Albany, he attended Cardinal McCloskey High School, where he excelled in sports and grew a love of literature. He studied at the Sorbonne in Paris France and then transferred to the University of Notre Dame, graduating in 1976. He returned home to Albany and taught English at Albany High School and also coached the JV football team.

He went on to travel the world in the hospitality business working in Hawaii, Scotland, and Nantucket, and his favorite the Wellfleet Beachcomber, to name a few of his top spots. He returned to Albany again to re-establish his painting contracting business, before dedicating his time to be a stay-at-home parent. Tom married Nancy E. Carey on July 9, 1994 on beautiful Shelter Island NY, where they often returned for vacation and holidays. They raised two children, Thomas Hugh and Elizabeth Faire. Tom's family was his greatest pride and blessing. Whether he was rooting for Thomas at a sporting event, cheering for Elizabeth on stage, or supporting Nancy in her career, he was a proud father,

husband and friend.

He is survived by his wife and children, as well as his sisters Jill (late Tim) Leonard, Maureen (Gerry Kluft), and his brother Michael (Janet). He was predeceased by his brother William and sister Margaret Levine. He is also survived by his nephews Colin (Nicole) and Kevin Cassidy, David Perfield (Lisa) and niece Jill Anelli.

Tom was a great friend and companion to his late father in law, Governor Hugh L. Carey, and is also survived by many Carey in-laws, nieces and nephews.

Tom volunteered with many regional non-profit organizations. During his children's school years, he was a member of the Albany Academy Parents Association. He spent many years as a children's advocate in Family Court as a volunteer with CASA. As a lifelong Catholic, he was a Eucharistic Minister at the Parish of Mater Christi. He was especially dedicated to the Center for Disability Services. He served on their board of directors and chaired their commercial services division, working closely with the printing division, which employed many members of the disabled community, as well as the transportation division. He was so engaged with the Center that they named the transportation building in his honor in 2019.

Tom was a lifelong member of Wolferts Roost County Club.

Those who knew Tom were well aware of his passion for the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame, his love of a great story, and his Irish heritage.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Tom's family Sunday, February 6, 2022 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at St. Pius X Church, Loudonville, NY. Masks are required for everyone, regardless of vaccination status.

Funeral services Monday, February 7, 2022 at 11:30 am at St. Pius X Church where his Funeral Mass will be concelebrated. Please only enter the church from the front doorway; church ambassadors will be available to help with seating and questions; the two sides of Church are available where social distancing will be required; and please attempt to arrive 15 minutes before. Masks are required for everyone, regardless of vaccination status. The Mass can be viewed at <https://www.stpiusxloudonville.org/new-live-videos/>

The Rite of Committal will be held at St. Agnes Cemetery, Menands, NY immediately following the Mass

To leave a special message for the family please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Center for Disability Services, 314 S. Manning Boulevard, Albany NY 12208.

Cemetery Details

St. Agnes Cemetery

48 Cemetery Ave
Menands, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 6. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

St. Pius X Church
23 Crumitie Rd
Loudonville, NY 12211
(518) 462-1336

Service

FEB 7. 11:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Thomas Francis Cassidy Jr*



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - February 04, 2022 at 12:15 PM



“ *Thomas Francis Cassidy Jr*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *Maggie Smith (Hines)*

Maggie Smith (Hines) - February 09, 2022 at 12:01 PM

MC

“ To the Cassidy Family, I send my sincere sympathy and prayers to you all. I attended Cardinal McCloskey with Tommy and we were in the same class. The perfect gentleman and so much fun whenever he was present. What stood out was his kindness to all. I watched the Mass on the video and was so blessed that I had that opportunity. It was good to see Father Doyle say the Funeral Mass. Above all, how your children spoke about their Dad was something I will not forget. Although, we have never met in person, Nancy, it was so obvious you and Tom were sole mates. Few of us ever get to attain that in our lives. The young man @ Cardinal McCloskey that I knew then and now was a privilege to call him a friend. He also knew my husband, Bob, who already is in heaven and I'm sure was standing tall in the line to welcome your beloved husband and father. The sports and coaching stories are about to begin.

*Please know Nancy, you and all your intentions will be in our family's thoughts and prayers. I am so sorry for your loss of Tom.
God Bless You - Maggie (Hines) Smith and Family*

Maggie Smith (Hines) - February 09, 2022 at 11:57 AM

TL

“ To Nancy and family: Please accept my sincere condolences. We are feeling the loss of a great friend and all around good guy. We will think of you and your family often and hope that the obvious outpouring of love will somehow help you get through this difficult time.

RIP

Todd LeBart

Todd LeBart - February 08, 2022 at 08:40 PM

EZ

“ Dear Nancy, Elizabeth and Thomas, remember all those wonderful times with you and Tom. We miss Jody too who had so much wonderful Irish times at your home. Love to you . Earl, David and Sarah Zimmerman

Earl Abram Zimmerman - February 06, 2022 at 04:29 PM

JT

“ To the Cassidy family. How lucky we all were to know Tom. Always with a smile and interest in other people. He was truly one of the good guys. R iP Go Irish 🍀🍀🍀. Joe Teresi

Joe Teresi - February 06, 2022 at 01:53 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Thomas Francis Cassidy Jr.



February 06, 2022 at 12:45 PM

RD

“ Nancy and family, our sincere condolences to you on Tom's passing. We will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers. In Sympathy, Bob and Gail Dollar.

Robert Dollar - February 06, 2022 at 11:18 AM

HM

“ Sincere Sympathies to Nancy, Thomas Hugh and Elizabeth on the passing of your beloved husband and Dad, Tom Cassidy. We will always cherish the great memories we have of the time we spent with Tom and you all in Albany. The McInerney family in Ireland.

Helen McInerney - February 06, 2022 at 09:11 AM

PC

“ Nancy and Family, I am so sorry to learn of Tom's passing. Our community has lost one of our of great supporters who enhanced the quality of life for all. My prayers are with you. Peter

Peter Crummey - February 06, 2022 at 08:52 AM

TM

“ Dear Cassidy Family,
Heartbroken to hear of Tom's passing. Taught next-door to him at AHS for a number of years. He was a great friend and will be sorely missed.
Tom McGurn

Tom McGurn - February 06, 2022 at 08:42 AM

AN

“ Nancy, Thomas & Elizabeth.....Our deepest condolences go out to you. We were shocked and saddened to read of Tom's passing. 🙏



The Nash Family (Larry, Andrea, Greg, Zak & Jake)

Andrea Nash - February 05, 2022 at 06:16 PM

LR

“ This is a tremendous loss to our greater Albany community. Tom’s memory will live on in his many deeds of good of which the youth of PAL and the American Little League benefited. Condolences to Nancy, Thomas, Elizabeth and Tom’s extended family. May he rest peacefully.

Lenny Ricchiuti - February 05, 2022 at 04:32 PM

TO

“ The last time I saw Tom was when if you wanted to call someone you opened the kitchen window and yelled out. However, we did have many adventures together back in the day. I remember that at parties or social gatherings one would only have to follow the laughter to find Tom. On one of his Trips to Ireland I have a feeling that not only did Tom kiss the Blarney Stone but took a big bite out of it. Tom was surely a people person. From prince to pauper he moved effortlessly with people from all walks of life. His work for Disability Services sets an example for all to look after our less fortunate sisters and brothers. I am sad to hear about Tom’s death. I hope in time his memory and spirit will bring comfort and peace to his family and his many friends.
Terry O’Brien
Luxembourg
Ps. I would love to have had Tom as my English teacher!

Terry O'Brien - February 05, 2022 at 02:06 PM

GS

“ *The Hillsides of Heaven*

Saint Patrick taught the Irish to bring the Holy Trinity to life through the symbol of a Shamrock.

The Father - created the earth and the stars and is present in our lives.

The Son - lives amongst us and walks with us on our journey through life.

The Holy Spirit - accompanies the soul on its way to Heaven and returns to live in all who believe.

*May the road rise up to meet him.
May the wind be always at his back.*

*May Tom find God's grace and peace in His loving embrace,
and may Shamrocks bloom on the hillsides of heaven
forever and always, Amen.*

Leslie and Greg Sheldon

Greg Sheldon - February 05, 2022 at 11:19 AM

RE

“ *My deepest condolences to Nancy and the family on the loss of a wonderful man who will always be in your hearts.*

Robert Wakeman, Esq. - February 05, 2022 at 10:58 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas Francis Cassidy Jr.*



February 05, 2022 at 09:28 AM



“ *So Tom, you decided to embark suddenly on your last journey, leaving us behind in grief. A grief that can only be softened by the sweet memories that you helped create. No doubt Tom you will be missed! Missed especially by those who love you as you are leaving behind a gap difficult to be filled. Our daughter always felt the love at the Cassidy's home. Tom had a kind word for everyone, young and old, he was happy to share a nice story with friends, and he was always ready to celebrate life. His cheerful energy, his "joie de vivre" made him the one and only Tom.*

*Requiescat in Pace (R. I. P.)
We will always love you!
The Sultan Family*

Nicola Kfour-Sultan - February 05, 2022 at 09:10 AM



“ *My sincere condolences to the Cassidy family on the passing of Thomas Francis Cassidy, Jr. May his memory bring you peace. With sympathy, Maura Farrell Miller Cardinal McCloskey Memorial High School Class of 1973*

Maura - February 04, 2022 at 10:29 PM



“ 115 files added to the album Life Tributes



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - February 04, 2022 at 12:12 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas Francis Cassidy Jr.



February 04, 2022 at 10:55 AM



“ Tommy's Family: I will miss Tommy's jokes and our belly laughs. Life well lived my friend!

Maureen Sullivan ❤️🙏

maireen sullivan - February 04, 2022 at 10:23 AM




JB

“ My son Ian is a very good friend of TC, Thomas’s son. Tom treated Ian as if he was his own son. He was a mentor and friend to Ian and that says everything about Thomas’s character. He will be sorely missed.

Jim Bennett - February 04, 2022 at 09:52 AM

MB

“ Hi Jill:

Thinking of you and your family on the loss of Tommy. May happy memories help sustain you. XO   

Love, Mary Teal Brin

Mary Brin - February 04, 2022 at 09:52 AM

DS

“ Cassidy Family-

Tom will certainly be missed by many. As everyone who ever knew him knows, he had a passion for life; he was energizing. Every single time you ran into him he had a special story to tell you/discuss with you.....sports ("did you see that great catch today; wasn't that a interesting umpire call in the 3rd, etc", college news; all the local "smalbany" highlights. He always had a complement to pay to you or your family. His smile, energy and compassion were genuine and sincere. He adored Nancy and their children and loved sharing recent special family stories. Our WRCC "Sunday/Funday" crew would always watch the clock for the scheduled Cassidy entrance on either the veranda or at main bar. The veranda siting was always a bit earlier to catch the last few innings of the Yankee game. He is probably already discussing crazy umpire scenarios up in Heaven with Emmett Ashford (who would be smiling and shaking his head at Cassidy). Pax Et Bonum to Tom, Nancy and Family. The Smith's: Dave, Alicia, Lauren and Madison

david smith - February 03, 2022 at 04:43 PM



“ Tommy was one of the first Wolferts Roost members I met some 12 years ago. Tom went out of his way to get to know me and share a few stories of the club and members. One day I walked into the swimming pool area of the club wearing a "Beachcomber" Cape Cod shirt. He yelled across the pool area "hey where did you get that shirt?" Tommy went on to tell me his history with the Beachcomber as a bartender.....it seemed like we spent a few hours discussing the bar and the stories, rock bands, etc. Tommy connected with people quickly...always made them feel comfortable.
RIP

Tony Paratore

Tony Paratore - February 03, 2022 at 10:00 AM

MR

“ The world has lost a very kind and loving man....

Gone from My Sight
By Henry Van Dyke

I am standing upon the seashore.

A ship at my side spreads her white sails to the morning breeze and starts for the blue ocean. She is an object of beauty and strength. I stand and watch her until, at length, she hangs like a speck of white cloud just where the sea and sky come to mingle with each other.

Then some at my side says: “There, she is gone!”

“Gone where?”

Gone from my sight.

That is all.

She is just as large in mast and hull and spar as she was when she left my side and she is just as able to bear her load of living freight to destined port.

Her diminished size is in me, not in her. And just at that moment when someone at my side says: “There, she is gone!” there are other eyes watching her coming, and other voices ready to take up the glad shout: “Here she comes!”

And that is dying...

Michael Rinella - February 03, 2022 at 09:49 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Thomas Francis Cassidy Jr.*



February 03, 2022 at 09:20 AM



“ *I met Tom as juniors at the University of Notre Dame. He had just returned from studying in Paris, and I had just returned from a semester in Rome. We ended up living across the hall from each other at an apartment building on Notre Dame Avenue. It was the beginning of a lifelong friendship, including the day Tom escorted me down the aisle on my wedding day. I will miss his great humor and impressive generosity and look forward to seeing him one day in heaven. Godspeed, good friend and Go IRISH!!*

Maggie Smith - February 02, 2022 at 07:27 PM

JC

“ Nancy, Tom, Elizabeth,

Though I didn't know you well, I did know "Cass". We lived together in a house on S. Brookfield in South Bend our senior year at Notre Dame. We had many an escapade that year. What fun! The day we walked into the Seahorse bar, not knowing it was a gay bar, the night we invited Father Griffen to dinner at our house and didn't make enough food, the night Cass didn't show up at the house when he was expected, only to learn later he stayed late watching over a handicapped child from Logan Center whose ride never came to pick him up. After graduation the fun didn't stop. He stood with me at my wedding and who could forget the road trip Cass, Marty Demgen and I took to New Orleans for Jack Weaver's wedding. Last year, after Tom got my Christmas card newsletter, he called me and we talked and talked and laughed and laughed about what when on during that trip. It was as if he just walked into the house in 1976 even though we hadn't seen each other in years. Of course, those are only a few of the memories, there are many others, but Tom and the rest of us agreed that what happened on S. Brookfield stays on S. Brookfield.

What a great guy! My gosh, I can't believe he's gone. I feel as if my brother has passed. Though separated by time and distance, he is and always will be a part of my family.

I will pray for the repose of his soul. May he Rest In Peace.

Sincerely,

John "Cerg" Cergnul

John Cergnul - February 02, 2022 at 06:05 PM