



## Thomas R. Corcoran, Sr.

September 19, 1941 - March 19, 2016

Voorheesville, NY-Thomas R. Corcoran Sr, 74, died Saturday, March 19, 2016 at his home surrounded by beloved family. Tom will be remembered fondly as a husband, father, grandfather, teacher, musician, gardener and confidant. Always a proud Vermonter, born in Rutland, he was the son of the late Charles J. and Ruth Ridlon Corcoran. Predeceased by sister Judith (and James) Smith of Rockville Centre, NY. He was a graduate of Mt. Saint Joseph's Academy in Rutland and St. Michael's College in Winooski where he was an accompanist to the Glee Club.

His professional life started as a teacher of music and English working in secondary education. Tom then took to telecommunications employed by the New York Telephone Company and AT&T, retiring in 1999. In retirement, Tom was free to pursue his love of performing music. He was an accomplished and sought after pipe organist most recently at St. Francis of Assisi. When not playing music, Tom enjoyed perennial gardening, traveling extensively seeking inspiration for his next planting.

Tom's love of music and gardening was surpassed only by his devotion to family. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Ellen O'Connell Corcoran who he met while both were young teachers. Together their family grew to children Thomas, Jr. (Jenny) of Watervliet, Justin of Albany, John (Deirdre) of San Francisco, and Brigid Jeffers (Matthew) of Clifton Park; grandchildren Abigail

and Katherine Jeffers, Merrill Thomas Corcoran; and many nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends are invited Tuesday, March 22, 2016 4:00 to 7:00 pm in the McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany.

Funeral services Wednesday, March 23, 2016 at 7:30 am in the McVeigh Funeral Home, Albany thence to St. Matthew's Church, Voorheesville at 8:30 where a Funeral Mass will be celebrated.

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

The Corcoran family is grateful to The Community Hospice of Albany County whose compassionate care allowed Tom to pass away with dignity in the comfort of his home.

In lieu of flowers those wishing to remember Thomas R. Corcoran Sr. in a special way may send a contribution to The Community Hospice, 310 S. Manning Blvd., Albany, NY 12208.

To leave Tom's family a message on their guestbook, light a candle, obtain directions, or view other helpful services, please visit [www.McVeighFuneralHome.com](http://www.McVeighFuneralHome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## St. Agnes Cemetery

48 Cemetery Ave  
Menands, NY

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 22. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.  
208 N Allen St  
Albany, NY 12206  
(518) 489-0188  
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## Service

MAR 23. 8:30 AM (ET)

St. Matthew's Church  
25 Mountainview Street  
Voorheesville, NY

# Tribute Wall



“ McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Thomas R. Corcoran, Sr.



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - March 22, 2016 at 10:31 AM

MD

*I was so sorry to hear of Tom's passing, what a wonderful, bright and charming man he was! He was always ready with a smile and a laugh, which was such a gift to all around him. My condolences to all his family. Marilyn Desmond*

Marilyn Desmond - March 22, 2016 at 05:10 PM

RL

*Dear Ellen, Tom, Justin, John and Brigid....  
Telling you that I am sorry for the loss of Tom won't make it easier for you, but I am SO sorry. It was over 40 years ago that I met Tom, on his first day at NY Telephone and, through all the years, we worked together there and at AT&T....got to know each others families. Tom was one of the most intelligent people I've ever met, with a dry wit that could send me into hysterics (often at inappropriate times). Along with Ellen, we shared our family news and events through all the years. In retirement, we had many fun times....Ellen's wonderful hospitality and meals, garden walk-throughs, library, etc.... Ellen and family....my heart is with you....we've all lost a gem, a real gentleman, a warm friend to many, a humble man who cared about the important things in life...family, right at the top. He loved you all so much. While I can't be with you physically, my love and thoughts are....Rosie Lenihan*

Rosemary M Lenihan - March 22, 2016 at 05:44 PM



“ Thomas R. Corcoran, Sr.

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ Dear Ellen,  
We are stunned. I wish I could be there with you. We have good memories of our times together - and pictures too. All prayers are with you and your family. Mother Nature will bring Tom to mind as each Spring flower blooms in your garden.  
Love,  
Liz and Jim

Liz Brown - April 07, 2016 at 03:04 PM

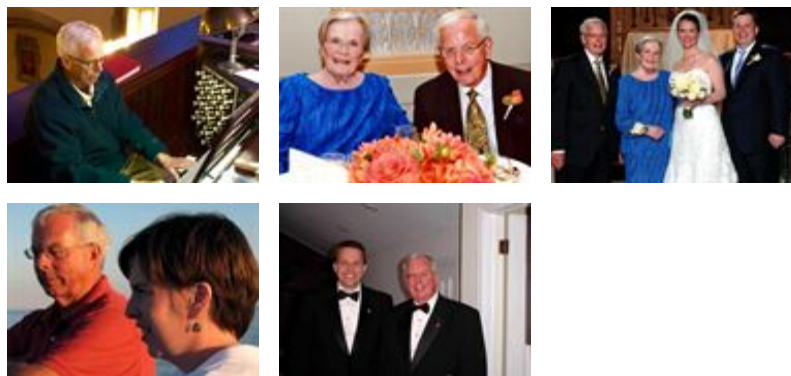


“ My condolences on the loss of your loved one, may the words at Isaiah 25:8 be of much comfort during this time, "He will actually swallow up death forever, and the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will certainly wipe the tears from all faces."

Montana - March 28, 2016 at 05:51 PM



“ 47 files added to the album Life Tributes



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - March 22, 2016 at 10:22 AM

AG

“ I am so sorry to hear of Tom's passing. Our prayers and sincere sympathy go to you and your family. I will miss his smiles and words on primary and election days. We are away until the middle of April, so will not be able to attend any of the services for Tom. Sincerely, Walt and Andrea Gleason

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**Andrea and Walt Gleason** - March 21, 2016 at 09:59 PM

MR

“ My dear Ellen and family,  
My sympathy and prayers go out to you. I am so sorry. I have very fond memories of Tom...trips back and forth to the airport, a tour of a changing downtown Albany, lots of stories when I would enjoy your hospitality, his loving concern for each of you. Ellen, I share your heartache...if you didn't hear, Al passed away 2/20/16. So I'll hold you close as we travel this rough road together. Maureen Royal

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**Maureen Royal** - March 21, 2016 at 02:32 PM

ML

“ Heartfelt condolences, Ellen and family. We have fond memories of our meetings in celebration of John and Deirdre's wedding. We shall continue to keep Tom and you in our prayers. Mary and Joe Lindorfer

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**Mary and Joe Lindorfer** - March 21, 2016 at 11:11 AM

MR

“ Our prayers, thoughts and love walk with you, Ellen and your beautiful family . We are saddened by the death of your loving Tom and know that we love you !!! Love and peace, Bill and Mary Ellen

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**Mary Ellen Rogers** - March 21, 2016 at 07:22 AM

LA

“ I am so sorry for your family's loss. Although I did not know Thomas personally, I heard many stories about him throughout the years from his daughter and my friend, Brigid. Please know that my thoughts, prayers, and best wishes are with all of you.  
Lynn Avis

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**Lynn Avis** - March 21, 2016 at 07:22 AM

MC

“ Condolences, thoughts and prayers for you, Ellen and your lovely family.  
I enjoyed meeting Tom at reunions and seeing how happy you two were.  
God Bless you through this loss.  
MaryAnne

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**MaryAnne Catlin** - March 20, 2016 at 02:07 PM