



Thomas E. Murphy

April 14, 1936 - September 15, 2022

Thomas E. Murphy passed away on Thursday, September 15, 2022, peacefully at his home surrounded by his loving wife and family.

Thomas was born on April 14, 1936, in Brooklyn, New York to the late Thomas and Helen Murphy.

Tom was the beloved husband to his wife of 50 years, Josephine, a cherished brother of Mary Grinnell and Paul Murphy, a loving father to Brian (Teresa) Murphy, Ellen (Craig) Zamboni, a devoted grandfather ("Papa") to Charlotte, Jake, Julia and Andrew, and a fun-loving uncle, cousin and friend to so many.

Tom was a dedicated New York City school teacher for over 40 years and spent 35 of those years at PS 48 in Brooklyn, where his love for teaching and his creativity enriched so many young lives.

Prior to his teaching career, Tom enlisted in the military and served in the United States Army for 4 years. He was stationed in Germany and was surprised to find Elvis Presley was also serving at the same base.

Throughout his life, Tom found so much joy in spending time with his family and friends. Whether he was relaxing at Avon by the Sea, watching baseball, taking Road Scholar trips, adventures in Ireland and Italy, or spending an

afternoon pulling a Radio Flyer wagon full of grandkids, he did everything with humor and a kind, grateful heart. Tom was also an avid writer who was known for sending frequent letters to distant family and friends. He also enjoyed writing poetry, short stories, and his autobiography.

Tom's generosity, work ethic and selflessness were understated and his humility profound. Tom and Josephine have been active parishioners at Holy Child Roman Catholic Church since 1973 and Tom was a volunteer at Project Hospitality for 13 years. He took the train to the soup kitchen every week and found so much joy working alongside the other dedicated volunteers.

He will be deeply missed and remembered by those who knew and loved him for his laughter, his pranks, his old blue VW Beetle and his loving spirit. We take solace in knowing that he is at peace in God's loving arms and we will cherish our wonderful memories of him.

The family will receive friends from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 21, 2022, at the John Vincent Scalia Home For Funerals, Inc., 28 Eltingville Blvd. (at Eltingville Station), Staten Island, New York.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 22, 2022 at Holy Child Church, located at 4747 Amboy Rd. Staten Island, NY 10312. Interment will follow at Resurrection Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Thomas' memory to Project Hospitality at www.projecthospitality.org would be greatly appreciated.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

361 Sharrot Avenue
Staten Island, NY 10309

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 21. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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Service

SEP 22. 10:00 AM (ET)

Holy Child Church
4747 Amboy Road
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Tribute Wall



“ *John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Thomas E. Murphy*



John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - September 20, 2022 at 01:15 PM



“ *Thomas E. Murphy*

October 04, 2023 at 06:13 PM



“ *Tom Murphy was my fifth grade teacher at PS 48 in the 1981-82 school year. As long ago as that was and as young as I was, Tom left an indelible mark on my childhood experience as an educator and someone who cared for a kid who needed it. May Tom rest in peace and I thank his family and friends for letting him share that light with us all.*

Timothy Sternberg - December 24, 2022 at 09:32 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Thomas E. Murphy.*



September 21, 2022 at 09:24 AM

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“ Tom was godfather to my son Kevin Woods. We had lost touch through the years but my memories of our relationship are not forgotten . Tom helped me put together toys on many a Christmas Eve and spent a few New Year’s Eves at my home. Condolences to Josephine and the kids. He had a life well lived. God bless. Sheila Romano

Sheila Woods Romano - September 20, 2022 at 04:06 PM

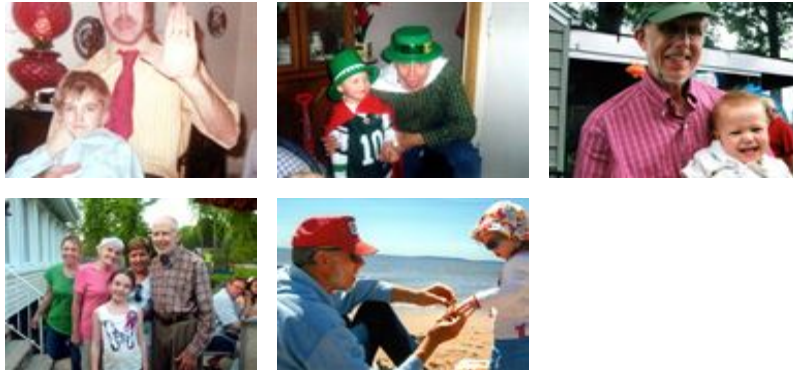
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“ Rest In Peace Tom. Sincerely Sheila Woods Romano

Sheila Woods Romano - September 20, 2022 at 03:58 PM



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John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - September 20, 2022 at 01:11 PM

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“ *Love always Betty Fonti and Beloved Bob purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Thomas E. Murphy.*



Love always Betty Fonti and Beloved Bob - September 19, 2022 at 01:43 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Thomas E. Murphy.*



September 17, 2022 at 02:44 PM