



Thomas J. Smith, Sr.

November 17, 1953 - August 5, 2018

Thomas J. Smith Sr., 64, also known as Tom or Big Tom, passed away Sunday, August 05, 2018, at Staten Island Hospital surrounded by his loving family.

Tom is survived by his wife, Gerri, of 41 years. They moved from Brooklyn to Staten Island in 1980, where they raised their two children Thomas Jr. and Michael. Tom worked for Brooklyn Union Gas for 34 years until he retired from the company in 2006. Since then, he has been working for PSE&G as a Supervising Training Specialist.

He was the true definition of a family man. One of his passions was watching and coaching his sons in both baseball and soccer. He was an avid Mets fan and enjoyed hunting. He was an active member of both Holy Child and St. Clare Parishes. Tom was loved by everyone he met. Besides being a true family man, Tom was also known for having a great sense of humor, whose laugh was contagious. He was truly greater than life.

Tom is survived by his wife Gerri, his sons Thomas (Carmen) and Michael (Christine), his granddaughter Sofia Hope and many family members and friends.

A gathering of family and friends will take place from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM and

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM on Tuesday, August 7, 2018, at John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Inc., 28 Eltingville Blvd, Staten Island, New York. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 9:45 am on Wednesday, St. Clare's Church. Interment to follow at Resurrection Cemetery.

Donations in Tom's Memory can be made to the St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.scaliahome.com

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

361 Sharrot Avenue
Staten Island, NY 10309

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 7. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Inc.
28 Eltingville Blvd
Staten Island, NY 10312

Visitation

AUG 7. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Inc.
28 Eltingville Blvd
Staten Island, NY 10312

Service

AUG 8. 9:45 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

St Clare Church
110 Nelson Ave
Staten Island, NY 10308

Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas J. Smith, Sr.*

October 04, 2023 at 06:13 PM



“ *Gerri, I am so sorry for your loss.. Tommy was an amazing , funny, loving and vibrant person.. He will surely be missed by all who knew him.. I will never forget his wonderful smile,*

Karen Flower - August 20, 2018 at 03:44 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Tom's passing. Wishing God's healing to Gerri & her family.*

Joan Baracchini - August 12, 2018 at 10:48 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Thomas J. Smith, Sr..*



August 09, 2018 at 05:05 PM

MI

“ Dear Gerri,

My heartfelt condolences to you and your family. So sorry to hear about your husband's passing. You and your family are in my prayers.



Michelle Granucci & Family

Michelle - August 08, 2018 at 02:10 PM



“ Dear Gerri,

My heartfelt condolences to you, your family, and your friends, on Tom's passing.

I very much enjoyed sitting with you and Tom at Joey's birthday party. I felt like I had known you and him for years, because both of you were so easy to talk to. Tom shared with me photos of your beautiful family, and his face absolutely lit up over your and his precious granddaughter, Sophia Grace! He also shared with me the joy of the father-son bonding over a game of baseball. Tom and I also had fun looking at his photos and videos of Staten Island's abundant wildlife, especially the deer. With Tom's easy and friendly demeanor, it is obvious that he must have made many, many friends over the course of his life. For reasons we do not fully understand, Tom's time on this earth was tragically short, but by the Grace of God, he will one day be re-united with his loved ones in Heaven. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let Perpetual Light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

May God heal your broken heart with happy memories of your sweet husband.

*Love,
Regina*

Regina Faighes - August 08, 2018 at 11:21 AM

JZ

“ Dearest Gerri ~
We are so sorry for the loss of your treasured husband. Please know we will keep you and your family in our prayers for God's strength during this saddest of times.

Juliette & Robert Zinsley

juliette zinsley - August 08, 2018 at 02:00 AM

DS

“ Dear Geri and family,

Our deepest condolences.. We are so sorry to hear of your loss..
Sending our love and prayers..

Danielle Saenz and family

Danielle Saenz - August 07, 2018 at 10:19 PM

LC

“ Dear Gerri, Tommy, Michael and Family,
Tom was a wonderful man who always greeted everyone with a smile. Whenever we met him, we would exchange stories about family and you could see him light up when he spoke of his own beautiful family. Tom was a blessing to all of us who knew him. He will truly be missed. May he rest in peace in the Lord's loving arms.

*Our Deepest Sympathy,
Tom and Lisa Castaldo
and Family*

Lisa Castaldo - August 07, 2018 at 12:56 PM

LK

“ From Linda and Andrea Kneeley

We share Fran's sentiment, we have lost a wonderful neighbor. Richie and Tom talked often about BUG. Richie's dad worked there for 45 years and Tom was always gracious to listen to Richie's stories.

Gerri, we will always remember your kindness to us during our loss. Please know we are praying for you and your boys. God bless you.

Linda Kneeley - August 07, 2018 at 11:46 AM

LM

“ Lyle & Michelle McCombs purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Thomas J. Smith, Sr..



Lyle & Michelle McCombs - August 07, 2018 at 10:20 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas J. Smith, Sr..



August 07, 2018 at 09:55 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas J. Smith, Sr..



August 07, 2018 at 09:31 AM

FJ

“ *Fran and Julio purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Thomas J. Smith, Sr..*



Fran and Julio - August 07, 2018 at 09:25 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas J. Smith, Sr..*



August 07, 2018 at 08:55 AM

KP

“ *To Tommy's family,
My deepest condolences on the loss of a good man. Tommy and I
grew up together and he will be missed. May our Lord welcome him
into His paradise. I will keep y'all in my thoughts and prayers. Peace
be with you.
God bless,
Kathy*

Kathy Shaughnessy Proscia - August 06, 2018 at 10:58 PM

KO

“ *Karina and Matt O'Daniel purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Thomas J. Smith, Sr..*



Karina and Matt O'Daniel - August 06, 2018 at 10:24 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas J. Smith, Sr..*



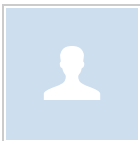
August 06, 2018 at 09:20 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Thomas J. Smith, Sr..*



August 06, 2018 at 09:18 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas J. Smith, Sr..*



August 06, 2018 at 09:00 PM



“ *Mike & Sue purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Thomas J. Smith, Sr..*



Mike & Sue - August 06, 2018 at 08:25 PM

DT

“ *Dom & Susan Torres purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Thomas J. Smith, Sr..*



Dom & Susan Torres - August 06, 2018 at 08:19 PM

AN

“ *Gerry, Tommy and Mike - I'm so sorry for your loss. I have so many memories of him. Watching him play stick ball, playing in Grandma's backyard. I am truly blessed to have been part of his family. So sorry I can't be there for you. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers. His cousin Anne (Connelly) Snaidman*



Anne - August 06, 2018 at 08:17 PM

FM

“ *From Fran and Julio: We lost an extremely dear friend and neighbor who was always here for us. Gerri, Tommy and Michael, our love and prayers are with you and we are always here for you. We will miss Tom so much.*

Fran Martinez - August 06, 2018 at 04:42 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas J. Smith, Sr..*



August 06, 2018 at 04:28 PM

MW

“ So sorry to hear about Tom's passing. I worked with Tom many years ago under BUG. Such a gentle man and always had a smile. Our prayers to the family during this difficult time.

Bernie & Mary Williams

Mary L Williams - August 06, 2018 at 04:00 PM

DJ

“ I address my deepest condolences to Mrs. Smith, his sons (Tom Jr. and Mike), and the rest of the family. Alongside Tom's sense of humor and contagious smile, his master penmanship is something, by which, I will always remember him.

Dr. Mackington Joseph, Co-worker @ PSE&G ET&DC.

Dr. Mackington Joseph - August 06, 2018 at 03:35 PM

TF

“ The Cerino- Fennell Family purchased the Divine Light for the family of Thomas J. Smith, Sr..



The Cerino- Fennell Family - August 06, 2018 at 02:39 PM

DT

“ To Gerri and sons. Tom was truly a great guy with a lot of jokes and kind words. I never saw this man without a great big smile. He did my wife's birthday invitations all by hand. A real true talent he had with writing. I will miss you Tom. All my sympathy to the family.

Darryl M. Teel
Co-Worker

Darryl M. Teel - August 06, 2018 at 02:20 PM

ML

“ Dear Gerri and Family, We are so sorry and will keep you all in our prayers. May God guide and give you strength you at this time.

Marie L - August 06, 2018 at 01:36 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Thomas J. Smith, Sr..



August 06, 2018 at 01:30 PM