



Thomas G Richard

July 15, 1949 - April 18, 2021

Thomas G. (Tom) Richard, 71, of St Augustine passed away April 18, 2021 at the Bailey Family Center for Caring after a valiant battle with Leukemia. Tom was born on July 15, 1949 to the late Raymond and Virginia Richard and grew up on the northwest side of Chicago, dooming him to life as a fan of the Chicago Cubs. He loved all sports and to hear him tell it, he spent almost every waking hour either throwing the ball against the front steps (undoubtedly driving his parents crazy), playing baseball on the corner, or shooting hoops on the driveway. It was through sports that he made lifelong friends, the best of which was Jim Malone, whose calls during his final year really brightened his days.

Tom was a proud US Marine, serving during Vietnam where he earned a Purple Heart and Silver Star. He served on The Des Plaines Police Department for 20 years, later regaling anyone who would listen with stories of his involvement in the city's most notorious crime. Tom met his wife when her friend fell off a barstool and he, ever the gentlemen, helped her up. His charm and wit made Margi fall in love instantly (that and his goofy Irish brogue!). The two of them loved to dance - though they were no Fred & Ginger - and spent 42 years dancing through life together. Along the way they raised two sons and eventually moved to Florida where Tom spent many an hour riding his bike or walking on the beach talking to everyone along the way. Tom was always the life of the party and had a true zest for life.

Tom is survived by his wife of 41 years, Margaret; sons, Thomas and Patrick

(Kat) Richard; sister, Denise Foley; grandchildren, Britteney and Liam Richard, Jake Colby; a host of extended family members and friends who will miss him dearly.

In lieu of flowers donations may be sent to Community Hospice <https://www.communityhospice.com/give/> , Feline Canopy of Care <https://fcocinc.org/> or the Veteran Garden Project of St. Augustine <https://veterangardenproject.org> , in memory of Thomas.

A celebration of Tom's life will be 10:30 A.M., Saturday, May 1, 2021 at St Johns Family Funeral Home, the family will begin welcoming friends at 10:00 A.M. prior to the service.

In keeping with the CDC Coronavirus guidelines every attendee may be requested to wear a mask and the number of attendees may be restricted. We ask that if you are at high risk, feeling ill, or traveling from an area with a high level of infection, please do not attend the service. Those unable to attend can view the service live streamed at <https://iframe.dacast.com/b/156599/c/549019>.

St. Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Previous Events

A Gathering of Family and Friends

MAY 1. 10:00 AM (ET)

ST JOHNS FAMILY FUNERAL HOME
385 State Rd 207
St. Augustine, FL 32084

Celebration of Life

MAY 1. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *St. Johns Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Thomas G Richard*



St. Johns Family Funeral Home - April 27, 2021 at 11:53 AM

RK

“ *My condolences to your family...he was always smiling and happy!*

Robert Kujawa - May 05, 2021 at 09:14 AM

JJ

“ *I knew Tommie back in the day we worked on the PD together . As a rookie he backed me on numerous calls and helped me learn the ropes . I remember the pool parties at his house . He was a good natured guy , and a goofy @\$&” . Lots of laughs , And a good friend . On the PD we would say a stand up guy . He will always live in my memories . Luv ya bro , u will b missed . R.I.P. John (The Duck) Dziaduch.*

John J.Dziaduch - May 01, 2021 at 12:48 PM

BM

“ *I'm Bud Mukahirn and I worked with Tom at Desplaines police Dept. Tom was a great pal and will be in my memories for ever.*

Bud Mukahirn - May 01, 2021 at 12:34 AM

MB

“ My name is Mike Banner, I knew and worked with "Tommy" for several years on the Des Plaines Police Department, Tom was very well liked, happy go lucky fun guy, never had a harsh word for, or about anyone, very positive fun loving good person, he will be missed !!

Michael W. Banner - April 30, 2021 at 10:56 PM

ST

“ I'm Steve Truver and I worked with Tom on the police department. I'm sorry to hear of his passing and extend my condolences and deepest sympathies to Margi and family

Steve Truver - April 30, 2021 at 05:22 PM

SM

“ This is Steve Merriman. I worked with Tom. on the police department for quite a few years before Tom left on a disability and I moved to the fire department. Please accept my condolences to Marge and the family. God bless you

Steven Merriman - April 30, 2021 at 03:32 PM

MK

“ This is Mike Krueger, I worked with Tom and always enjoyed our friendship. I was very saddened to hear of his passing! May God bless him and his family❤️

mike krueger - April 30, 2021 at 12:02 PM



“ 50 files added to the album LifeTributes



St. Johns Family Funeral Home - April 27, 2021 at 11:50 AM

PB

“ Tough to pick a favorite memory because there were a few candidates, Uncles vs Cousins basketball in the driveway, lots of passionate and colorful talks about Chicago sports (okay, maybe debates is a more fitting descriptive as my father was a Sox man) . However, one memory does stand out from all the rest, and while it happened 40 years ago I remember it like it was yesterday.

We had just moved into the house in Bloomingdale and we had the full family over for a party in the basement. The rare Irish/Italian combo gathering. All the kids started to whine about having nothing to do and I remember Uncle Tom lining up about six of us for a game of catch with a crumpled up tin foil ball. However, this game was of the elimination variety: if he threw you the ball and you dropped it you were out. Of course, there was trickery involved: the 'behind the back', the 'distraction gambit', the 'pump fake', and of course, the 'no look' (he'd look at one of us square in the eyeand throw the ball to someone else).

A simple game, but we LOVED the sneaky stuff and were all laughing hysterically. I didn't want it to end. It is an indelible memory of my childhood. I suppose the most fitting testament to how much I cherish that moment is that I have shamelessly stolen that idea at a number of parties in the years since whenever there is a group of youngsters present. Every time I do, I think of my Uncle Tom.

Aunt Margi, Tommy, Patrick, Kat, Britteney and Liam, my deepest condolences.

Love - Phillip Brian

Phillip Brian - April 24, 2021 at 02:19 PM



That is a beautiful memory. Love you very much.
-Pat

Pat Richard - May 04, 2021 at 11:31 AM



“ *America the Beautiful was purchased for the family of Thomas G Richard.*



April 23, 2021 at 08:44 AM



“ *I met Tom through my sister Peg. He was such a sweet guy. I hope the advice I gave him regarding VA benefits helped because he deserved everything and more!! So sorry for your family's loss.*

Susan Monegue - April 23, 2021 at 08:33 AM



“ *I met Tom through his amazing wife Margie. I liked him right away and how much he loved, cared and worried about her. We really hit it off on all the TV shows we had in common and I loved listening to his stories of the past. You will be missed Tommy. Nicole and family*

Nicole Currie - April 22, 2021 at 07:54 PM



“ *I met Tom in 1998 & immediately felt a bond. He was a great man with a wonderful sense of humor. He was friends with everyone. Our families remain very close & we will miss him immensely. Love you "Tommy".
Peggy & Larry*

Peg - April 22, 2021 at 07:30 PM



*What more can be said, he was a good cop, a good man, and a good friend, we served together and I will always remember his a happy go lucky guy, RIP my brother in blue.
Rafael Tovar*

J Rafael Tovar - May 01, 2021 at 02:04 PM