



Thomas E. Buggy

September 22, 2023

Thomas Edward Buggy, age 72, a life-long resident of the Penns Grove / Carneys Point area, passed away on September 22, 2023. Born in Atlantic City, he was the son of the late Joseph Patrick Buggy, Sr. and Cathleen Cecelia (Quinn) Buggy. Tom was a 1969 graduate of Penns Grove High School and was a member of St. James R.C. Church. He went on to further his education at Glassboro State College where he earned his Bachelor's Degree in Psychology with a minor in Sociology. Tom worked as a Millwright for Local Union #158 in Philadelphia.

Tom was an avid environmentalist. Known locally as a “tree-hugger,” he was passionate about preserving the natural state of the great outdoors. He loved animals, especially his beloved dogs, Jesse, Sunny and Hobo. He made a famously good apple pie and shared those pies with many people over the years. He was very artistic and enjoyed drawing and woodworking. He carved many realistic duck decoys. He carved his own canoe and made his own drums from logs and deerskin, likely due to his interest in the native American Indian population. Tom will be remembered for his generous nature. He never hesitated to help those in need and contributed often to his favorite charities. He took a genuine interest in his community and did what he could to make it better. Tom was keenly aware of the politics in our government and held strong opinions and never hesitated to share those opinions. Tom was a complex and very intelligent man. Those who knew and loved him will miss

him greatly.

Predeceased by his parents, Tom is survived by his loving wife of 22 years, together for 30 years, Gretchen Irene Gilbert-Buggy; his brother Joseph P. Buggy, Jr. and his wife Helene of Pilesgrove; his sister Helen M. Nelson and her husband Jim of Penn Laird, VA; his niece and nephews Lisa (Michael), Gregory (Jessica), Joshua (Melissa), Jesse (Kori), Joel (Gina), Thomas (Mandi), Jeremy (Katie), Timothy (Laura) and Ryan (Kate); 15 great nieces and nephews.

Services will be held on Wednesday, October 4, 2023 at the Catholic Community of the Holy Spirit Parish, St. Joseph's R.C. Church, 51 Broad Street, Woodstown, NJ 08098. There will be a visitation starting at 10 AM leading to the Memorial Mass at 11 AM. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Red Cloud Indian School, 100 Mission Drive, Pine Ridge, SD 57770 (heritagecenter@redcloudschool.org); alternatively, donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 (stjude.org).

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Joseph's R.C. Church
51 Broad St.
Woodstown, NJ 08098

Memorial Mass

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Tribute Wall



“ *Our Sincere condolences & prayers for Tommy’s family. We have wonderful Memories of the 50’s in PG. Elvin Ave was never the same.*



Carol Molinari Monks - September 29, 2023 at 12:13 PM

HB

Thank you very much

Helene Buggy - October 04, 2023 at 09:37 PM

JQ

It’s hard to believe Tommy passed two years ago. Sept. 22, 2023. I didn’t know him as well as I wanted to but from what I have heard I would consider him to be somewhat of a RENAISSANCE MAN. We exchanged poetry at one time and my work was like grade school compared to his. He created his own reality in his own world. I’m sure the many people that met him will always miss him.

Jim Quinn

Jim Quinn - September 20, 2025 at 02:37 PM

GR

“ *Very sorry for your loss!*
Greg & Sue

Greg - September 29, 2023 at 11:27 AM

HB

Thank you

Helene Buggy - October 04, 2023 at 09:37 PM