



## Thomas Anthony Matty

July 3, 1958 - November 18, 2024

Thomas (Tom) Anthony Matty died peacefully at home in O'Hara surrounded by family on November 18th, 2024. He was born July 3rd, 1958 at Monongahela Hospital in Monongahela, Pennsylvania. He was 66 years old.

Shortly after graduating from Monongahela Valley Catholic High School in 1976, he began a true Pittsburgh mill career at Combustion Engineering with his father. He opened his own bar, Zachary's Pub, named after his nephew. After the mill closed, he began working for the Pittsburgh Airport Marriott as a Maintenance Engineer. His work led him west to Las Vegas, Nevada where he continued his career as a Maintenance Engineer at Summerland Hospital.

After returning to Pittsburgh, he began working at Sterling Land Company in Oakland. It was then that he met his soulmate Terri in 1998. They began a life in partnership that brought new experiences to them both.

Together they would spend time in Annapolis, Maryland at the annual boat show. The Seven Springs Wine Festival was routinely attended. There were many fun-filled times tailgating at Steelers games out of the back of Tom's Jeep. Annual weekends at Ogleby were enjoyed during Christmastime.

He found joy in visiting Marco Island, Florida where many memories were had in The Apollo Condominiums, and later on Lamplighter Drive. Many crab legs

were eaten at The Snook Inn, and there was no shortage of sunsets admired on Holmes Beach. Tom enjoyed floating in the pool on his well-worn noodles, seeking true tranquility. Tom and Terri's beloved Bichon, BJ (also known as "The Boy") would soon join their Florida trips, changing their travels from flying to driving, sight seeing each time. They expanded their Florida journeys to Anna Marie Island, dreaming of one day living there.

In between their adventures, Tom nurtured an annual garden filled with tomatoes, various peppers, corn, onions, collard greens and herbs. He found joy in cooking for himself and others, exploring a variety of cuisines from Asian to Jamaican. Food Network was consistently played, always peaking his curiosity to experiment and learn new things. He dabbled in baking, making tasty muffins and various loaves and pies.

Tom was known for his unconditional generosity and thoughtfulness, from offering his maintenance expertise to every house on the block, to driving neighbors to the hospital for the birth of their children. He kept in touch with beloved friends from every era of his life, spending hours talking on his flip phone reminiscing about Hilltop Bar Softball Team, The Jungle Club and Jerome's.

Although not by blood, Tom was an incredibly loving father figure to Tricia. He attended years of dance recitals, chorus concerts, drives to summer camp, and birthday parties. Without question, he was always there to help Tricia in all her moves across Pittsburgh, Ohio, and Michigan. His dedication to both Terri and Tricia's lives was clear in everything he did.

He is survived by his wife Terri Ruggeri, daughter Tricia Ruggeri (Olivia Ruth), brother Joseph Matty (Lois Hagen), sister in-law Valerie Myers, nephews Ian Matty (Kate) and Zachary Matty, and Nicholas Matty.

He is preceded in death by his father Dominick Matty (1917-1977), his mother Marjorie Matty (1921-2020), his sister-in-law Carolyn (2020), and his beloved dogs Sadie (2004) and BJ (2020).

A special thank you to Family Hospice for their kindness and compassion in supporting our family through this time.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, November 24, 2024, from 1 to 3 p.m. at Smith Funeral Home & Crematory Ltd; 930 Center Avenue Blawnox, PA, 15238. Funeral service will begin at 3 p.m. at the funeral home.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **24**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Thomas M. Smith Funeral Home and Crematory Ltd.  
930 Center Avenue  
Blawnox, PA 15238

## Funeral Ceremony

NOV **24**. 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Marco Island*



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**Terri Larson Ruggeri** - November 26, 2024 at 09:44 PM

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“ *Downtown Detroit Shinola Hotel*



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**Terri Larson Ruggeri** - November 26, 2024 at 09:40 PM

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**Terri Larson Ruggeri** - November 26, 2024 at 09:38 PM

MK

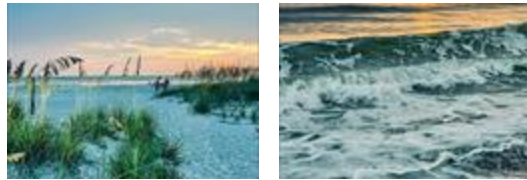
“ *From everyone at the mounds there are lots of memories that we will continue to talk about for a very long time RIP*

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**Mark koval** - November 26, 2024 at 06:01 AM

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“ *Tom’s place of peace*



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**Terri Larson Ruggeri** - November 25, 2024 at 01:51 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Thomas Anthony Matty.

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November 23, 2024 at 11:26 AM

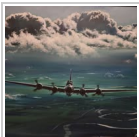
LT

“ *Love, Dallas, Nikki, Noah, Theo, & Tucky purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Thomas Anthony Matty.*



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**Love, Dallas, Nikki, Noah, Theo, & Tucky** - November 23, 2024 at 10:16 AM



“ *I remember Tom from grade school at Transfig! He was a great comedian, always laughing and making jokes about almost anything! I want to say he lived on 4th st., in a yellow brick house. Lost touch with Tom after I left Transfig in the 4th grade, remember him fondly! R.I.P. Tom! Sincere condolences to family and friends!*

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**Stu Isaac** - November 23, 2024 at 09:16 AM

YF

“ *Your Work Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Thomas Anthony Matty.*



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**Your Work Family** - November 22, 2024 at 03:18 PM

JS

“ *Jaz- Shinola purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Thomas Anthony Matty.*



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**Jaz- Shinola** - November 22, 2024 at 02:48 PM

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**Jaz- Shinola** - November 22, 2024 at 02:48 PM

LM

“ *Love, Joe (brother), Lois & Mitzi purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Thomas Anthony Matty.*



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**Love, Joe (brother), Lois & Mitzi** - November 22, 2024 at 02:00 PM

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Love, Joe (brother), Lois & Mitzi - November 22, 2024 at 02:00 PM

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Terri Larson Ruggeri - November 22, 2024 at 11:53 AM

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Terri Larson Ruggeri - November 22, 2024 at 11:49 AM

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Thank you Jeff for the picture

Terri Larson Ruggeri - November 22, 2024 at 11:50 AM

LR

“ Love Tim, Odessa and Theodore Ragan purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Thomas Anthony Matty.



Love Tim, Odessa and Theodore Ragan - November 22, 2024 at 10:34 AM

JM

“ I was so sorry to hear of Tom's passing, Tom was my cousin, two years younger than me, he was always Tommy to me. My dad Albert was Tom's father's younger brother. We had many Christmas Eve's at our grandparents house that hold a special memory for all of us. Joe I sent you an email and I hope you and Tom's family find comfort in memories of Tom. Janet Miller

Janet Miller - November 22, 2024 at 09:48 AM

SS

“ Shopliks and Stipanovichs purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Thomas Anthony Matty.



Shopliks and Stipanovichs - November 22, 2024 at 08:31 AM

AH

“ Tom and I were classmates at MVCH Class of 76 and he was a great guy. Tom was quiet but kind and always a joy to be around. I was blessed to call him “friend”. Rest in peace. Sympathy to the entire family.

ANNE MARIE HARVEY - November 22, 2024 at 08:22 AM

JE

“ I met Tom in 1997 at Sterling Land I seen his world light up when he met Terri. Tom was always there to help when it was needed. We had some great laughs and music listening at and after work . I will miss Tom and the times we had. Thoughts prayers and love to the Family

Jeff Edder - November 21, 2024 at 07:29 PM

JE

“ Tom has passed but leaves behind a wonderful son, Nick Matty, (wife Jena) and two beautiful grandchildren.

Jena - November 21, 2024 at 02:51 PM

CL

“ Charlie, Sue and Liam purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Thomas Anthony Matty.



Charlie, Sue and Liam - November 21, 2024 at 12:08 PM

AM

“ I met Terri through work at UPMC and wondered who the partner to such an alive, vibrant person, would be. Then I met Tom. Together with my husband we became fast friends..whether it was laughing poolside or on the phone..or when Tom was losing at cards ..we enjoyed many meals he cooked, and his skill in the kitchen I envied. He and Terri's relationship will always stand out in my heart as one of loving respect. He is in heaven I am sure..playing with BJ and laying in the pool. Gary and I will miss you my friend..no worries though..we will take care of Terri..love you..

Ann Mathews - November 21, 2024 at 08:11 AM

DC

“ There are no words to fully express how kind and helpful Tom was to me over the years and my family. He is the reason I still believe good people and good deeds do still exist in the world. I will forever be grateful. Sending prayers and thoughts to Terri and family.

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**Dana Canelli** - November 20, 2024 at 04:48 PM

MK

*From everyone at the mounds lots of memories that will be talked about for a very long time RIP*

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**Mark koval** - November 25, 2024 at 02:55 PM