



Thomas "Tommy Shirt" Verbitski

April 28, 2025

Thomas Verbitski, Sr., affectionately known as "Tommy Shirt", was born on September 19, 1937, most recently of Wildwood, NJ, formerly of Ridley Park PA, South Philadelphia, and Southwest Philadelphia, passed peacefully at the age of 87 on April 28, 2025 in Wildwood, NJ. He spent his final days surrounded by his children and their families, with regular hospital visits from his most loyal canine companion Jazzy Girl. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 62 years, Regina (Jeannie Witulski). They were married in 1958 to her passing in 2020. Tom is also preceded in death by his father, Joseph; mother, Laura (nee Kwasizur), and brother Joseph (Patricia). Tom is survived by his daughter, Donna Kotyk (John), their sons John and Jason; his son, Thomas Jr (Maureen), their children Debbie, Thomas III, Michael, grandchildren Giana, Dominic, and Sophia; son Steven (Patty O'Donovan) grandson Steven Jr; daughter Linda DiNapoli (Mike), their son Michael Jr, grandson Michael, and daughter Diane Raspanti (Joe), granddaughters Danielle, Ashley, and Rachel. In his high school days, he was an outstanding high school baseball player, having earned a tryout in the Philadelphia Phillies farm system. Tom would become a career longshoreman in Philadelphia, a lifelong member of ILA Local 1291, and eventually an entrepreneur to support his family. Tom enjoyed supporting all the Philadelphia sports teams and was an avid Penn State football fan. He also enjoyed the equine athletes, particularly thoroughbred racehorses, having owned a number of horses over the past 35 years in PA and DE. As recently as two weeks ago, he had received calls from many friends looking for a tip on this week's Kentucky Derby (he's touted Sandman, only because Rispoli is riding Journalism). He and wife, Jeannie, also enjoyed regular visits to the casinos of Atlantic City and more recently in Pennsylvania. Tom enjoyed saltwater fishing and crabbing, traveling to Maryland, DE, and South Jersey over the last 40 years, and is one of the last people to believe there are still crabs in Wildwood NJ. Relatives, friends, and members of ILA Local 1291 are invited to his Viewing and Funeral, Friday May 2, 2025 after 8 AM to 10 AM from the Rogers Funeral Home, 1426 South 3rd Street, Philadelphia, PA 19147 followed by his Mass of Christian Burial at Sacred Heart Church, 1404 South 3rd Street, Philadelphia, PA 19147 at 10:30 AM. Interment will follow at SS Peter & Paul Cemetery, Springfield, PA.

Cemetery Details

SS Peter and Paul Cemetery

1600 Sproul Road
Springfiels, PA 19064

Previous Events

Viewing

MAY 2. 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Rogers Funeral Home
1426-30 South 3rd Street
Philadelphia, PA 19147
(215) 468-4632
<https://www.rachubinskiandrogersfh.com/>

Flowers are to be delivered by Thursday 3PM

Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 2. 10:30 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart of Jesus Church
1404 S 3rd St
Philadelphia, PA 19147-6099
(215) 465-4050

Tribute Wall

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“ Dad, there’s about 20 cans of your favorite soup sitting in the cabinet at Tommy and Maureen’s. Maureen said she’s sending it back home on the plane with me. I will miss talking to you every day. Love you, Linda



Linda DiNapoli - April 30, 2025 at 01:55 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tommy Shirt" Verbitski.



April 30, 2025 at 11:47 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tommy Shirt" Verbitski.



April 30, 2025 at 11:27 AM

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“ Global Citrus Group Team purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Thomas "Tommy Shirt" Verbitski.



Global Citrus Group Team - April 30, 2025 at 10:37 AM

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“ Global Citrus Group Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas "Tommy Shirt" Verbitski.

Global Citrus Group Team - April 30, 2025 at 10:37 AM

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“ 9 files added to the tribute wall



Diane Raspanti - April 30, 2025 at 06:33 AM

JK

These pictures show how much he was loved and surrounded by such a beautiful family. May he Rest he Peace

jayne kueny - April 30, 2025 at 08:46 AM

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JD AND I ARE SO SADDENED TO HERE THE NEWS OF TOMS PASSING. WE HAVE SO MANY WONDERFUL MEMORIES OF TOM, JEAN AND THEIR BOYS. THEY WERE WONDER PEOPLE AND I'M SURE TOM WILL BE MISSED BY SO MANY. MAY HE REST IN PEACE AND UNDER OUR LORDS KEEPING ALWAYS.

JD AND ANN MCGUIRE - April 30, 2025 at 09:39 AM