



## Thomas G. Boyden

May 1, 1940 - July 19, 2020

GROTON: Thomas C. Boyden, 80, of Groton, formerly of Brattleboro, VT, Boston's South End and Watertown, died Sunday, July 19, 2020 at Health Alliance – Leominster Hospital following a lengthy struggle with Alzheimer's Disease.

Mr. Boyden was born in Boston, May 1, 1940, the son of George A. and Virginia (Brown) Boyden and was a 1958 graduate of Brattleboro High School. He served several years as a call firefighter to the Brattleboro Fire Department. For four years Mr. Boyden served his country in the United States Coast Guard District Personnel Office in Boston.

For much of his career, Mr. Boyden worked in Employee Relations beginning at Jordan Marsh Company for fifteen years then continuing to Lechmere Inc. for twelve years and finally at BJ's Wholesale before retiring in 1995.

Over the years he remained very active in the communities where he resided. He was a former member of the Watertown JayCees, Past Chairman of the Boston Retail Group, Past President of the Watertown Multi-Service Center, Charter Member and Board Member of the Harbor to Bay Bike-a thon. In 2005 Mr. Boyden spearheaded a movement to successfully rehab the Childe Hassam Park on Columbus Avenue in his South End neighborhood of Boston.

A proud Harley Davidson Motorcycle owner, Mr. Boyden rode over 100,000 miles throughout the continental United States and all the Canadian provinces.

He leaves his wife of 52 years, Annemarie (Powers) Boyden; two daughters, Kimberly (Boyden)

Casto of Shirley, Deborah Jean Boyden of Oakland, CA; four grandchildren, Cole Casto, Anthony L. Casto, Riley Weber and Conner Weber.

He was the brother of the late Jane Kropp of Huntington Beach, CA.

A celebration of Mr. Boyden's life will be held at a day and time to be announced.

Memorial contributions may be made to Harbor To The Bay

<https://www.harbortothebay.org/profile/tomboyden/>

or Friends of Childe Hasson Park <http://www.childehassampark.com/>

The Anderson Funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Road, Ayer is assisting the family with arrangements. For additional information or to leave an on line condolence, please visit their website at <http://www.andersonfuneral.com>.

# Comments

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“ My heart goes out to Annmarie, Kim, and all of Tom's loved ones. Tom always greeted me with a great smile and spirit, upbeat and welcoming. Sending love and prayers.

**Cecily Kulsick** - July 26, 2020 at 09:25 PM

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“ Dear Kim, Deb, Mrs B and Family,

I'm so sorry for all you have gone through. I can not say I understand the disease that took your Dad's life or the pain you experienced but I do know the pain of losing someone that was your protector, hero and security blanket. People keep telling me when you love deeply you grieve deeply so for every tear I pray you think of a happy memory. Your life is forever changed however, it will still be happy again.

Thinking of you all and hope you see the signs your Dad will send. I've gotten many and boy do they help. Hope our dads get to meet up there!

Much Love,

Nikki (Panico) Fazo

**nikki fazo** - July 26, 2020 at 11:33 AM

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“ Annmarie, We, Shelly and myself, are very sorry to learn of Tom's passing. It is interesting that the memories of our youth stay with us all these years. Best wishes to you and family.

Alan and Shelly Zelbow

**Alan Zelbow** - July 25, 2020 at 11:19 AM



“ Annmarie, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of Tom. I will keep you in my prayers. Take care. Love. Carole Drisdell

**Carole Drisdell** - July 25, 2020 at 01:44 PM



“ Dear Annmarie, I am sorry for the loss of your Tom. May God be with you and your family at this difficult time. My condolences to you and family! Love Rachel Sok

**Rachel Sok** - July 27, 2020 at 08:08 AM