



Edward G. "Teddy" Harrington

October 3, 1952 - October 21, 2019

AYER; Edward G. "Teddy" Harrington, 67, of Ayer and York, Maine died unexpectedly Monday, October 21, 2019 at his home.

Teddy was born in Ayer, October 3, 1952, a son of the late G. Robert and Geraldine A. (Fitzgerald) Harrington and was a graduate of Ayer High School.

He was the husband of Sheri Ann (Gresco) Harrington who died in October 2011.

An accomplished and talented chef, Teddy worked for over 35 years at his family's business, the Piccolino Club in Shirley, retiring in 2007. Following his retirement, he worked summers at the Cape Neddick Lobster Pound and Restaurant in York, Maine.

He enjoyed spending time at his home in York, Maine and competed in many cooking and BBQ competitions that took place in various locations between Maine and Memphis, TN. He also enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren.

He leaves his son, Zachary R. Harrington of Ayer; his daughter, Ryan Harrington of Leominster; his brother, Robert G. Harrington of Fitchburg; a stepdaughter, Lindsey Gresco of Dracut; three grandchildren, Avery

Harrington, Sean Soubosky and Maxwell Banfield.

Teddy's family will receive family and friends from 4-6 PM Tuesday, October 29th at the Anderson Funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Rd (Rte 2A) Ayer. A Time of Remembrance will be held at 5:30 PM

For additional information or to leave an online condolence please visit their website at www.andersonfuneral.com.

Previous Events

Calling Hours

OCT **29**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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Ayer, MA 01432
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Tribute Wall

GK

“ *In 1983 I bought a wonderful black cocker spaniel and named him TEDDY after my bestest friend. I got 18 years of love from my furry friend.*

Even though I moved to California in 1970 we still talked on the phone for our Birthdays. When I wished him well in 2019 I did not anticipate it being the last time

Now I have the most handsome orange and white kitty. His name is TEDDY HARRINGTON and he plays with our dog CALVIN EDWARD

*Always Joyful
gloria librera*

Gloria Kelly - January 03, 2024 at 12:09 AM

JB

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



JOAN BALUKONIS - October 29, 2019 at 01:20 PM

JB

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



JOAN BALUKONIS - October 29, 2019 at 12:48 PM

SF

“ Ted and I were playing baseball behind the old high school in 1961. Somebody looked up over the trees and yelled, "fire!" We knew the tannery was over those trees and that my father worked there--a lot of the kids' dads did. The whole sky seemed to be on fire. Ted and I jumped on our bicycles and went as fast as we could over the bridge and up behind Main Street, up Washington Street and down to Pleasant Street to Ted's house. The dinner plates were on the table and had been left--Jerry and Bob were gone. We ran our bikes down behind his yard. over Jackson Street and through the Guilfoil's yard and to our house at 60 Pearl Street. The warm supper plates were on the table like at Ted's and we became afraid. Maybe we were bombed by the Russians (at Pleasant Street School my teacher -- and Ron Gitner's -- told us we were a target). I don't know if the nuns over at St. Mary's told that to Ted and Tom but that is what we thought. The entire sky was black and acrid. We jumped on our bikes and hurried downtown. There seemed to be thousands of people on the street...fire trucks from all over Massachusetts, fire hoses running along Main Street. Our entire world was on fire. We found Bob Harrington (Sr) in front of the Paper Store. We found my father on the bridge with some other tannery guys. "That's the ball game," my father told us.

Ted and Tom and me were always together. After my family realized we were going to have to leave our beloved Ayer, our hearts were broken (my older sister, Carol, was a true "Ayer Girl" and she stayed behind). When we drove down Washington Street for the last time, ironically, the Nashoba Theater had burned down the night before. My sister Linda was crying and my mother was crying....and I was crying. I loved Ayer and I loved my pals. All of my childhood memories involve Ted and Tom. We bought our army suits at P.N. Laggis, we swam across Sandy Pond, we walked up the tracks to a little stream we called the Secret Place, we raced our bicycles down Hospital Hill.

Now I must say goodbye to Ted again. Thank you, Ted. Thank you for being my friend and helping to make my childhood one that I will

always cherish.

Steve Feinberg

Steve Feinberg - October 29, 2019 at 11:33 AM



“ *White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Edward G. "Teddy" Harrington.*



October 28, 2019 at 09:07 PM

TJ

“ Here’s a Ted Harrington anecdote.
When we were touring Europe back in 1970 we were in a hotel in Venice.

He went in the bathroom to do his business. I knew he never locked the door. Don’t ask me why I knew that I don’t remember. So I got my camera ready, kicked in the door and snapped the photo before he had a chance to close the door.

So I have a picture somewhere of him sitting on the toilet with his pants by his ankles laughing with his right hand on the door ready to slam it shut.

He thought that was a great prank. I knew he was going to pay me back. So for the rest of the trip when I was in the bathroom I made sure the door was locked. And sure enough a couple of times I heard the door banging as he tried to open it.

*I have enclosed a picture of the two of us in Europe somewhere.
Tom and Ted’s Excellent Adventure.
Check out Ted’s 1970 hair. Groovy.*



Tom Jodka - October 28, 2019 at 04:29 PM

MC

Just the best picture...xo

marianne coalter - October 28, 2019 at 09:53 PM

LI

Great story, RIP Teddy

louise italiano - October 28, 2019 at 11:02 PM

JH

“ Bob,

So sorry to hear of the loss of your brother. I hope the memories of your life together in happier times brings you comfort.

Jim Higgins

Jim Higgins - October 28, 2019 at 12:15 PM

SC

“ Well the Jodka family sure was sad this week when we heard the news about Teddy. Especially my brother Tom, one of his best friends growing up in Ayer. Ted stayed at our house on Nashua St so often he was practically a member of our family. And I thought of him as one of my little brothers.

I'm thinking of all the times they slept out in the shed in our backyard. I can only imagine the monkey business that went on out there!

More recently Teddy cooked an amazing meal for our mother's 85th bday party. And he surprised her at Nashoba Park on St Patty's Day a few years back when he brought her a bouquet of shamrocks.

Our thoughts and love are with Bob, Ted's kids and family, my old friend Marianne and all of his friends.

I'm hoping my brother Bobby was there to meet him when he left the planet. And now they're raising hell in heaven!!

Party on sweet boy.

Sharon Jodka Carpenter

Sharon Jodka Carpenter - October 27, 2019 at 05:50 PM

MC

Oh Sharon.... The old days growing up in Ayer.....Denise and Diane Stepleton across the street..... Yes, Teddy loved Tom....And I love you.....We are beyond heartbroken.....Oh I know Bobby and Teddy are playing some Crosby, Stills, Nash ,and Young on the record player your Dad gave them.....<3

marianne coalter - October 27, 2019 at 09:00 PM

SC

Love you too sweetheart. And I can feel your broken heart 💔 I'm in Florida now and feel very sad that I can't be at the service for Teddy. I'll be there in spirit but will miss seeing you and everyone there. I'll tell Tom to give you a huge hug from me. XXOO

Sharon Jodka Carpenter - October 28, 2019 at 09:01 AM

JB

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



JOAN BALUKONIS - October 27, 2019 at 10:42 AM

BR

“ *I worked for 20 years for the greatest man to ever live.Anyone who knew him would say the same.Teddy would always take care of everybody before himself.I had so many good times at the pic with the whole gang, some of the greatest years of my life.He was always smiling no matter what.I will never forget you and the good times we had.I am so glad i had you in my life.Piccolino hawks breath smoke eaters for life. BRIAN RAND*



BRIAN RAND - October 25, 2019 at 06:53 PM

BH

“ *Bob, I'm sorry sorry for your loss. My thoughts are with you and hope the good memories will help you through these difficult days.*
Bill Higgins

Bill Higgins - October 25, 2019 at 09:51 AM

DS

“ *It just doesn't seem possible that we will never see Ted again at the Pic or for others in Maine. I worked for you for many years & you were the best. After I moved on, I always enjoyed running into you & chatting. And yes, as everyone is saying you always had a smile. Ted, you will be so missed by so many.*

And, to his family, my heart is so very sad for all of you.

Love & hugs for you all
Denise

Denise Stepleton - October 24, 2019 at 08:55 PM

JB

“ *Teddy was simply the best . A kind fun loving guy who cared about others and never put himself first . Bobby please know that as two brothers you were a formidable team . Different in so many ways but the same in the way you helped others without fanfare .*

I will miss seeing Teddy's smiling face and know he is looking down on all of us and raising a beer .
God's Blessings my friend !

Jerry and Donna Boyle - October 24, 2019 at 08:03 PM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Edward G. "Teddy" Harrington.*



October 24, 2019 at 10:35 AM



“ *I have a photo of Teddy somewhere, in a yearbook I think. It's a picture of him just waking up from a nap on one of those New Hampshire beaches. He's got a flower either on a hat or in his hair and whenever I look at it I know I'm looking at the essence of Teddy. A living, breathing, laughing, fun machine.*

Raconteur/Inventor(Kabul Ka-Bobs), Chef, Father, Brother, Friend, we are broken hearted.

You're not here to make this hurt go away Teddy, we have to do this alone.

So know this, we were all crazy about you, but I have to say to goodbye, and it breaks my heart, so goodnight Teddy and sweet, sweet, dreams.

Bob Decot

Bob Decot - October 24, 2019 at 08:48 AM



Oh Bobby, that was just so very beautiful.....<3

marianne coalter - October 24, 2019 at 11:42 AM



May I share this Bobby.....

marianne coalter - October 24, 2019 at 11:45 AM

JP

*A few weeks ago I was driving up Washington St. and saw Teddy out walking his 🐕. I was in a hurry to get to my mom's so I didn't stop to say Hi. But, I did blow him a kiss and he smiled. I always loved Teddy's smile and laugh. I will miss not running into him at Market Basket:(
Joyce Winslow Pierce*

Joyce Winslow Pierce - October 29, 2019 at 10:50 PM



“ *Shades of Purple was purchased for the family of Edward G. "Teddy" Harrington.*



October 23, 2019 at 06:29 PM

KR

“ *Cape Neddick will never be the same. We will miss hanging out at the "bar" not to mention the "meat fest". Love you!!!!*

Kevin/Pam Ryan - October 23, 2019 at 06:01 PM

JT

“ *Teddy I will miss you. Always loved having a cold one with you. Rest in peace my friend. I know your with Sheri now.
John Thompson*

JOHN THOMPSON - October 23, 2019 at 03:28 PM

RS

“ *Teddy, A sweet and loyal friend in high school. Always a kind word spoken about everyone. So happy we reconnected in the last few years. I'll always remember our lunches and your great knowledge of food and cooking! Rest in peace dearest friend.*

Reisa Schwartz

Reisa Schwartz - October 23, 2019 at 02:13 PM

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Sharon Jodka Carpenter

Sharon Jodka Carpenter - October 27, 2019 at 12:50 PM

SD

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Sharon Decato - October 23, 2019 at 12:57 PM

JS

“ *Teddy,*

You were my high school love. I thought you were the coolest and best looking guy in the entire school. I loved your infectious laugh. Although we lost touch over the years, you always held a place in my heart. I was shocked and saddened to hear of your passing. My you rest in peace and shine light on the world from above.

Hugs and love, Jane Saball

JANE SABALL - October 23, 2019 at 11:56 AM

RG

“ *I still can't believe this is true. We were best of friends from high school on. We went to Europe together in the early 70's and had a great time. Best Man at my wedding several years later. Throughout the years we kept in touch and it was always like we talked everyday. We was truly a great friend.*
Rest in peace!

Ron Gintner - October 23, 2019 at 11:22 AM

MW

“ *Teddy,
When I 6 or 7 years old, I fell madly, passionately in love with you.
Of course, you living on Pleasant St. and I on Jackson St. we had to
learn the challenges of a long distance relationship ,at a very young
age! But our love soon conquered all, and I became the care -taker
of your many animals.to include your horse -Teddy and dog -
Elvis. Because my love for you was sooo great, & your barn so full
of animals, I had to enlist the help of my Cousin-Anne Sgetti. Pretty
soon we were both competing for you & your collection of animals
that multiplied daily....tx t o your rabbit-Teddy.
You touched the deepest part of my heart & soul.....
Margaret-Mary Guilfoil Ward*

Margaret-Mary Ward - October 23, 2019 at 11:02 AM

LS

“ *R.I.P Teddy. You will be missed by all. Our prayers and thoughts are
with the entire family during this difficult time.*

Love and hugs from the Shorey's

Larry and Karen Shorey - October 23, 2019 at 10:56 AM

SB

“ *Teddy you will be missed for sure. Buzzy and I had so much fun
with you up in Maine. We will always remember that day. Rest in
peace. 😇*

Sandy Borden - October 23, 2019 at 10:55 AM

SY

“ *Teddy, you will be missed. Cooking was your passion and I learned so much from you. I thank you for that. Peace my friend.*
Susan Yeadon



Susan Yeadon - October 23, 2019 at 09:06 AM

SM

“ *Teddy, you will be missed by all! You were loved and cherished by both me and Tom. Rest In Peace, dear friend!*
Love, Sharon McBreen

Sharon McBreen - October 22, 2019 at 11:15 PM

AF

“ *Rest in peace dear friend.*

Alice and Steve Feinberg - October 22, 2019 at 08:09 PM

SF

“ *You were and will remain my oldest friend. Rest now, Ted. Steve Feinberg.*

Steve Feinberg - October 22, 2019 at 08:04 PM

DW

“ *A prince of a man. Always a pleasure to meet him.....R.I.P. Ted.*

Donald Wallace - October 22, 2019 at 07:23 PM

RH

“ A gentleman and a kind, compassionate soul who was always there for you. My sincere prayers and thoughts go out to his family and all of his friends who will forever carry a hole in their hearts . You will sorely be missed, my friend. RIP Teddy.

Rhonda - October 22, 2019 at 06:39 PM

SJ

“ Good buy to a great friend! One of the truly humble and sincere men to walk on earth, always ready to give a helping hand to those in need. W had a lot of fun in our younger days and more importantly remained friends through life. It was an honor to be his friend. Rest in piece Buddy!



Stan Jurga - October 22, 2019 at 06:16 PM

PW

“ My sympathy goes to everyone in Teddy's life. He was a friend to all. Heaven has an Angel. We will miss Ted. Rest in peace, my friend.

Pam Wyman - October 22, 2019 at 05:18 PM

SF

My oldest friend. Rest, Ted. Steve Feinberg.

Steve Feinberg - October 22, 2019 at 07:57 PM

DO

Teddy, We shared many times enjoying life's offerings, sitting on the floor pillows listening to albums, having singing alongs, enjoying conversations of shish kabob cart dreams or hearing you sing Man of Lamancha while standing or balancing on the hammock. I still have the coin you gave me when I saw you time before the last at The Millstream. A true gentleman and thoughtful friend. Sweet dreams, Dolly

Dolly - November 04, 2019 at 07:23 PM