



Thomas Patrick Heraty

October 17, 1934 - May 26, 2023

SHIRLEY - Thomas P. Heraty, 88, of Shirley, formerly of Jamaica Plain, died Friday, May 26, 2023 at Fitchburg Healthcare, Fitchburg, MA.

Tom was born in Boston, October 17, 1934, one of nine children born to John M. and Mary K.(Quinn) Heraty both from County Mayo, Ireland. Tom was a longtime Boston resident and was a graduate of Boston Trade High School. He loved to tell the story that as a young man he worked at Fenway Park with his brother John throwing peanuts to patrons.

During the Korean Conflict, at the age of 17, Tom proudly enlisted in the United States Navy and as a Signalman on the USS Dortch (DD-670) a Fletcher class destroyer.

Before moving to the Ayer/Shirley area in 1993 Tom's career was spent as an HVAC technician at Atlas Oil Company in Boston. After several years, Tom owned and operated his own handyman and repair service known as The Handyman aka "Tom Terrific".

Tom leaves his partner of thirty years, Marcia (Picard) Sullivan of Shirley; his daughter, Lynn Theresa Whittemore Heraty, of Fairhaven; his two brothers Daniel Heraty of Braintree, Peter Heraty of Providence, RI; three sisters Nancy D'Attilio of Dedham; Kathleen Collins of Pembroke and Patricia

Ferrante of Weymouth, two grandsons, Vincent Thomas Whittemore of Braintree and Matthew Joseph Whittemore of Boston; a great grandson, Vincent Thomas Whittemore of Dedham, along with many nieces and nephews.

Tom also leaves Marcia's extended family which includes her son, Frederick Sullivan of Pittsboro, NC; her four daughters, Patricia Peters of Ayer, Pauline Sullivan of Norfolk, VA, Deborah Sullivan of NY, NY, Mary Sullivan of Sandwich along with ten grandchildren and seven great grandchildren

Tom was predeceased by his wife, Anne (Hansen) Ricci Heraty in 1990. He was the brother of the late John Heraty, Eugene Heraty, Maureen George. And was also predeceased by Marcia's daughter, Lynne Sullivan, of Lunenburg,

Tom enjoyed travelling the country in his motorhome with Marcia and was a longtime member of the Family Motorcoach Association (FMCA), Yankee Travelers and Cape Cod Chapters, .

Funeral services will be held 2 PM Saturday, June 3, 2023 at the Anderson Funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Road (Rte 2A) Ayer. Internment will be held privately.

Tom's family will receive relatives and friends at calling hours 4-7 PM Friday, June 2, 2023 at the funeral home. . Please see www.andersonfuneral.com for additional information.

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JUN 2. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home
25 Fitchburg Road
Ayer, MA 01432
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Funeral Service

JUN 3. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Years ago, when I needed some work done on my house, I obtained Tom’s card - he went by ‘Tom Terrific’. There was no household repair beyond his talents - every job he did, he did right - no shortcuts. We struck up a friendship and would reminisce about having lived in Boston neighborhoods. He had many fine qualities and a great smile. I eagerly awaited his return from Fla every year in the spring to ask him about his and Marcia’s trip in his beloved motor home. A true gentleman.

Mike Devlin

mike devlin - June 02, 2023 at 09:13 PM



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Thomas Patrick Heraty.

June 02, 2023 at 03:23 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Thomas Patrick Heraty.



June 02, 2023 at 09:15 AM

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“ *The Ortiz Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Thomas Patrick Heraty.*



The Ortiz Family - June 01, 2023 at 10:25 PM

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“ *What a great guy Tom was...he will be missed. Rest in peace.*

Patricia Krauchune - May 31, 2023 at 08:16 PM

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“ *Marcia, I am so sorry for your loss. My condolences to you & all family*

Denise Stepleton - May 31, 2023 at 12:53 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas Patrick Heraty.*



May 30, 2023 at 08:03 PM



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

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“ Daniel and Diane Heraty and Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Thomas Patrick Heraty.



Daniel and Diane Heraty and Family - May 30, 2023 at 07:12 PM

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“ We sure had a lot of good times with Tom.we will miss him and Marcia camping with our club many good memories. Rip tom

annmarie &joe samara - May 30, 2023 at 05:58 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas Patrick Heraty.



May 30, 2023 at 04:42 PM