



Timothy F. Holland

June 27, 1944 - June 21, 2020

AYER: Timothy F. Holland, 75, formerly of Ayer, died Sunday, June 21, 2020 at his home.

Tim was born in Boston, June 27, 1944, a son of Timothy F. and Marguerite (McGarity) Holland and resided in Ayer for over thirty years.

He was a graduate of Christopher Columbus High School in the North End neighborhood of Boston. He continued his education at Boston College where, in 1965, he received his Bachelors Degree in English.

From 1965-1970 he served his country in the United States Air Force including 13 months in Pakistan, attaining the rank of Captain.

For twenty four years Tim owned and operated Markham-Priest Insurance Agency in Ayer, retiring in 2008. Following his retirement from the insurance business, Tim operated Tim's Transport livery service from 2011 to 2019.

He was a longtime member and past president of the Ayer-Shirley Lions Club and a member of the Honorable Order of the Blue Goose, the fraternal order of insurance-related professionals. He was a former member of the Nashoba Valley Chamber of Commerce and served as a past president of the Ayer Chamber of Commerce. In 2009 he was awarded The Outstanding Citizen Award by the Nashoba Valley Chamber of Commerce. For over 10 years he served as a member of the Board of Trustees to the Ayer Public Library. He was a longtime ticket holder and super fan of Boston College Hockey and was an avid movie buff who owned an impressive library of film noir titles.

Tim leaves his wife of 54 years, Maria (Fanale) Holland; his son, Eric Holland

and his wife, Mee Lian Choo of New York City; his daughter, Amy Harrington and her husband Joseph of Groton; his brother, Michael Holland of Winthrop and his wife Ann Marie; his sister, Sheila Jones of Medford; and two grandchildren, Jack Harrington and Charlie Harrington.

Funeral services will be held by invitation only (due to Covid) on Monday, June 29, 2020 at the Anderson Funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Road, (Rte. 2A) Ayer.

For additional information or to leave an online condolence, please visit their website at www.andersonfuneral.com. In lieu of flowers please consider making a contribution to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. www.stjude.org. Give hope to kids with cancer

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUN **29** (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home - Ayer
25 Fitchburg Road ~ Route 2A
Ayer, MA 01432
(978) 772-2355

Tribute Wall

LM

“ Tim was always so pleasant when he came into Gervais Quicklane and always a pleasure working with him. My thoughts and prayers will be with family and friends during this difficult time.

LISA MULLINS - June 28, 2020 at 12:23 PM

LW

“ Tim was always a delight, both in person and via his prose. He was a genuinely warm, caring person who brightened many lives. He will always be one of my favorite people. He will be truly missed by many people. At college hockey events, he was "The Mayor". I'm grateful for the fun times spent with him in person and on e-mail. I already miss his communications. My thoughts and prayers are with the Holland family at this difficult time. May many happy memories bring you comfort and peace.

Linda Watts - June 28, 2020 at 12:37 AM

DT

“ Tim was a beautiful soul with a quick wit and easy smile. His gentle presence was always with him and he will truly be missed by those who knew him. Tim and Maria will always be "friends forever". My love and prayers go out to the family.

Debbie Thompson - June 27, 2020 at 02:54 PM

SC

“ Very sorry for your loss Sincerely Sheila Cregar

Sheila Cregar - June 27, 2020 at 08:02 AM

JL

“ Uncle Tim was a giving soul who always made everyone around him smile and laugh.

He will be remembered well by all and everyone who meet him loved him.

So sorry for your loss Aunt Maria, Amy, Eric, and family.

Lots of love and prayers Judy

Judy LeBlanc - June 26, 2020 at 03:57 PM

JS

“ Maria I was so sad to hear of Tim's passing. It brought back good memories of when you worked at TNCH and we would all party in the off hours. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
Janet (Lawrence) Sudak

janet sudak - June 26, 2020 at 10:28 AM

DF

“ Deep condolences to Tim's family at this sad time. Tim and I served on the Ayer Library Board of Trustees. Tim was a long time member and I was a novice. Tim's service was consistently full of warm humor, sports banter, sound advice and common sense (which isn't so common). The Library Director and Board President resigned and the presidency somehow ended up in my lap. Tim attended many meetings, but one at the Groton Library who was assisting our efforts to find and hire a new director, stands out. Tim pulled me aside afterwards and offered words of encouragement that were sorely needed and deeply appreciated. Tim was the 'voice of reason' and always had wisdom to share. He was a treasure. I miss him.

Debra Faust-Clancy - June 26, 2020 at 09:18 AM

AW

“ Sorry to see my friend and brother Lion has passed. Knew Tim a very long time, while working at W E Aubuchon or G V Moore. RIP Big Guy. Friends Forever. Al Wendling

Alvert Wendling - June 26, 2020 at 08:27 AM

BC

“ Bianca & children purchased the Floor Plant for S ympathy for the family of Timothy F. Holland.



Bianca & children - June 26, 2020 at 07:29 AM

FM

“ Eric, I'm not sure how we became FB friends, but I met your dad in 2005 when I bought a dilapidated house on prospect st. I think it was one of the first farm houses built in town. When I got a quote of \$6000/year to insure the house, your dad graciously spent 4 to 5 hours helping me fill out forms to get Mass subsidized insurance for \$2000/yr. When I tried paying him for his time, he refused to accept it. He was the first Ayer neighbor I met before I even signed the papers. I'm still in that house and will miss seeing your dad around town. He never forgot my name. I'm so sorry he's gone. My deepest sympathies to you and your family.

Fred Meshna - June 25, 2020 at 09:24 PM

MP

“ My condolence for the family during this difficult time. Tim was a wonderful Lion a devoted member of the Ayer/Shirley Lions Club.

*Marcel Plouffe
District Governor*

Marcel V Plouffe - June 25, 2020 at 08:37 PM

JT

“ I knew Tim because I was an executive of an insurance company that his agency represented. What a wonderful person! A half-hour visit to his agency would leave you smiling for the rest of the day. And three hours together at Fenway Park -- my sides would ache for days from all the shared laughter! The world was a better place because Tim was in it. My deepest condolences to his family and friends -- he will be missed.

John Tierney

John Tierney - June 25, 2020 at 06:39 PM

RH

“ Such a great guy, he will be sadly missed. I met Tim when I joined the Ayer-Shirley Lions club and worked with him on various fund raising events, board of directors, etc. He was a great lion, always looking for ways to help others. He had a wonderful sense of humor. I believe he made a real difference in the world with his military and charitable service over the years. Rest in peace my friend.

Rhonda - June 25, 2020 at 04:39 PM

AW

“ We are saddened beyond words to learn of Tim's passing. He was a great friend and neighbor. Tim was a pillar of the Ayer community through his ownership of Markham-Priest and his work with the charitable organizations he belonged to. His eloquence with the written word, and his ever-present smile, are things we will never forget. He gave freely of himself, and our world is poorer in his absence. Our thoughts are with Maria, Amy and Eric, and with the many people whose lives he touched.

Alan and Lisa White - June 25, 2020 at 03:14 PM

GO

“ To Maria , Eric Amy and all those who love Tim I send my deepest condolences- Tim's generosity of spirit, his quick wit and boundless knowledge was only matched by a deep and abiding respect and compassion. His presence is sorely missed

Gail Okerman - June 25, 2020 at 03:07 PM

BM

“ Maria and family, I was saddened to learn about Tim's passing. Although we moved away from the area a number of years ago, I have very fond memories of my friendship with Tim that began through our mutual involvement with the Lions Club. I was also fortunate on several occasions to be Tim's guest at a BC football game, an experience one can never forget! Tim's concern for others, his ever-present smile and humor, and his positive attitude made him unforgettable to anyone who had the pleasure of knowing him. My wife Maureen and I will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers.

Bob McCarthy, York, Maine

Bob McCarthy - June 25, 2020 at 03:01 PM

AN

“ Sincerest sympathies on the loss of Tim. I am a teller at DCU, and had the pleasure of serving him. Such a wonderful man. He stuck up for me during a troubling incident that he witnessed at the Credit Union. That will always stay as a fond reminder of him in my memories. Always saw him at St. Anne's church at mass too. He will be missed.

Ann Marie Nieman - June 25, 2020 at 11:50 AM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Timothy F. Holland.



June 25, 2020 at 10:59 AM



“ Classic Fireside Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Timothy F. Holland.



June 25, 2020 at 10:48 AM

MA

“ I am a proud friend of Tim's son Eric and will never forget tailgating at The Heights with the family. He was a great man and will be missed.

Matt - June 25, 2020 at 10:10 AM

AV

“ Hello - sorry to hear of Tim's passing. I did not know Tim or your family very well but I did have the pleasure of meeting and chatting with Tim at a couple of BC hockey games (I'm also a BC grad).

Albert Vachon - June 25, 2020 at 09:45 AM

KH

“ To Tim's family,

I am so sorry to hear of Tim's passing. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. My heartfelt sympathy to his family and my prayers for your strength and comfort during this difficult time.

Kathy Hebb

Kathy Hebb - June 25, 2020 at 08:30 AM

JA

“ To all of Timmy's family,
I am so sorry to learn of his passing. I have fond childhood memories of our families gathering in Winthrop and all our cousins playing together.

Thoughts and prayers to you at this difficult time.

Janis (Trabucco) Alexsunas

janis alexsunas - June 25, 2020 at 05:54 AM

LE

“ Sending light, love and blessings to all of you. XO. Linda e.

Linda Enrico - June 24, 2020 at 11:06 PM

ML

“ *My condolences for your family during this difficult time.*
Maura Lizek

maura lizek - June 24, 2020 at 07:11 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Timothy F. Holland.*



June 24, 2020 at 05:45 PM

CM

“ *Sending all of our love to Maria, Amy, Eric, and the rest of the family. Tim will be so sorely missed! He lit up every room he entered, and what a phenomenal story teller. May his memory be eternal.*

Christine Mackenzie - June 24, 2020 at 05:13 PM

SF

“ *Stan Newsham and Family purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of Timothy F. Holland.*



Stan Newsham and Family - June 24, 2020 at 04:30 PM



“ *Maria, Eric, Amy, and family,
I am very sorry to hear of Tim's passing. He will always be remembered and thought of with such fondness. Our college hockey outings will never be the same. He made them memorable, to say the least. I shared many fun times with him during our Frozen Four trips. You know the saying, "What happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas." Well, we could mimic that sentiment with some of our Frozen Four escapades, in the varied cities that we visited. Nothing too outrageous, but 'you had to be there.' So many great laughs! He was one of a kind, and I will miss him.
I pray that you all find strength, comfort and peace in the days ahead as you mourn his loss. Thinking of you all!
Lila Brickley (one of the D1 college hockey babes, as Tim referred to us)*

Lila Brickley - June 24, 2020 at 03:55 PM



“ *I am very sorry to hear that Tim has passed away. I know he is Heaven. A very smart, kind and cool guy who will be missed by many.*

Sharon MacNeil - June 24, 2020 at 03:50 PM



“ *Tim was one of the funniest and sharpest men I've known, and yet was also one of the kindest. I met him many years ago, just from living in Ayer...I can't even remember when or where it was. But we got reacquainted when I went to work at the Ayer Library, and then again years later when I came to serve on the Library Board with him. Tim was a gentleman, a wonderful conversationalist, and a person who not only cared, but also did something about the things he cared for. My love, respect, and prayers for all who called this wonderful man family.*

Cyndi Lavin - June 24, 2020 at 01:58 PM

AR

“ Dear Maria & Family,

Tim was the best Brother-in-law EVER! His sincerity & joy always came with him & and encircled everyone that was with him.

I am sure Michael met him & walked him into Heaven.

May God give all of you the strength you will need during this sad time.

*My love & prayers,
Anita Rozzi-Fanale*

Anita Rozzi-Fanale - June 24, 2020 at 11:31 AM

BG

“ Dear Maria and children, I am so very sorry sad to hear about Tim's passing, Not only was he a great friend, and a former neighbor, and we served together on the board for the Ayer Library, and we were in the Lion's club together also. However, our friendship and mutual admiration of all the Boston sports was perhaps our strongest bond. As has been said already, Tim was one of the most positive people I've ever met. He was a positive force throughout life and he left us all the better from having known him.

May your many memories of Tim provide you with comfort in this time of sadness.

Bobby Gardner - June 24, 2020 at 11:08 AM

DW

“ *Tim was a wonderful man, devoted member of the Ayer/Shirley Lions and just a beacon of positivity and cheer. My late father and I always enjoyed time spent with Tim and I am deeply saddened to learn of his passing. My deepest sympathy to Tim's family.*

Deb Williams - June 23, 2020 at 07:38 PM

MM

“ *I've had more sunshine in my life because of Amy's dad - Tim. Tim's smile and going out is his way to make someone else feel special set an example for us all. I have always appreciated my University of Iowa paper weight that Tim went and picked up for me. Love to the ENTIRE family! Love The Mulherins*

Molly Mulherin - June 23, 2020 at 10:01 AM