



## Mr. Thomas J. Hill, Jr.

May 1, 1939 - September 23, 2020

Thomas J. "Hilly" Hill, Jr.

Loving Father, Grandfather, Great-Grandfather

Retired Lowell Fire Fighter

HAMPTON, NH----Thomas J. Hill Jr., "Hilly" 81 of Hampton, NH passed away unexpectedly at his home on Wednesday, September 23, 2020. Tom was born and raised in Lowell, MA and was a son of the late Thomas and Lillian (Milne) Hill. He was a 1957 graduate of Lowell High School, and went on to serve in the U.S. Navy as a "Tin Can Sailor" on the USS William C. Lawe from 1957 to 1960. Tom was a Dracut resident for over 30 years and it was there that he raised his family. Tom's whole life centered on his family and the Lowell Fire Department, where he began his career in 1972. He was appointed to the Department on July 7, 1972. He was promoted to Lieutenant on April 20, 1980 and retired on January 30, 2003. Tom received the Firefighter of the Year Award three times, and is the only Firefighter to have done so. He was awarded this honor in 1981, 1983, and again in 1987. Upon appointment to the department, Tom was assigned to Engine 3 at the Civic Center. As a Lieutenant in 1980 he was transferred to Ladder 2 on Branch Street and in April of 1981 he transferred to Engine 2 on Branch Street where he stayed until his retirement. He was very proud of being a Firefighter, a Navy Veteran, and of his Irish Heritage. He attended every funeral for the "Worcester 6", for

which he wore their emblem on his helmet and honored them at the Firefighter Memorial in Colorado. Tom attended many funerals for the NYC Firefighters who died in 9/11. He was a proud, longtime member of the Boston Gaelic Fire Brigade. For many years he proudly carried the Irish Flag as an Honor Guard in many places including Boston, Savannah, Georgia, and Ireland.

Tom's social life, just like his personality, was grand. He was well known for being the proud owner of "Hilly's Pub", where all were welcomed. He also supported many of the local establishments along the seacoast, where he was well loved.

He was the beloved father and is survived by his loving children Laurie (Hill) Miamis and her husband Mike, Colleen (Hill) Montbleau and her husband Ron, Christine Hill, Thomas J. Hill, III and his wife Brenda, and Tara (Hill) Streeter. He was the fun and loving "Grampa" to Kayla, Kyle, Kerry, Ryan, Karla, Matt, Evan, Eric, Cali, Allison, Jack and Kelly; and to his great-grandchildren, Cameron, Jackson, Colin, Kay, Nathan and Charlie. He also leaves "the love of his life", Ellen Donahue, "Hilly's Girl". He was heartbroken by the loss of his grandson Eric, son in law Jim Streeter, and his sister Lillian Hill.

## FUNERAL NOTICE

HILL- In Hampton, NH, September 23, 2020, at his home, Thomas J. Hill Jr., "Hilly", 81, retired LFD, beloved father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. Family and friends may call at the FAY McCABE FUNERAL HOME, 105 MOORE ST. LOWELL on SUNDAY from 3 until 7 P.M. To ensure the health and safety of all who attend, social distancing will be in place and face masks will be required. Due to current restrictions, Tom's FUNERAL MASS on MONDAY MORNING will be PRIVATE. As an expression of sympathy, in lieu of flowers, donations in Tom's memory may be made to Eric Hill Fund at Boston Children's Hospital. Contributions can be made at

bostonchildrens.org/givenow or by check made payable to the "Eric Hill Fund - Boston Children's Hospital" and mailed to Boston Children's Hospital Trust, 401 Park Drive, Suite 602, Boston, MA 02215-5301. Please include "Eric Hill Fund" in the memo line; or to The Lowell Fire Fighter's Memorial Fund, c/o 50 Village Drive, Dracut, MA 01826.

ARRANGEMENTS BY THE  
FAY McCABE FUNERAL DIRECTORS  
978-459-9222 [www.faymccabe.com](http://www.faymccabe.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Cremation

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# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

SEP 27. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Fay McCabe Funeral Home  
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Lowell, MA 01852  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Thomas J. Hill, Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 03:09 PM



“ *Tom and Tara and the family. My thoughts and prayers to you and your family. He was such a nice man*

**Randi Klimas Douglas** - January 08, 2021 at 08:08 AM



“ *My deepest heartfelt sympathy to the Hill Family. I am heartbroken that I just found out today. Tommy was a great man who was friends with my late husband Norm & I. We had many good times together with all the Jakes. Ironically Tommy passed on Norm's Anniversary 22 years later. I know he's up there with Sully, Driscoll, Norm & others. May he RIP* 💔

**Claudia Hall** - October 05, 2020 at 11:29 AM



“ *It is with great sadness that we offer our condolences today after learning the news of Tommy's passing. Our hearts go out to your family in your time of sorrow.  
Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.  
Thank you for your service. May you Rest In Peace.  
Deb & John Burke*

**Deb & John Burke** - September 29, 2020 at 07:28 AM

MQ

“ Our deepest sympathy to all. We were just with Tommy last month at the beach. Such a great guy. RIP Tommy.

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**Maura & Joe Quinn** - September 28, 2020 at 10:05 AM

MN

“ To The Hill Family,

*Jan and I had a wonderful conversation with Your Dad on Tuesday (9/22) at his residence. He was upbeat and his usual self. Talk about many things especially the family. We said our good bye and left. Not knowing that would be the last good bye. HE WAS A GOOD FRIEND FOR MANY YEARS. RIP MY FRIEND.*

*MIKE & JAN NETISHEN*

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**Michael Netishen** - September 27, 2020 at 05:30 PM

KP

“ Cindy and I are so sorry for the loss of your Dad he will be deeply missed by all the people he touched with his smile and sense of humor. You guys were blessed having him in your life for so long. He is in your hearts.. Stay Hilly Strong and always keep his memories and stories fresh in your minds. Love and condolences. Love Cindy and Kev Perrault

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**kevin perrault** - September 27, 2020 at 03:09 PM

JK

“ What a man!! 2 grandkids graduate from Navel Academy Annapolis. Pretty good for an enlisted tin can sailor. I'll miss Tommy pounding on my back calling me "Jarhead". One of the best friends ever. I'll miss you my friend.

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**Jack Knight** - September 27, 2020 at 03:07 PM

TF

“ So sorry for your loss.R.I.P. Wat a great man.

The Dowlings John n Joan n Family - September 27, 2020 at 02:29 PM

CS

“ RIP Tom you are one of the best ❤️🙏

Colleen Sousa - September 27, 2020 at 02:22 PM

NM

“ We were so saddened to hear of Tommy's passing! He was such an amazing man. He always welcomed us into his home and treated us like part of his family. He made my mom so happy for the past twelve years. I only wish it could have been longer!😞❤️  
He will be forever missed! We Love you Tommy!  
Rest In Peace  
The Martins  
Scott, Nikki, Josh, and Colin

Nicole Martin - September 27, 2020 at 12:15 PM

SM

“ As I’m getting older it becomes more difficult to say goodbye to amazing people that have impacted my life. It wasn’t long after the passing of my Dad that I told my family how crushed I would be if I lost Tommy Hill. I said “I really love that guy, I don’t want anything to happen to him”. Tommy came into our lives and immediately became part of our family. I loved seeing him at our family gatherings and if he wasn’t there I always teased my mother in-law by saying “where’s the Tom-Cat”. Tommy is what my father would have called “a really cool guy”. Everyone loved Tommy and how could you not. He was always smiling and always ready to have some fun. I often looked at Tommy’s large beach deck “Hilly’s Pub” and thought “it was absolutely built for his big personality”. Every time I pulled into his driveway he’d always stand up there with big smiles and welcome us up for some fun. I will certainly never forget smoking a cigar with him on his deck after the loss of my dad and receiving the kindest of condolences. I will miss your positivity, miss seeing you during the holidays and of course miss your playful teasing with my mother-in-law. I know one thing for sure, God has a little piece of heaven called Hilly’s Pub, it’s a large deck overseeing your friends and family and I’m sure your holding court right now. Thanks for being a role model, a friend and “a really cool guy”. Love you Hilly

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**Scott Martin** - September 27, 2020 at 12:07 PM

PM

“ R I P Tom. My condolences to the Hill Family. I am very sorry for your loss. He will be missed. Love and Hugs, Pam Murphy

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**Pam Murphy** - September 27, 2020 at 10:08 AM

KH

“ Laurie, Colleen and family. So sorry for your loss. Tommy was a great man and friend to all. Deepest sympathy and God Bless, Keith & Tammy Hamilton

Keith Hamilton - September 27, 2020 at 10:06 AM



“ We will treasure the visits Hilly made to Florida, treating us as if we were his own from the start. He had a sparkle in his eye that touched all of us. His deep love for his family is unmistakable and serves as an inspiration to all of us. Thanks for all the laughs, the hugs, and the final-finals, Hilly. We will miss you deeply. With love, your Florida family, Steve and Sheri Haisten

Sheri Haisten - September 27, 2020 at 08:40 AM

AM

“ Very sorry for your loss. My dad, Don Milinazzo (Fachi), always talked about Tom with reverence and considered him among the very best LFD had to offer. Sending love and strength to you all.

Amy Milinazzo - September 26, 2020 at 09:00 PM

CD

“ My deepest sympathies to the entire Hill Clan. My dad and Tom were great friends they shared some great trips to Ireland and the Cape and many days at the firehouse. I will always have fond memories of him down the Cape.

Colleen Dempsey - September 26, 2020 at 07:23 PM

DQ

“ ITo the entire "Tommy Hill Family: Our Deepest Sympathy", on Your Loss! "May He Rest In Peace". Sincerely, Mr. & Mrs. Donald Quinn

Donald Quinn - September 26, 2020 at 06:20 PM

DA

“ To the family of Tommy Hill . Sorry for your loss. Great guy, I always enjoyed being in his company. May he RIP

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**Dan Alves** - September 26, 2020 at 04:06 PM

NM

*We were so saddened to hear the news of Tommy's passing. He was an amazing man. He always opened up his home to us and treated us like part of his family. Tommy made the past twelve years some of the happiest Of my moms life! Our only wish is that it could have been longer.*

*Rest In Peace Tommy ❤️*

*We love you and will miss you dearly!*

*The Martins*

*(Scott, Nikki, Josh, and Colin)*

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**Nicole Martin** - September 27, 2020 at 07:57 AM

TJ

“ I was lucky to work at the Branch St firehouse when Tom Hill was there. Tom was a very friendly guy, easy to work with and for, and told many good stories.

*My brother and his four children always enjoyed Tom's Christmas parties at the firefighter's club, even when the guy playing Santa was feeling no pain.*

*When my father died, Tom sent my brother and I a very touching letter about our dad, which we will always treasure.*

*Our condolences to Tom's family. He was a true gentleman, and we have many fond memories of him.*

*Rest in peace Tom. My brother and I are lucky to have known you.*

*Tom Rogers Jr*

*Waltham, Ma*

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**thomas rogers jr** - September 26, 2020 at 03:48 PM

DW

“ To the family of Mr. Thomas Hill, or "Hilly" we are deeply sorry for your loss of such a great man, father, grandfather and great grandfather. He will be missed by many, including his Florida family. We so enjoyed his visits. Laughter, Jokes and final final. Prayers for all. Art and Donna Weaver

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**Donna Weaver** - September 26, 2020 at 03:41 PM

SG

“ Colleen, Laurie and Tommy,  
We are so very sorry to hear of your dad's passing. I spoke with my mom this morning and she wanted me to let you know that she sends her deepest sympathy to all of you and that she fondly remembers your dad as a wonderful, kind gentleman who was truly one of the good guys. Please know that Steve and I are keeping all of you and your family in our prayers at this terribly sad time.  
Love,  
Stacey and Steve Geary

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**Stacey Geary** - September 26, 2020 at 01:09 PM

DM

“ My favorite memory Hillie, was when you were observing Ronnie and I wallpapering the bathroom in my first house. I believe your comment was "where's your plum line?" I said "what's a plum line?" You said "I'm getting the hell out of here". Thank you for all your fatherly advice and for being a roll model for Ronnie and I. Rest In Peace Hillie, I love you.  
Love,  
Dick Monbleau

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**Dick Monbleau** - September 26, 2020 at 08:08 AM

BL

“ *I will miss my friend Tommy, I know he's tipping a pint in Heaven. I'll miss seeing you at the Hatch, North Beach and 12 Ocean. You won't be forgotten my friend*  
*Bill Lally*

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**Bill Lally** - September 26, 2020 at 07:55 AM

SR

“ *Sean & Erin Rourke lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas J. Hill, Jr.*



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**Sean & Erin Rourke** - September 26, 2020 at 01:35 AM