



Mr. Thomas F. McKay

March 1, 1946 - February 9, 2014

Thomas F. McKay

Loving Husband, Father, and Grandfather

LOWELL— Thomas F. McKay passed away on Sunday afternoon, February 9, 2014 at his home, surrounded by the love of his family. Tom was the beloved husband of Lorraine F. “Lori” (Rourke) McKay, with whom he celebrated 44 years of marriage.

Thomas F. McKay was born in Boston’s Dorchester Neighborhood on March 1, 1946, the only son of the late Thomas F. and Helen V. (McTighe) McKay. He was a graduate of the Immaculate Conception Grammar School, Lowell High School, and attended Mount Wachusett Community College. Tom served for 6 years in the U.S. Army Reserve.

Tom was the former proprietor of Hynes Tavern in Lowell. While at Hynes’, Tom initiated the “Irish Feet are Running Road Race,” one of the longest consecutively run Road Races in the City.

In 1989 Tom became the General Manager of the Lowell Memorial Auditorium. Six years later he formed Mill City Management, Inc. and continued, with his partners, to manage the Auditorium as President and CEO, until his retirement in June of last year.

Tom was a Corporator, Trustee and Member of the Executive Board of the Lowell Five Cent Savings Bank and a Corporator, Trustee, and Member of the Executive Board of Lowell General Hospital. He was also a former Member of the Lowell Plan Executive Committee, a former Chairman of the Lowell Board of Appeals, a Director of the Merrimack Valley Convention and Visitors Board, and a Member of the Lowell Chamber of Commerce.

Tom was a parishioner of the Immaculate Conception Church in Lowell and Star of the Sea Church in Salisbury. At the Immaculate, Tom was a member of the Parish Golf Committee, the St. Vincent de Paul, and a past recipient of the Immaculate Conception School Distinguished Graduate Award.

In addition to the Immaculate Conception, Tom served on many Charitable Golf Committees, including the Steve Ronan Jimmy Fund and the Greater Lowell Boy Scouts Golf Committees. He was a former member of Vesper Country Club.

Throughout his professional career, Tom received countless awards and was recognized

for the many acts of charity and goodwill he carried out. He was the Grand Marshall of The City of Lights Parade , recognized as the “Man of the Year” by both Keith Catholic and the Boy Scouts of America, as well as receiving the Bishop McNamara Award for Community Service and the Thomas F. McKay Tourism Award, just to name a few. Tom McKay was a major contributor in improving his local community.

While Tom led a very busy professional life, he was a family man to the core and his family was always his first priority. His devotion and affection for his wife Lori and daughters Jennifer and Meredith were unwavering and always obvious. Tom was blessed with two beautiful granddaughters, Madison and Mia, and in his last days another blessing came into Tom’s world; his first grandson, James Thomas.

Tom is survived by his wife Lorraine R.”Lori” (Rourke) McKay of Salisbury; his two daughters, Jennifer A. McKay Marsh and her husband James M. Marsh of Lynn, and Meredith F. McKay of Lowell; three grandchildren, Madison Nancy Marsh, Mia Isabelle McKay and James Thomas Marsh; his niece and nephew, Lee Ann Davis of Groton and Richard Villeneuve of Ashland; his cousins in the Anacone and Robinson Families; his God Son, David A. Hall of Lowell; brothers-in-law and sister-in-law, Frank L. Rourke of Lowell and Joann and Ed Nelson of Merrimack, NH. Tom was also the nephew of his dear Aunt, the late Mary Isabelle “Mabel” McKay, and the late Rev. William F. McKay, O.M.I.

FUNERAL NOTICE

McKAY—In Salisbury, February 9, 2014 at his home, Thomas F. McKay, 67, the loving husband of Lori (Rourke) McKay.

Family and friends may call at the FAY McCABE FUNERAL HOME, 105 MOORE STREET, LOWELL, on WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2014 from 2 until 7 P.M. Tom’s Funeral Mass will take place on THURSDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 13, 2014 at 10 o’clock in ST. PATRICK’S CHURCH, corner of Cross and Suffolk Sts. Lowell. FRIENDS ARE ASKED TO GO DIRECTLY TO THE CHURCH ON THURSDAY MORNING.

As an expression of sympathy, donations in Tom’s memory may be made to The Immaculate Conception School Endowment Fund,

3 Fayette Street, Lowell, MA 01852 or to the Lowell General Hospital Legacy Fund, Philanthropy Office, 295 Varnum Avenue, Lowell, MA 01854.

ARRANGEMENTS BY THE FAY McCABE FUNERAL DIRECTORS, 978-459-9222. www.faymccabe.com

Previous Events

Calling Hours

FEB **12**. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Fay McCabe Funeral Home
105 Moore Street
Lowell, MA 01852
(978) 459-9222
sean@faymccabe.com
<https://www.faymccabe.com>

Funeral Mass

FEB **13**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Patrick Church
282 Suffolk Street
Lowell, MA 01854
(978) 459-0561
<http://stpatricklowell.org>

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Thomas F. McKay*

January 28, 2023 at 03:09 PM



“ *Thought of you on St. Patricks day and Lynne and I toasted to you.*

phil Scannell - April 02, 2014 at 02:36 PM



“ *Lori, I was saddened to learn about Tom's passing. My heart goes out to you. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.*
Cindy and Rick Flynn

Cindy Flynn - February 22, 2014 at 12:54 PM



“ *I had a chance to connect with Tom on several occasions when he was with the Lowell Memorial Auditorium. Since we both loved Lowell, even though I wasn't born here -we hit it off. At that time I was living at Mass Mills and our living room overlooked the beautiful LMA -I used to tell Tom the Christmas Lights were like a grand extension of ours! He added so much to this city & elevated the shows which took place at LMA! As everyone else has said -he was great to know and work with! It's what we leave behind when we "go to the next level" which tells the value of our life -Tom's Family should be so proud of the legacy he's given all of us!*

Larry Ryan - February 15, 2014 at 02:29 PM



“ *Bob and I have known Tom since he was a teenager and best friend of my brother, Michael. It was always fun to be in his company and we'll never forget his happy-go-lucky nature. Our deepest sympathy to Lori and his family.*

Bob & Fran Moore

Fran Moore - February 13, 2014 at 02:06 PM

RM

“ Lori, Sheila and I send our deepest sympathy to you and your family, Tom was a "Pal" To me and everyone he knew.
Sheila & Red McDonald, Clearwater, FL



RED MCDONALD - February 12, 2014 at 08:23 PM

GD

“ To the McKay family; I was so rocked and devastated to hear of your loss. I only started to get to know Tom this past 8 months as he was a tremendous help and support to my family while we went through the loss of our mom Judy. He jumped in to help as if we were his own family. Tom shared his knowledge, connections and advice freely but most of all, it was his heart and spirit that we will never forget. Thank you Tom, you will be missed by old friends and new.
-Greg Dunigan

Greg Dunigan - February 12, 2014 at 03:24 PM

MC

“ We were so sorry to hear about Tom's passing. He was such a wonderful guy and will be missed by many. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.
Gil & Marilyn Campbell



marilyn campbell - February 12, 2014 at 01:14 PM

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“ To the entire Thomas McKay Family & Friends; My Deepest Sympathy on Your loss of a "Wonderful Man"!!! May He Rest In Peace! "Denny Quinn - Friend

"Denny" Quinn - February 12, 2014 at 01:08 PM

RC

“ My heart goes out to you and your family at the loss of your beloved husband, father and grandfather. Tommy and I went to high school together and I remember him as being an absolute doll. It's quite apparent that over time he only grew to be even more sweet and caring.

In love, light and deepest sympathy,
Ruby Duhamel Cook

Ruby Duhamel Cook - February 12, 2014 at 10:39 AM

FO

“ Lori and family, please accept my sincere condolences on the death of your beloved husband and father, Tom. I treasured my many associations with Tom, and our friendship, over the years. You will be in my prayers during these days.

Father John Hanley, OMI
Immaculata Retreat House
Willimantic, CT

Father John Hanley, OMI - February 11, 2014 at 12:13 PM

RM

“ Dear Lori and Family,
We were so sorry to hear of your loss. Tom was a great guy who had such a positive outlook he will be missed by all who knew him. Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.
Ray & Diane McCusker

Ray McCusker - February 11, 2014 at 09:05 AM

TM

“ We were very sad to hear about the passing of Tom, when we met at many different functions over the years, he always had a kind word and a smile on his face. He will be remembered as a great husband, father, grandfather and friend. May you find comfort in your wonderful memories.
Tom & Judy Machado

tom machado - February 11, 2014 at 06:46 AM