



## Mr. Thomas W. Yates, II

October 20, 1949 - February 2, 2020

### OBITUARY

Thomas W. Yates, II

LOWELL--Thomas W. Yates, II, 70, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, February 2, 2020 at Lowell General Hospital. Thomas was the beloved son of the late Joseph W. and E. Jeanne (Thresher) Yates.

Thomas was born in Lowell on October 20, 1949. He grew up in South Lowell and attended the Sacred Heart Grammar School, the Butler, and the Cardinal O'Connell. He was a graduate of Lowell High School and he advanced his education at Peterson College. Thomas enjoyed more than 30 years of employment at the E. N. Rogers VA Hospital in Bedford where he ran the Boiler Room. As a golf lover he also relished his job as a groundskeeper at the Nabnasset Lake Country Club in Westford.

Thomas was very athletic and known as a "jock". In addition to playing as many rounds of golf as he could, he was also a softball player and was on three different teams. He enjoyed kayaking and was a sponsored racquetball player.

Thomas loved his family and especially enjoyed celebrating the holidays with them, Thanksgiving being his favorite.

Thomas is survived by his sisters, Barbara Yates, and Joanne Yates, both of Lowell, and his brother, Peter J. Yates, Sr. of Tyngsboro, who will miss him dearly. In addition to his siblings he is survived by his nephew, Peter Yates, Jr. of Tyngsboro and a great niece, Brooke Yates and many, many friends and his very good friend, Deb Nawoichik.

### FUNERAL NOTICE

YATES- In Lowell, February 2, 2020, Thomas W. Yates II, 70, a lifelong Lowell Resident. Family and friends may call at the FAY MCCABE FUNERAL HOME, 105 MOORE STREET, LOWELL on MONDAY from 9 AM until 12 PM. Thomas's Funeral Service will take place at 12:00 PM in the Funeral Home.

As an expression of sympathy, donations may be made in Thomas's memory to The American Diabetes Association, 260 Cochituate Road, 2nd Floor Suite 200, Framingham,

MA 01701 or at [ADANewEngland@diabetes.org](mailto:ADANewEngland@diabetes.org)

# Cemetery Details

**Burial will take place in the Spring**

## Previous Events

### Calling Hours

FEB 10. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Fay McCabe Funeral Home  
105 Moore Street  
Lowell, MA 01852  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Thomas W. Yates, II*

January 28, 2023 at 03:09 PM



“ *I lived across the street from Tommy. I remember thinking he was this big mysterious guy because he was so much older than me. When your young 11 years is huge. He was much too young to walk the rainbow bridge. Joann and Barbara big big hugs.*  
*Krissie*

**Kristin Motta Couturier** - February 09, 2020 at 09:36 PM



“ *Tommy*  
*From the early days on Lincoln street when were just "whiddle kids," to all those years at "The Fairgrounds," a.k.a O'Donnell Park, to all those rounds of golf, we were teammates and golf partners, but most of all, we were lifelong friends. RIP, "Buff"*  
*Tommy "Bo" Hickey*

**Tom Hickey** - February 09, 2020 at 03:31 PM



“ *Bill Lelacheur*  
*We played a lot of basketball in the Lowell Rec league together and I was always amazed at home much stamina you had for a big man. I will also treasure the many laughs we shared on the golf course back in the day. RIP my friend.*

**Bill Lelacheur** - February 09, 2020 at 01:29 PM



“ *To a guy who was an old old friend at O'Donnell Park playing hoop, touch football on Sunday mornings and our talks at the Owl Diner. Tom your size was as big as your heart. RIP my friend you will be sorely missed by all who knew you.*

**Steve Sousa** - February 09, 2020 at 10:53 AM

PS

“ So sorry for your loss



Patrica Sylvester - February 08, 2020 at 12:55 PM

PB

“ Thanks for all the great times we spent together. I will miss our talks about family, sports, and food and drink! God gave me a very special friend. RIP old buddy.  
Paul Berard

Paul Berard - February 08, 2020 at 10:09 AM

EG

“ Coach Yates, you were a giant to us, you were real, you taught a wild kid life lesson that I Take with me everyday. I will miss seeing you and talking about life. I could never say thank you enough for all your talks, the days you ran us to the Y to work harder knowing we had something within us. We take with us in life people who taught us, gave us lesson, and those who we look up to. Rest In Peace Coach, and thank you for everything you made a difference for so many kids who needed it.

Erik Gitschier - February 08, 2020 at 08:41 AM

BF

“ He made friends everywhere and I'm happy I was one of them. Lots of great times many years ago. RIP Tom

Bill Flynn - February 07, 2020 at 07:16 PM

DT

“ Barbara, Jody and Peter, So very sorry to hear about your brother Tom. Such a kind gentle soul. Although I hung out with you girls, Tom was always coming and going somewhere. He was always very kind and give a hello whenever he saw me. He will be missed by many. RIP Tom

Dan Train - February 07, 2020 at 05:57 PM

FN

“ Tom and his cousin Frankie Z were both my friends. Now I'll miss them both. Tommy was just one of the good guys. Always a smile and a laugh. One of the original Knuckleheads. I hope you can finally fix your slice up there on the heavenly links! 😊. You'll be missed by me. RIP brother.

Frank Niejadlik - February 07, 2020 at 01:50 PM

PS

“ Yates Family.. So many wonderful memory's of out time at the "Y" goodness. he was awesome. RIP Big Guy.. you will be missed..

Philip Scannell,Gloucester,ma., - February 07, 2020 at 07:49 AM

SB

“ Sorry for your loss always had a good time with him. Sending hugs and prayers to the family.  
Love Bob and Sue Berard

sue berard - February 06, 2020 at 07:22 PM

SR

“ Sean & Erin Rourke lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas W. Yates, II



Sean & Erin Rourke - February 06, 2020 at 05:51 PM

RM

“ Tom was a great guy I saw him almost every morning at Nab cutting the fairways. I always got a wave or he would stop to chat about sports or the club. If something needed to be done Tom was there. I will miss you my friend my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Ray McCusker - February 06, 2020 at 02:10 PM

DP

RIP my friend Tom was a great Person Big Heart. You'll best missed.

Dennis Pare - February 07, 2020 at 06:08 AM

CC

“ So long Tom. You are part of many other journeys as well. I remember meeting you for the first time in first grade at the Rogerson School. Old school mates are never forgotten. RIP Tom.

Cyndi (Miner) Clayton - February 06, 2020 at 12:32 PM

LB

“ I met Tom when I was running the racquetball tournaments at Cedardale in Haverhill. He was one of the "A" players but always a gentleman. He was always willing to help out ref a match and then when over have fun. Then I ran into him at the NAB CC and we shared lots of fond memories. He was a gentle soul and unless you almost hit him with a golf ball on the course he never got upset. Will miss having lunch with him as he loved to go places and eat. Would love to start a fund for a bench or something to be put at NAB in his memory.

Leslie Brenker - February 06, 2020 at 09:35 AM

MM

“ Tom was a great guy. He was always there to help. He loved a good meal and a cold one. I 'll miss him so much come golf season. Rest in Peace my friend Love Rosey

Maryrose Murphy - February 05, 2020 at 07:19 PM

RM

“ Tom i will miss our talks when we worked together regarding sports and history but most of all I will miss you. Bobby and Joanne Marquis

Robert Marquis - February 05, 2020 at 06:42 PM

 Judy Hand

“ I met Tom when we both worked at the Bedford VA as well as the YMCA. Despite both working at both locations it took a while for us to meet, both always being asked if we knew the other. When we finally met we had a great laugh and the laughs always continued. My sympathies to his family and Deb. He was a great man and I'm fortunate to have known him.

Judy Hand - February 05, 2020 at 06:36 PM