



# Thomas M. Erwin

FEB 20, 1963 - JAN 31, 2015



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## **Thomas M. Erwin**

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**T**homas M. Erwin, 51, of North Syracuse, passed away at Crouse Hospital surrounded by his loving family on Saturday, January 31, 2015. He was born in Syracuse, the son of the late Stephen and Rosemarie (Miceli) Erwin. In 1988 Tom became a Syracuse firefighter and was promoted as a Lieutenant, Captain and currently District Fire Chief of the Syracuse Fire Department. He was a past member of the Taunton and North Syracuse Fire Departments and was the first ever honorary member of NYSBOC, New York State Building Officials Conference. Tom was known as “Hector the Smoke Detector” at the NYS Fair and throughout various local schools. He received two EMS citations for reviving a newborn at the mall and a drowning victim. He also received a Mayors Medal for Dedication to Duty in the Fire Marshall’s office. Tom was an avid Notre Dame Fan and proud member of the Notre Dame Alumni Club of CNY. He was a coach with North Syracuse Little League for many years and was also a former V.P. of North Syracuse Little League Softball. Tom was a former school board member at St. Rose of Lima. He enjoyed fishing and watching his daughter play in travel softball games. Tom loved traveling and spending time with his family who will dearly miss him.

Tom is survived by his loving wife of 25 years, Laurie (Nappa) Erwin; his daughter, Danielle Erwin of Syracuse; his siblings, Dawn (Jack) Zingaro, Debbie (Thomas) Clark, Stephen (Debbie) Erwin, Barbara Erwin and Kim (Matt) Grenier; several nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins and close friends.

Tom’s family would like to express a special thank you to the Syracuse Fire Department for all their love and support. They also want to thank the staff of HOA at Brittonfield, especially Dr. Ben Himpler and Anne Roman, as well as the 4th floor and ICU at Crouse Hospital.



## Obituary

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A Funeral Mass in celebration of Tom's life will be held at 10:00 am on Wednesday, February 4, 2015 at St. Rose of Lima Church, North Syracuse. Burial will follow in Assumption Cemetery. Family and friends may call from 2:00 to 7:00 pm on Tuesday, February 3, 2015 at the THOMAS J. PIRRO JR. FUNERAL HOME, 3401 Vickery Rd. (corner of Buckley Rd.) North Syracuse.




## Events

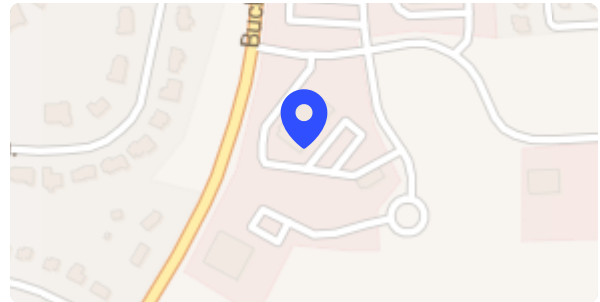
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### Visitation

 **Tuesday**, February 3, 2015


 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET


 **Thomas J. Pirro Jr. Funeral Home**  
3401 Vickery Rd, Syracuse NY 13212

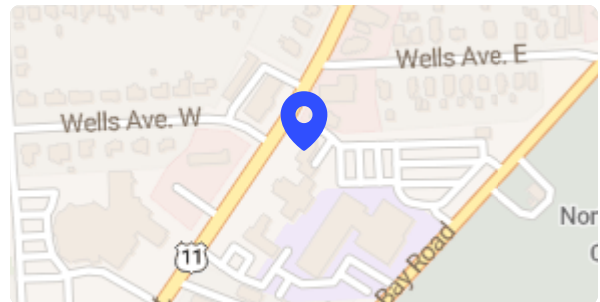


### Funeral Mass

 **Wednesday**, February 4, 2015


 10:00 AM ET


 **St. Rose of Lima Church**  
409 S. Main Street, North Syracuse NY 13212

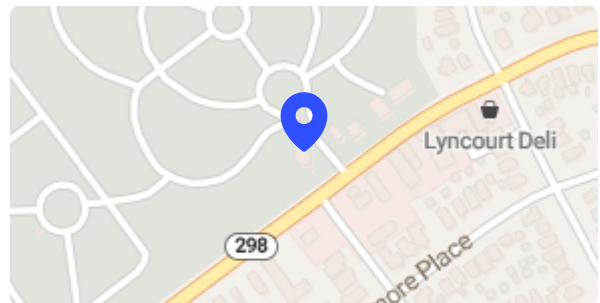


### Interment


 **Wednesday**, February 4, 2015

 11:30 AM ET

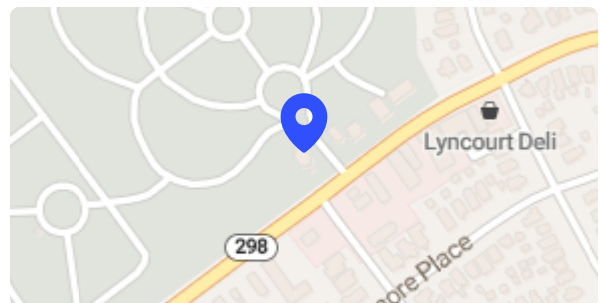
 **Assumption Cemetery**  
2401 Court Street, Syracuse NY 13208

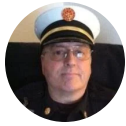


### Cemetery Details

 **Assumption Cemetery**  
2401 Court Street, Syracuse NY 13208

 **454-3841**





# Tribute Wall

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**Thomas J. Pirro Jr. Funeral Home** shared a **Tribute Video**.



February 3 at 9:13 AM



**Kristin Ireton** posted:

Mrs Erwin - my thoughts and prayers for you and your family during this time of loss. I remember when you would come in to spaghetti warehouse and I have missed you while I have been in Oklahoma. Time was a true blessing to everyone he had met. Kristin Ireton

February 6 at 1:33 PM



**Mark Bartowski** posted:

My thoughts and prayers go out to your family during this time of sorrow. May he rest in peace. Mark Bartowski(SFD Ret.)

February 6 at 5:42 AM



**Kitty** lit a candle in honor of Thomas .

To the Erwin Family-what you do for yourself ends when you pass away. What you do for others is your lasting legacy. I'm sure Tom has left you all a wonderful legacy. Hold him in your heart; much peace to you all. Kitty Fitch (I work with Barb)



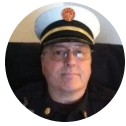
February 5 at 2:21 PM



**Jean Wituszynski** posted:

Dear Laurie & Danielle, So sorry to hear of the passing of your beloved Husband and Dad. My thoughts and prayers are with both of you. Jean Wituszynski (Debbie's friend from Clary)

February 4 at 7:15 AM



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JE

**James Ennis** lit a candle in honor of Thomas .

To the Family and Friends of Tom: We join in extending our sincere heartfelt sympathy to you and your family during this most difficult time. May happier memories help to sustain you and bring you comfort through this period of sorrow. Sandra Winkworth & Jim Ennis



February 4 at 4:00 AM

TS

**Tom Steinberg** posted:

Our sincere condolences to the Erwin family. Tom will be in our prayers and always remembered. The Steinberg family

February 3 at 3:05 PM

JY

**Jaime Young** posted:

My father shared a room with Tom at Crouse between Christmas and New Years this past year. They realized they knew each other from working games at the dome awhile back. The nurses joked that their room was the "party" room, as they both had many visitors and the nurses enjoyed talking with them both as well. In the few times I was up there, I was amazed by Tom's positive, upbeat attitude. He seemed like such a wonderful person to get to know. It was easy to see he truly appreciated life and felt thankful for each day. My sympathy is with the family during this difficult time.

February 3 at 2:28 PM

EF

**Ed Kurtz- Syracuse Fire** posted:

I had the honor of working with Tom for many years. His professionalism and dedication to safety were a shining example to all who knew and worked with him. Fire Prevention is not the job if you are looking for praise or accolades, but that never bothered Tom. He did his job for the community but also for the knowledge that he was protecting his brother and sister firefighters. Tom, we will never know how many of our lives you saved or how many of our families you protected from tragedy. The Syracuse Fire Department will always be in your debt. You are a hero in my book.

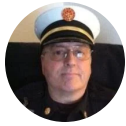
February 3 at 1:34 PM

GM

**Gina Maloney** posted:

Lori, Danielle, Kathi, and Mark, Your family remains in our thoughts and prayers. Gina Maloney

February 3 at 8:56 AM



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**Len Paradise** posted:  
RIP Chief, will be missed by all brothers.  
February 3 at 7:59 AM



**Keith Tupper** lit a candle in honor of Thomas .  
Dawn and Erwin Family; Our heart goes out to you and the entire family. Our sincere condolences and prayers. We are ever thankful for Thomas and his service to all.Sincerely;Lynn and Keith Tupper  
February 3 at 7:22 AM



**Malerie Teachout Campagnoni** posted:  
Erwin Family, I am so very sorry for your loss. Tom will be missed greatly. Malerie Teachout Campagnoni  
February 3 at 6:28 AM



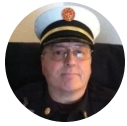
**Terryrainoquinn** lit a candle in honor of Thomas .  
Dawn and FamilyWe were so sorry to hear of your loss. Our prayers and thoughts are with you.Sincerely,Dick and Terry Quinn  
February 3 at 5:24 AM



**Anonymous** sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Erwin family.  
February 3 at 4:44 AM



**Le Moyne College** posted:  
Please accept the most heartfelt sympathies of Le Moyne College. We hope the love and memories that you will forever hold in your heart bring you peace and comfort during this difficult time. Le Moyne College, Office of Alumni and Parent ProgramsSyracuse, NY  
February 3 at 4:10 AM



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**Anonymous** sent a Serene Retreat to the Erwin family.



February 3 at 3:25 AM



**Rich Diamond** posted:

Laurie, My heart goes out to you and the entire Erwin family. I had walked through many SCSD fire inspections with Tom, and can say He was very dedicated to his job. The City of Syracuse lost a good Man.

February 3 at 1:42 AM



**Deb Krupa** posted:

Our prayers continue for Laurie and her family during these difficult days. Your Porter family has lost one of the good ones and our sincere sympathies are with you daily. Love Deb and Mike Krupa and family.

February 2 at 6:52 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Erwin family.



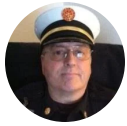
February 2 at 5:30 PM



**Tim Hall** posted:

Brother Erwin, we have had a lifetime of experiences in only 25 years with the greatest fire department. It's about the Men and Women that make us great. You are why we are the best. Your latest work, and how hard you did your job to keep our buildings and structures not only safe for the public, but for the Brother's and Sister's as well. We all noticed and it's never too late to say THANK YOU. Rest in Peace Chief

February 2 at 4:54 PM



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AC

**Alisa Clark** lit a candle in honor of Thomas .

Laurie, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your daughter during this difficult time. I miss sharing stories during our lunch breaks at Porter. God bless you and Danielle. Alisa Clark

February 2 at 4:38 PM



SH

**Stephanie O'neill Leverenz And Kym Harris** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Erwin family.

February 2 at 2:18 PM



SV

**Stephanie Vinch** posted:

Tom was my daughter's softball coach for yrs. He was always high spirited & we'll liked. Our thoughts & prayers are with you both & with your family. Take pride in knowing he will be well remembered!!!! Deeply sorry for the loss to your family, God has gained another Great man. Stephanie & Courtney

February 2 at 2:06 PM

MC

**Marianne Clare** posted:

Our heartfelt sympathies to Laurie and Danielle. Tom has found a special place in heaven with the angels! Ron & Marianne Clae

February 2 at 1:58 PM

DR

**David Reeves** lit a candle in honor of Thomas .

Godspeed, my friend. Thank you for your diligent, caring way of doing your job so well. We will all miss you.

February 2 at 1:42 PM

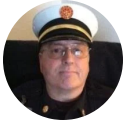


EH

**Eda H.** sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Erwin family.

February 2 at 10:42 AM





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**Eda H.** sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Erwin family.

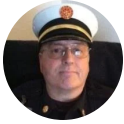
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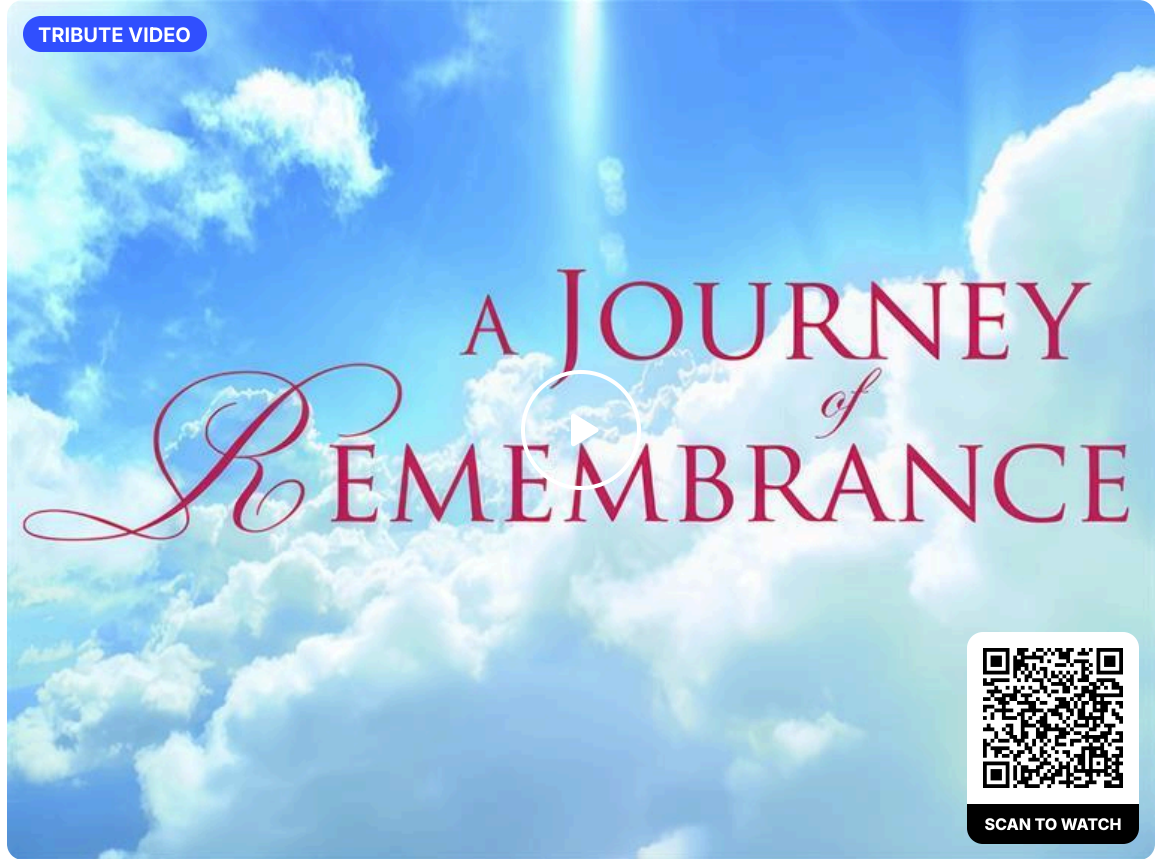
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# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Thomas by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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