



# Thomas V. Napolitano

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## **Thomas V. Napolitano**

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**T**homas V. Napolitano, 76, passed away peacefully on Friday surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Syracuse, son of the late Thelma (Poulsen) and Vincent Napolitano. Tom attended Manlius Military Academy and later went on to receive his bachelor's degree from the University at Buffalo. Tom was an excellent athlete excelling in football from North High School through his days at the Philadelphia Eagles Training Camp. He was the owner of Vintage Wood in Syracuse where he was very talented at restoring antique furniture. Tom enjoyed building motorcycles and listening to music, fishing, history, nature and meeting people and having conversations with his many friends. He was a lover of animals, rescuing many dogs over the years. Tom demonstrated his love for his family and friends by always showering them with gifts, cards and notes.

Tom is survived by his beloved daughters, Jessica VonGuinness and Catherine Napolitano; sisters, Cathy (Frank) Mucci and Beverly (John) Granone; nieces and nephews, Anthony Nappi, Jennifer (Christopher) Ignacio, Frank Mucci, Jr., Johnny Granone; great-niece, Novi Ignacio; his best friend and longtime companion, Pamela E. Pinto, and his dog, Eddie Spaghetti.

A calling hour will be held on Tuesday, August 24, 2021 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at Noon at St. John the Baptist / Holy Trinity Church, 406 Court Street in Syracuse. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Cemetery in Warners.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Tom's memory may be made to The Kia Foundation, Inc. (a pet thrift shop and pet food pantry), 2546 James Street, Syracuse, NY 13206.



# Events

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## Visitation

- Tuesday**, August 24, 2021
- 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM ET
- St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity Church**  
406 Court Street, Syracuse NY 13208



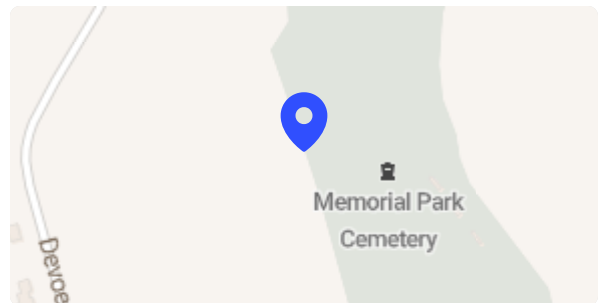
## Mass of Christian Burial

- Tuesday**, August 24, 2021
- 12:00 PM ET
- St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity Church**  
406 Court Street, Syracuse NY 13208



## Cemetery Details

- Greenlawn Cemetery**  
2932 Warners Road, Warners NY 13164





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PR

**Phil Ruffini** posted:

We spoke just a few short weeks ago, who knew that it would be for the last time. Thank You for your "famous" cards Tom, I will remember your love for life and all the fun you had living it. May God Bless you and may you enjoy Eternity as much as you did this life. R.I.P. my friend.

August 24 at 6:19 AM

JV

**Jessica Vonguinness** September 14 at 1:39 PM

Dear Phil, your words made me smile and cry at the same time. thank you for writing this about my dad. he was and always will be the most colorful part of my life. it makes me so happy he was just the same in yours. all my gratitude, jessica napolitano vonguinness

TC

**Terese Capucilli** posted:

So very sorry to hear of Tom's passing. Sending love to all of you, those I know personally and those I do not, to send support and prayers at this difficult time. A special embrace and extension of love to my dear friend Cathy Mucci. Sincere condolences to all of Tom's loved ones. Terese Capucilli (NYC)

August 22 at 1:53 PM

JV

**Jessica Vonguinness** September 14 at 1:41 PM

Dear Therese, thank you so much for your lovely words, grace and kindness. we miss our dad tom very much and it comforts us so much to have your wonderful support. all our love, jessica & the napolitano-mucci family



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**Robert Poulsen** posted:

To my cousins Cathy and Beverly, I saw the beginning of Bev's message and knew right away we had lost someone. Barb and I share in your sadness and we have prayed for you to receive God's comfort. I remember Tom from "snapshots" throughout life, from visits to Aunt Thelma & Uncle Vince's home, to weddings and anniversaries, to seeing him later in life, even when he stopped in at the NAPA store where I was working. Throughout it all we shared a love of cars and often times our talks would turn to his Lincoln and his Corvette. He built me a model of a Corvette and I didn't fully appreciate the meticulous care he took in it, the same care and artistry he put into furniture and motorcycles. I always thought he was a pretty cool guy and that is how he lives on in my memories. He is now in paradise, in the presence of the Lord and one day we will see him again. Robert Poulsen

August 21 at 7:12 PM



**Jessica Vonguinness** September 14 at 1:42 PM

Dear Robert, thank you so much for the vivid and wonderful memories of my dad Tom. you said it perfectly - the coolest guy ever- that brings a smile to me that warms my heart. it feels like dad is here again when i read this. thank you so much. jessica napolitano-vonguinness



**Robert Woollis** posted:

My sincere condolences to the family and friends of Tom. So many memories that started with our mutual love and ownership of Corvettes. Became great friends and he stood up as my best man when I got married. Travels all over the Northeast and more experiences than I could possibly count. He will be missed and I am honored to have been able to have spent time with him recently. Thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends. Bob Woollis

August 21 at 5:27 PM



**Jessica Vonguinness** September 14 at 1:44 PM

Dear Bob, thank you so much as well for sharing this here. my heart aches for my dad but reading your words like Robert's above truly make me feel like he is here again. All my love, jessica napolitano-vonguinness



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RV

**Robbie Wells / Las Vegas** lit a candle in honor of Thomas.

Beverly & Family, My sincere condolences go out to you all with the passing of Tom. Having known him since about 12 years old he was a good friend and a hell of an athlete. We played flag football together and man could he throw the ball. He was also a hell of a baseball pitcher and I remember him for sports. Tom and his big smile was always there when he met you and you would see him a lot of places. Rest In Peace Tom and may God Bless You & Your Family.



August 21 at 12:30 PM

JV

**Jessica Vonguinness** September 14 at 1:46 PM

Robbie, thank you so much for sharing this here. Today was a really hard day for me missing my dad and I came to this site and was overwhelmed to see the memories and love shared here. Your words make me feel close to him, like he is here with me, your specific memories would have made him beam with happiness and that's something I can never thank you enough for. All my love Jessica Napolitano VonGuinness

MT

**Mike Thornton** posted:

So sorry and sad to hear of Tom's passing. We would always share memories whenever he called me- Sandy Pond, old Fairmount and the family. We shared a lot of interests- model cars, custom cars, motorcycles and cool things in general. A gifted and talented person. See you again someday cousin.

August 21 at 12:24 PM

JV

**Jessica Vonguinness** September 14 at 1:48 PM

Dear Mike, thank you so much for writing this because it helped me through a tough day I was having missing my dad. The memories you have make me smile so much and I am so proud of him. We miss him profoundly, but this brings his warmth back to us when we need it the most. Thank you for these fun, happy, very true blue memories of my dad. He will always be the coolest guy around. All my love, jessica napolitano vonguinness



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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