



# Thomas C. Gile

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**T**homas C. Gile, age 52, of Lewes, DE passed away after a brief illness on Wednesday, July 15, 2015, at Bay Health Center-Kent, in Dover, DE. He was born Tuesday, May 21, 1963 at O'Connor Hospital in Delhi, NY, son of the late Edison H. and Olive M. "Petie" (Clark) Gile.

Tom graduated from the Delaware Academy in Delhi, NY. He spent some time at the corner of Hollywood & Vine pumping gas in his early years. He waited on many a table, served many drinks and dipped a lot of ice cream with Joe at Double Dippers in Rehoboth Beach, DE. Getting an ice cream delivery of his delicious ice cream sent North never seemed to happen, so we would visit him.

Tom loved music, he played tuba, piano, and also enjoyed playing hand bells. Tom always had a smile, an infectious laugh and enjoyed life to the fullest. He was loved by all and will be greatly missed by many.

Tom is survived by his mother, Olive; brother Dave (Sue Tucker); Sister Mary Schmitt (Paul); his partner of 18 years, Jocques LeClair; nieces, Michelle; Lisa; Emily (Ian); Ian; Maci (Jason) and Alex; Becky (Paul); Karrie (Thad); Aimee (Ken); Thomas, Jody (Christopher); 11 grandchildren and many cousins, aunts and uncles.

Tom's wishes were not to have a formal service. The family would like to extend their gratitude to friends, family, and staff at Bay Health Center-Kent who helped them get through this difficult time.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Presbyterian Church, Memorial Fund for Music, 4 Clinton Street, Delhi, NY 13753 in Tom's name.

Please sign Tom's online guestbook at this site.

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## Tribute Wall

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RC

**Renee Rabeler Coles** posted:

I've just learned of Tom's (and saw mention of his dad's) passing and I'm a bit shocked and VERY sorry. I lost touch with Tom after college, but I still treasure our friendship and feel he was taken far too soon. I'm finding it hard to believe he's gone. Just two months ago I thought of calling him for his birthday - I just had no idea. Mrs. Gile, thank you very much for allowing us to hang out so much, that your house was basically a second home to me. He introduced me to so much music, all of which I still enjoy 35 years later, and still think of him when I hear certain pieces. He was a great friend, piano player, dancer and in general, a fun, yet serious person. We had MANY hours of intense and good conversations. Our close friendship in middle school, HS and early college is something I will always appreciate. Thank you again for your open house, being trusting and allowing us to spend SO many hours together. I miss him.

July 20 at 5:44 AM

PB

**Peter & Jane Brown** posted:

Tom was more than a purveyor of fine ice cream. He was an ambassador to the Rehoboth arts community and a friend to all who entered Double Dippers. We will miss him greatly. Our sympathies to Joe, Jocques, and Toms family.

August 28 at 8:00 PM

JL

**Jane Liedtka** posted:

We will miss seeing his smile at double dipper in Rehoboth Beach.

July 30 at 8:00 PM

RS

**Ron Blakely & Jim Smith** posted:

Jacques and extended family...Have had houseguests, and we were catching up on our reading when we read the heartbreaking news of Tom's passing. Words do not come easily at a time like this. Please, just know that our heartfelt sympathy and condolences reach out to you all in this time of grieving. Tom was such a bright ray of sunshine in everybody's life that he touched! Although gone from us in the physical world, his light will never dim and will shine on those whose lives he touched during his all too brief time spent with us.

July 26 at 8:00 PM



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JG

**Jennifer Graff** posted:

Our deepest condolences on your loss. We visit Rehoboth Beach yearly and visit the ice cream shop nightly. It was always nice to catch up. Always a smile and hello for me and my daughters.

July 26 at 8:00 PM

KK

**Kim Kendall** posted:

"Tommy" as my son knew him, was such a delightful person and always took care of us with a smile and good cheer the many years we've been patrons of the Double Dipper. May he be at peace. He was a wonderful man.

July 26 at 8:00 PM

LL

**Linda Chaney And Irene Lawlor** posted:

We are so very sorry to learn of Tom's passing away. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family, especially his partner Jacques. May he RIP.

July 22 at 8:00 PM

TF

**The Pelham Family** posted:

We were so sorry to hear of Tom's passing. Our family came to know him at the Double Dipper shop in Rehoboth Beach and it was always a pleasure to stop in, catch up and have a treat. We send our condolences to all his family and friends.

July 21 at 8:00 PM

ME

**Maria Evans** posted:

I'm very sorry to hear of Tom's passing. He was a wonderful neighbor when we lived in Rehoboth and kind man.

July 21 at 8:00 PM



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LH

**Louisa And Steve Hollman** posted:

We knew Tom for many years in Rehoboth at Double Dippers. We loved seeing him at the door when we arrived and always had a good laugh with him. He nick-named my mother Hot Fudge Hannah and he would always yell that out at her when she arrived. We will miss him dearly and send his family our deepest condolences. Warm regards, Louisa and Steve Hollman Chevy Chase, Maryland

July 21 at 8:00 PM

JB

**John & Bette Braymer** posted:

When our family would vacation at Dewey Beach we would go to Tom's ice cream shop. Our sympathy to the family. The Braymers

July 20 at 8:00 PM

DS

**Dawn Schwartz** posted:

I am in disbelief at this moment that my friend Tom has passed, I can just hear him laugh now, he will never be forgotten, all the great times we had working together at the Seahorse, then having cocktails at his house on the lanai, RIP you sweet man.

July 20 at 8:00 PM

BK

**Barb And Kevin Kendall** posted:

Tom we will miss you so much. Rehoboth beach will not be the same without you and your double dipper ice cream. Elm street will always be a part of our memories and you. Taken too soon from your family and people that loved you. Rest in Peace my friend forever in our hearts.

July 20 at 8:00 PM

JR

**Jim And Antha Robbins** posted:

Tom will always remain special in so many of our hearts

July 19 at 8:00 PM



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TM

**Tina M. Moshier** posted:

I am so very sorry for your loss. I remember Tom from our High school days and I will always remember his infectious laugh. Again please allow me to extend my deepest condolences to the family. Tina

July 19 at 8:00 PM

JT

**Judith A. Celli & Lisa L. Tusick** posted:

Rest in peace, Tom. You will be missed.

July 19 at 8:00 PM

JR

**Janice Raitt** posted:

This world is a sadder place without Tom in it somewhere. To those who loved him, I share your loss.

July 19 at 8:00 PM

GR

**Greg & Lynda Race** posted:

So sorry to hear of Tom's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you

July 19 at 8:00 PM

SP

**Sharon Eckert Pawlak** posted:

I am so shocked to hear this news tonight. Please accept my deepest sympathy. Tom and I enjoyed many years together as friends in middle and high school at Delaware Academy. I have MANY fond memories of his kindness, his WONDERFUL smile and his GREAT laugh. He ALWAYS could make me smile and encouraged me to look at the bright side of life. We enjoyed playing piano and singing as well as song writing. His passion for playing was contagious and he inspired me to move forward in a music career. Tom actually went with me to Fredonia State School of Music and served as my pianist during my audition. I truly believe I was able to give that audition everything I had and get accepted because Tom was right there with me. RIP my friend! pray that all of you will feel the loving embrace of GOD as He holds you during this very difficult time. Respectfully, Sharon(Eckert) Pawlak

July 18 at 8:00 PM



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ER

**Elaine Reinhardt** posted:

Tom was one of my very favorite students. I have many fun , special memories of him. I have a special place in my heart for him. I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and many prayers are with all of you.

July 18 at 8:00 PM

JA

**Jacquelyn Allen** posted:

Tom will still remain in my occasional thoughts as he has in the past. God takes another good one! Goodbye, Tom.

July 18 at 8:00 PM

TG

**Thelma Bartell And Carole Gunter** posted:

Tom was loved by all who met him. He will be missed.

July 18 at 8:00 PM

MH

**Michelle(Truscott)Hebbard** posted:

I Can NOT imagine my High School days without Tommy. Hand bell duets at D.F. P., DA Chorus, turning the pages as he fluently and effortlessly accompanied the chorus: M."Where are we?" T. "I don't know!" Giggles turned to laughter turned to Merwin stopping the tune..back to the beginning! He was a Positive influence of Life, Love, Humor and that SO Infectious Laugh and Smile. Go Rest High on That Mountain, Dear Tommy.

July 18 at 8:00 PM

AB

**Allyson Lee Barton** posted:

Delhi was a better place growing up with Tommy and his infectious laugh. I think we laughed more than danced hanging out at Tommy's trying out that new "disco" thing. My heart goes out to Petie, Mary, Dave, and Jocques. Heaven retrieved a treasure.

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MA

**Missy And Rick Ackerly** posted:

Our heartfelt condolences for Tommy's loss. God chose to bring him home much too early, so he must have needed an angel for a very special purpose to take sweet Tom.

July 18 at 8:00 PM

KM

**Kelly Munyan** posted:

Joan Caggiano, Janet Munyan and myself express our deepest sympathies. Working across the street from him and Joe for so many years has truly made them friends. His smile will be missed!

July 18 at 8:00 PM

LW

**Leah Sparkman Waggoner** posted:

Tommy was a sweet, funny guy who used to bring me tootsie pops from the gas station. I will remember his smile and kind heart.

July 18 at 8:00 PM

SC

**Stan Constantine** posted:

Tom, We will miss you a Double Dippers. Rest in Peace my friend.

July 18 at 8:00 PM

LR

**Lori Rabeler** posted:

So sorry to read about Tom's passing. I will remember his smile and sense of humor. Peace to you.

July 18 at 8:00 PM

SF

**Sue Fortier** posted:

So very sad to hear, I have been praying for a recovery. It was not to be. Jacque, we are so sorry for your loss, may he RIP. THUGHTS and prayers are with you.

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SR

**Sylvia Reed** posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Sending love and hugs.

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KM

**Kathy(Flamensfeld) Mullinnex** posted:

We always had fun doing Miss Reed's musicals each year. He was lots of fun and made us laugh. So sorry for your loss. My deepest sympathy,Kathy (Flamensfeld) MUIlinnex

July 18 at 8:00 PM

AP

**April & Lee** posted:

TommyBoy - We will miss seeing you in the garden. Farewell friend.

July 18 at 8:00 PM

BR

**Billy Roberts** posted:

so sorry for your loss. now he is with his dad. all my best to all.

July 18 at 8:00 PM

LH

**Laurel Gracey (Hadden)** posted:

A sweet guy who always made me laugh. You will be missed.

July 17 at 8:00 PM

CG

**Carolee Vink (Georgia)** posted:

I am so very sad to hear of Tom's passing. He was always one of my favorite friends growing up. We lost touch over the years but I thought of him often. His smile, his laugh and his love of life still live on in the hearts of those who had the good fortune to spend time with Tom.

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LS

**Lisa ( Barton) Saltzer** posted:

My deepest sympathies. I will always remember his smile and his laughter.

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GW

**Gordon L Whitten** posted:

Your smile, humor & true friendship will always be remembered. It was my honor to have known you. To Petie, Mary & Dave, I send my condolences & sympathy during these difficult times. The world just lost a wonderful person.

July 17 at 8:00 PM

LO

**Lisa Whitten Osborn** posted:

My heart goes out to Petie, Mary and Dave and to his longtime partner Jocque. I was so sad learning of Tom's passing. He helped me through some difficult times years ago and I will always be thankful for his friendship. I can still hear that awesome laugh. Rest well, Dear Tommy.

July 17 at 8:00 PM

BK

**Bob Krapf** posted:

I was saddened by the news of Tom's death. It is my hope that he is in a better place now.

July 17 at 8:00 PM

MB

**Maureen Browne** posted:

We are deeply saddened to hear this news of Tom's passing. Only know him from Double Dippers and will surely miss seeing his smiling face when we visit this year. Our thoughts and prayers to Tom's partner Jacques and his family. Maureen and Jack Browne

July 17 at 8:00 PM

CH

**Chris & Chris Boyd, Taylor, & Hailey** posted:

Tom was a wonderful man, often found by the sound of his laugh before the sight of his smile. We will never forget him as an essential part of a very special place in our lives.

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JR

**Janette Hebbard Reed** posted:

Sending hugs and love to my cousin Tom's family and friends. I haven't seen Tom in many years but remember well his big smile. Just visited his Mom and family a few weeks ago, family is so important. Will keep them in my prayers.

July 17 at 8:00 PM

RM

**Renee & Art Maxwell** posted:

So sorry to hear of Tom's passing. Prayers for Petie, Mary and Dave. He made beautiful music with those handbells!

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AM

**Andy Martin** posted:

So sorry to hear about this. Tom had an infectious smile and was always glad to see us at the beach.

July 17 at 8:00 PM

BK

**Becky Keenan** posted:

Sweet dreams and Angels

July 17 at 8:00 PM

MA

**Marilyn** posted:

I am shocked and saddened to read of Tom passing. I am so very sorry. Prayers are with you all.

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JU

**June** posted:

Prayers and thoughts with you during this difficult time.

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**Dirk Baxter** posted:

RIP Tom

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