



# Thomas C. Schlemmer

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**T**homas C. Schlemmer age 77 of Milton, DE passed away peacefully at home with his wife by his side, on Friday, December 18, 2020. He was born on July 28, 1943 in Honolulu, HI, son of the late Pinkham L. and Ethelwyn (Lincoln) Schlemmer.

Mr. Schlemmer was born and raised in Hawaii. He was a proud veteran, having honorably served in the U.S. Navy during Vietnam War. After his service, he built a lifelong career as an automobile mechanic with Fort Lee Borough, NJ.

Mr. Schlemmer belonged to the Grumpy Old Men's Computer Club and had many interests and hobbies, including his love for race cars and rock and roll music. Above all, he cherished time with those he held most dear. He was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, and friend who will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Mr. Schlemmer is survived by his beloved wife, Dorothy (Gibilaro) Schlemmer of Milton, DE; his grateful children: son Robert Schlemmer of Portsmouth, NH, and his daughter Erica Gentiluomo of Bergenfield, NJ; his grandchildren: Michael Schlemmer, Jonathan Schlemmer, Jeremy Schlemmer, and Amanda Schlemmer all of Portsmouth, NH; Vincent Gentiluomo, Thomas Gentiluomo, and Gabriel Gentiluomo, all of Bergenfield, NJ; his sister, Diane Dalgaard, of Quarryville, PA; 2 nieces, 1 nephew, and 4 great nephews.

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, all services will be private. A live stream for the private family services for Mr. Schlemmer may be viewed on Tuesday, December 29, 2020 at 11 A.M. at the following electronic address: <https://webcasts.lifetributes.com/1109125>

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Mr. Schlemmer's memory to the American Cancer Society, New Castle, DE, 92 Reads Way #205, New Castle, DE, 19720 or Delaware Hospice, 100 Patriots Way, Milford, DE, 19963.



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Please visit Mr. Schlemmer's Life Memorial Webpage and sign his online guest book at [www.parsellfuneralhomes.com](http://www.parsellfuneralhomes.com)



## Tribute Wall

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AH

**Anthony And Tracy Harris** posted:

In your memory Tom, One day as I was vacuuming your room, I found a 25' tape measure, I returned it to you, before I left and you insisted I have it, as you no longer would need it. I hesitated and then received your gift with thanks. Tom Like myself had and have a few 25' tape measures in a few tool boxes. But this tape measure made me think.. How do you measure a man? I will miss Tom. He and I did have a lot of conversations about the days he was a machinic, politics, and other things. And Yes he could become quite passionate at times. However, he showed the kind of person he was. He stood tall among his peers; He had friends, he was committed to his family, I've been told of the strong life long bond he shared with his cousins. I've read, to have a friend, one must be a friend. I've come to know that the ultimate friend is Jesus Christ; what a friend we have in Him. However, a wife to bare your children and support you in sickness and in health, now, that's a sign of genuine friendship. How does Tom measure up? He looks pretty tall to me. " I hesitated, and then received his gift with thanks", much like when I received God's free gift, Jesus Christ. I thought I didn't deserve Him, the Gift, however it is said all men have been given the "measure of faith", and it doesn't matter if you use 1" or 25', you have been given enough faith to move mountains. I am inspired by Tom, to exercise the measure of faith I have been given in the days to come, to overcome every battle, I will measure out my faith to those I love, and those who will listen, because I want to measure up. Don't morn to long, Tom is at rest, you see it has been appointed for all men to die once, then the judgment. He waits in the company of ones before him, Kings, & Queens, Princes, and Princess, Knights and Knobbles, so take Heart! We will miss you Tom, Max Harris

January 3 at 10:48 AM

BL

**B Lehua Lincoln** posted:

Aloha Tommy, I have many precious times i will treasure and how you were always so kind, loving and down right funny at times. I have memories of you living in Kona, working for Booth Shell Service Station and you were always doing something with cars. Your easy laugh, and oh how we love those lemons in the gallon jar that Nana made at your Koko Head house. You were just fun to be with. And yes, i too, am glad i got to see you and Dottie in Maryland and have a wonderful dinner. I shall treasure your "matter of fact purse with those lips of yours my cousin, Only Tommy Boy could do, and made it look good. Your visit to Kona for one of the Lincoln cousin reunion and having a ball at Quinn's bar with rest of the cousins, oh how wonderful we got to share those fun times. Thank you for your loving self Tommy, I love you Tommy, i send my love and aloha to a sweet man, my cousin. Until we meet again.....Aloha Oe.Your cousin, Bernadette "Lehua" Lincoln. Kona, Hawaii.

December 29 at 5:14 PM



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HM

**Henry And Nancy Mahi** posted:

Aloha, Tommy Boy and your lovely 'ohana. As my older cousin growing up and living close to each other I looked up to you in many ways. I have so many good memories as a small kid with brother Donnie Boy, me (Bully boy), and you. Growing up in Koko Head and visiting nana, grampa and the Schlemmers was always good fun times. Loved feeding the pigs grampa raised, and watching our dads and uncles slaughter, clean, and kalua those buggahs for the Holy Trinity lu'au. Playing tackle football at our house down Lunalilo Home Road, and you, busting up Donnie boy and me is a memory I'll cherish. The fun times playing around Lunalilo Home, with all the peacocks and Hayden mango trees, and running away from Donny Boy was another good memory. As we grew into adults we went our separate ways and established our own 'ohana. But, today, as I write this, the past comes alive. You have a wonderful 'ohana and your legacy will live on through them. May Ke Akua bless your 'ohana and give them strength during this difficult time. Rest in peace, cuz, and let perpetual light shine upon you. Much love and aloha. A hui hou, The 'Ohana Mahi (Henry and Nancy)

December 29 at 12:59 PM

JB

**Jacqueline Barney** posted:

Tommy, I believe our "true value in life" is the people in it. For us ... You are one of them! Know we cherish the times with you and Dottie, both here in Hawaii and the times visiting in Milton. You would bring back our childhood memories and make them alive again; especially the family members that have gone before you. With laughter and love, we would talk about our Parents, Grandparents, Uncles, Aunties and the days at Koko Head, Waimanalo, Kona and your GTO. On one of your visits here with Dottie, we drove around Honolulu and stopped in Chinatown. You made my heart smile as you reflected back to your weekly visit to the "Chinatown Market" with Grandpa and your Dad. Your eyes shined and smiled as you looked around (hands on your hips) while sharing your memories. Thank you for being you and what you have shared with us. Fondlest Aloha Dear Cousin ... Ralph and Jackie

December 29 at 8:48 AM

DG

**Doreen Gilmartin** January 2 at 10:10 AM

I've known Thomas Schlemmer his wife Dorothy children Robert and Erica and even their children my whole life - I'm 62 now Thomas has entertained our children in their pool and has been very good to them and us Tom has been very helpful at our barbecues lending a helpful hand. We've enjoyed fun conversations with him. If there was ever a serious or sad moment Tom was sure to brighten that time by finding a funny side of it. Memories of Tom will always be remembered and cherished Doreen Gilmartin



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JO

**Joe** posted:

Tom You will be missed. The Grumpy Old Men will not be the same without your wit, stories and how to fix a car... You were a good friend who loved getting together with us all. Rest in Peace Tom

December 27 at 9:55 AM

EE

**Eckert Erb** lit a candle in honor of Thomas.



December 26 at 7:35 AM

EE

**Eckert Erb** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Tom was a great friend, husband and father and will be deeply missed by all. We are left with the memories of the love he shared for music, cars, entertaining friends and of course his deep love for his family. As a member of the Grumpy Old Men's Computer Club he enjoyed lively conversations with the other "Grumps" during their neighborhood meetings. We always enjoyed Tom's "wise words" on any topic. Our love and support to Dorothy, his children and family.



December 26 at 7:34 AM

SR

**Stacy And Ken Robinson** posted:

There's no words that can express our sorrow for you and the family. He was a great friend and we loved to hear his stories. And everyone that knew Tommy, there were a lot of them. We are going to miss him so much, going to Orlando, fixing our light switches, and installing a fan in Daytona, visiting Delaware, and so much more. Sharing our love for spareribs, Heritage Dinner I can go on and on. May he rest in peace and his memory be eternal. With much love Ken and Stacy.

December 24 at 11:12 AM

SG

**Sauhad Lahdo-Greff** posted:

My deepest sympathies to you and your family Erica. May your dad's memory be a blessing. Sending love and prayers. Sauhad LAHDO- Greff

December 22 at 5:41 PM



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BM

**Bruno, Rose & Matteo** lit a candle in honor of Thomas.

You will be missed Tom 🙏

December 22 at 4:56 PM



BR

**Bruno, Rose And Matteo Ravagnan** lit a candle in honor of Thomas.

Our deepest sympathy Dorothy, Robert and Erica. Tom was a sweetheart it was always nice to see him with the family he would tell us some good stories. During the holidays playing bingo getting a kick out of how he would react if someone else would win. You will be missed Tom 🙏

December 22 at 4:52 PM





**Eckert Erb** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

December 26 at 7:34 AM



Tom helping Eck with his Isetta micro-car.



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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