



Thomas John Evans

August 5, 1944 - January 19, 2021

Thomas John Evans, 76, of Lewes DE, passed away peacefully in his home with his wife and children by his side on Tuesday, January 19, 2021. He was born on August 5, 1944 in Scranton, PA, son of the late Thomas and Charlotte (Morris) Evans.

Tom was raised in Old Forge and attended Taylor High School. Always an athlete, he competed in various sports, but was a standout player in football. Tom attended Bloomsburg University where he met his wife, Linda and graduated with a BS degree in education. They married in 1967 and began their life together in the suburbs of Philadelphia. After the birth of their children, they settled in Phoenixville, PA where they raised their family. Though he loved teaching, after a few years, Tom changed jobs and began his career in the entertainment industry with General Cinema. Creating a stable home for his family was very important to him. When his office moved to New York City, Tom chose to commute 4 hours a day rather than move his family from the home they loved. When Brian and Courtney graduated from high school and moved on to college, he was transferred to Boston where he became Vice President of Distribution for the East Coast. When General Cinema was acquired by AMC, Tom was offered the opportunity to retire at the young age of 57. Linda joined him in retirement shortly after and in 2002, they moved back to PA where they could be close to their children and grandchildren. Though they loved being near their family, they knew Elverson was not their final home. They found the lifestyle, community, and friendships they were looking for in Lewes, DE where they have enjoyed the last 7 years together.

Tom enjoyed creating opportunities to bring people, friends, and especially his family together. Whether it was a making a baseball field in the backyard for his kids, vacations with family and friends, playing cards, playing golf, cocktails on the deck, and especially cooking and entertaining with Linda. It was all about the time spent, the conversations, the sharing, the laughter, making connections, and making memories that were important to him. Tom's life will be celebrated and his lessons remembered and carried on by all who knew and loved him.

Tom is survived by his wife of 53 years, Linda Beattie Evans; his children: Brian Evans (Tracy) and Courtney Ventrella (Brian); his grandchildren: Katelyn, Hannah, and Jonathan Evans and Megan and Kira Ventrella; and his sister, Sandra Mulligan.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, there will be no services.

In lieu of flowers, contributions to Delaware Hospice, 100 Patriots Way, Milford, DE 19963, or www.delawarehospice.org, would be greatly appreciated, as this organization has made this difficult time much easier for the family.

Please sign the online guestbook located on the tribute page.

Comments



“ We will miss you, my friend,
Your handsome face and sense of humor,
Your intellect and kind heart.

We will miss you, my friend,
And we will not forget.

Sally and John Kosherzenko

Sally Kosherzenko - January 31 at 02:36 PM



“ Dear Linda, Brian and Courtney— we were so sorry to hear about Tom. We both worked with him at General Cinema, me in the film office, my husband Andy as a manager at Framingham, and absolutely loved Tom. He was kind, funny, a very fair boss and incredibly generous. We were actually just talking about him last week; he was such a gentle guy but could dish it out with the NY studio distribution guys better than anyone. We have a lot of great memories- I remember he struggled bringing his lunch to work from home because he'd eat the sandwich before 10am! Wishing you comfort and peace during this hard time. Much love, Maggie and Andy Haslam

Maggie Haslam - January 30 at 11:39 AM



“ There was nobody like my Uncle Tom. He and Linda as a pair always found the fun of every moment and Brian and Courtney now carry that torch in their lives. Honestly I didn't know it was possible for a family to have this much fun on a continual basis.

Tom's dry sense of humor was always present when you were with him and he brought such a grounded care and love for everyone he interacted with. I am so blessed have many moments with the Evans' family but the memories that keep arising for me is our families yearly vacations at the beach. Tom creating dishes he had only tasted in restaurants after a day at the beach with such curiosity and fearlessness (clams casino comes to mind). Exploring the sandbars in Lewis while searching for conch shells, hanging with him fishing as he caught a baby shark (and threw it back of course), and none of us can forget renting a pontoon boat to go crabbing by dangling chicken necks hanging from strings into the bay. He taught me that adventure was always there if you just chose it!

I am so grateful to have had his presence threaded throughout my life and will carry his sense of fun and kindness in my heart.

Love and light,

Suzanne



Suzanne Abbott - January 28 at 05:09 PM



“ Our hearts are with you Linda, Courtney and Brian. We are so blessed to have called Tom our friend. What beautiful memories we have to treasure of fun in the sun at the pool, ringing in the New Year and of course our weekly pony tail gatherings. You are safely home and will always be remembered with much love and affection.

Love & Blessings,

Linda & Jim

Linda Taylor - January 25 at 04:32 PM



“ With Tom’s passing the GCT alumni lost a truly nice person. Whenever our paths would cross whether at a manager meeting or in the home office he always had a quick smile and time for a conversation. My sincerest condolences to you all.
Phil Dincecco

Philip Dincecco - January 24 at 09:27 AM



“ Dear Linda,
Words are difficult at this time to describe our relationship of over 55 years with you and Tom, but fun and laughter pretty much covers it. I suppose it really began with our attending a game and having dinner at the Stone Castle “restaurant” where Patsy didn’t care for the menu. When I last spoke with Tom a few weeks ago, we laughed recalling our removal by security from The Allentown Fair for “acting up”. In between, the unforgettable moments: Bennett’s, the Husky Lounge, celebrating the births of our children, The Blue Bell, Foxwoods, The Borgata, The Bally Hotel, snow tubing and the many dinners we shared. It was the best of times being with you and Tom. It was the worst of times when he became ill. Our hearts ache for you, Brian and Courtney.
Love,
Patsy and Ron Lobus

Ron Lobus - January 23 at 03:32 PM



“ Linda, Brian and Courtney- I always loved the times when our families got together, whether it was playing outside in your backyard or having fun at the beach in Ocean City. Tom had a great sense of humor and was so much fun to be around. He will surely be missed.
Emma Bascom

Emma Bascom - January 23 at 12:25 PM



“ Dear Linda, Brian and Courtney, We have so many wonderful memories of our families growing up together over 50 years! From times spent together in West Chester, Coatesville, Metuchen, Oxford and Lewis....not to mention vacations at the shore as well! We will miss Tom and our hearts ache for your loss. He was such a special guy. With lots of love, Jan and Pres

Janet and Preston Bascom - January 23 at 09:18 AM



“ Dear Linda & Family, My heart aches for all of you! We were so sorry to hear this news. We have so many fond memories of so many years ago..our first homes being neighbors. Linda, you and Tom introduced us as to what great neighbors truly are...dinner together, vacations, and our kids playing together! It was a great time for our kids in their early years. I remember like it was yesterday that I was making deviled eggs for a cook out and your Tom couldn't wait till I put them out, he had to have one! May God be with you all. Much Love, Tom & Darlene Flood

Darlene Flood - January 23 at 07:52 AM



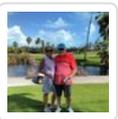
“ Linda and family, I don't have adequate words to express my sorrow with Tom's passing. We had been keeping in contact via email the past few years about our 'travels'...so this news was so shocking to me. He was the best boss and mentor I ever could have been blessed with. A great teacher and friend. Bob and I send our heartfelt condolences and will keep you and the entire Evans family in our prayers. Elaine and Bob Purdy

Elaine Purdy - January 23 at 07:02 AM



“ Linda and family, deb and I recall the early days at the pool. Tom loved going there and socializing with everyone. He was a sweet guy, fun to be around and is already missed. Godspeed to you and your family. Sherry and Deb

Sherry Berman - January 22 at 07:32 PM



“ Linda and Family,
Our sincerest condolences to you all. Tom's love for his family and friends was contagious. We will miss our cocktail hours, dinners, golf, laughs and late nights on our decks. You will be missed by us and many others. Your pain is gone and now a beautiful angel.

Love,
Kelly and Doug Barber

Kelly O'Neill Barber - January 22 at 06:17 PM



“ Linda and Tom's family: The years have gone by, but my memories of working with Tom are bright. He was a caring man, respectful of his subordinates, loyal to GCC. He was an example of what is right, moral, and compassionate. The GCC family is less with his passing, but we are better for having Tom in our lives. Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this difficult time.
Paul DelRossi

Paul DelRossi - January 22 at 06:14 PM



“ Tom, your "impish" laughter and warm-hearted generosity of your time and talents are just a few of the memories we will forever hold in our hearts.
Walt and Donna



Donna & Walt Pinkas - January 22 at 05:53 PM



“ One of my fondest memories was when I was younger and our family spent the holiday with Aunt Linda and Uncle Tom. I had received a game from my parents that needed batteries. He drove me all over town trying to find a store that was open so we could get batteries for my New electronics. Well, that was when all stores closed for holidays and we weren't successful but we laughed the whole way.... rest well Uncle Tom. Love Ginger

Ginger (Mulligan) Cummins - January 22 at 05:43 PM



“ I have many wonderful memories of Tom and Linda. We had a great time bike riding in Marlboro in our quest for donuts! Bloomsburg reunions were always great fun and filled with laughter. Tom will be missed!
Pete DuBois

Pete DuBois - January 22 at 04:54 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Greg Kordal - January 22 at 04:19 PM



“ To Linda, Brian, Courtney and all the family,
May his memory be a blessing. We were fortunate to have shared many special moments with Tom during the past seven years. How lucky we were to be his friend. He always made sure your plate was full and your glass was never empty. I will miss our happy hour times - oysters, wings and a cool pint. The golf outings, river cruises, playing cards (we always beat the girls!!) and just hanging out were the best. We will miss you dear friend. Thankfully the pain is now gone - you are in our prayers.
Peace.
Greg and Terri Kordal

Greg Kordal - January 22 at 03:55 PM