



Thomas C. Keveney

October 27, 1963 - April 6, 2020

Thomas Keveney, 56, a lifelong resident of North Haven, died Monday, April 6, 2020, at home after a brave, six-year battle against cancer. Tom, born Oct. 27, 1963, at St. Raphael's Hospital in New Haven, was the son of the late Carolyn (Olive) Keveney and William J. Keveney. He is survived by his brothers, William Keveney III of Beverly Hills, Calif., and Peter Keveney of North Haven, his sister, Katherine Keveney of North Haven, and his nieces, Carolyn Keveney and Kristen Keveney. He will be dearly missed.

Tom, who attended St. Rita School in Hamden and Notre Dame High School in West Haven, took pride in his long career in landscaping, including many years mowing lawns, planting gardens and, in the winter, driving a snow plow for Spring Glen Landscapers. He developed strong bonds with his clients, who liked his work and his personality. Tom also found great satisfaction working at Home Depot in East Haven, where his main goal was helping customers find just what they needed for home-improvement needs, especially when it came to the lawn-and - garden section, his area of expertise. He often worked a late shift there after his daytime landscaping duties, pitching in wherever necessary, learning about new products and never complaining about the long, two-job days. His colleagues appreciated his dedication and reliability. Tom's love for the outdoors extended to his passion for fishing, whether on rivers, lakes or Long Island Sound. After a long day at work, he would often unwind with a quick fishing outing at the nearby Mill River.

Tom was a voracious reader, devouring newspapers and wearing out his library card as he enjoyed the works of Tom Clancy, James Patterson, Sue Grafton and other authors. He liked cop shows and legal procedurals, too, especially "Law & Order." He also was a big fan of the Boston Red Sox and the late, lamented Hartford Whalers. He was at Fenway Park for Game 4 of the 2004 American League Championship Series, witnessing Dave Roberts' historic steal and Big Papi's series-changing home run, and, on a bittersweet note, he saw the last goal the Whalers scored at the Hartford Civic Center.

Tom also loved animals, especially dogs. As both a child and adult, he enjoyed the companionship of a pet beagle.

Tom faced his illness with admirable determination, never giving up despite pain, setbacks and the somber realization four years ago that he would never be cancer-free. His great sense of humor helped him in difficult times and gave comfort to those who were

concerned about him. Even while he was receiving chemotherapy, radiation and other treatments, he worked whenever he could.

He appreciated the professional expertise and personal support of his lead oncologist, Dr. Anne Chiang, and her colleagues at Smilow Cancer Hospital at Yale New Haven. Tom's courage in dealing with a life-threatening illness was an inspiration to his family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Tom's memory can be made to Smilow Cancer Hospital (Thoracic Oncology Program Fund), YNHH Development, P.O. Box 1849, New Haven, CT 06508 (online gifts: www.givetoynhh.org) or to the Friends of the New Haven Animal Shelter, P.O. Box 9056 Brewery St., New Haven, CT 06532. To leave a message of condolence please see www.siskbrothers.com. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Saturday, Oct. 31st at 10:30 am in Divine Mercy Parish, St. Rita Church, 1620 Whitney Ave., Hamden. Burial will follow in St Bernard Cemetery, New Haven. Calling hours at Sisk Brothers Funeral Home, 3105 Whitney Ave., Hamden will be Saturday morning, prior to the Mass from 8:30-10:00

Cemetery Details

St. Bernard

520 Columbus Ave.
New Haven, CT

Previous Events

Calling hours

OCT 31. 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Sisk Brothers Funeral Home
3105 Whitney Ave.
Hamden, CT 06518
(203) 288-7114
siskfuneral@sbcglobal.net

Funeral service

OCT 31. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Rita Church
1620 Whitney Ave.
Hamden, CT

Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas C. Keveney.*



October 28, 2020 at 09:18 PM

LD

“ *Linda Krueger & Jim DuBrava purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Thomas C. Keveney.*



Linda Krueger & Jim DuBrava - October 24, 2020 at 02:18 PM

BG

“ *To the Keveney Family, from our hearts to yours, please accept our prayers for the peaceful repose of your brother Tom. We did not know him personally and we are friends of Bill's in California. But we enjoyed reading your memories of him here and what shines in these words is the kindness and gentleness of your brother's character. Again, we are truly sorry for your family's loss and wish you peace and tranquility in time.*

Brenda and Kevin Glavin - May 09, 2020 at 06:29 PM



Thank you, Brenda. Thank you, Kevin. Your friendship and words of support help more than you can know. - Bill Keveney

Bill Keveney - May 11, 2020 at 01:28 PM

FB

Bill, I am so sad to hear of the loss of your son. You have forgotten me I'm sure. It has been over 50 years that my children who are now 54, 55, 56 were Mrs. Olives God Children. Every time I travel though Skiff St I smile when I see the the blue house and remember Mrs. Olive and the boys coming out to greet us. Sounds like Tom had a beautiful life and he will always be remembered.

Frances Branch-Walker - May 18, 2020 at 07:49 AM



Thank you for your kind words, Mrs. Branch-Walker. We miss Tom greatly but support from friends like you really help. I remember my grandmother being godmother to your children and of attending their Baptisms. Tom, Pete and I were the boys who came out to greet you when you visited our grandmother's house. That's a very sweet memory. Thank you for sharing it. I hope you and your family are well.

Bill Keveney - June 05, 2020 at 01:04 PM

JG

“ I can remember the first time I met Tom, I was 25 or 26 and Tom was 8 or 9 years old. Whenever I was out in the yard Tom would walk down the street to talk with me. Tom would talk, and talk, and talk. He was such a friendly, inquisitive little boy. I had a motorcycle then and he would call me Mr Motorcycle man. Another time years later I remember one evening Carol and I, on our walk passed the house, Katie and Tom were on the front porch. I greeted Tom, Tom is that you? His instant reply was "NO it is George Washington!!" We have been friends for 50 years because of a sweet friendly little boy. Love to Tom, Katie, Peter, and Bill, Friends forever Jim Grillo

James Grillo - April 15, 2020 at 05:35 PM



Jim, thank you for sharing stories from a beautiful friendship. I love the Mr. Motorcycle man and George Washington anecdotes. That's Tom! Tom would talk about you all the time, starting when he was a boy and going on for the rest of his life. He looked up to you and treasured your friendship. I'm so glad you were there for Tom all these years. - Bill

Bill Keveney - May 11, 2020 at 01:33 PM

CO

“ Kate I was so sorry to learn of your brothers passing. May you be comforted in the coming days by the memories you have and hold dear to you. My prayers are with you and your family.

Corinne - April 15, 2020 at 05:07 PM

JG

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Jim Grillo - April 15, 2020 at 05:03 PM

MC

“*Kate, My sincere condolences to you and your family. I wish you peace in the days to come and hope you find comfort in the memories you shared with Tom. Sincerely, Megan Collard*

megan collard - April 13, 2020 at 11:25 AM

TC

“*We will miss Tommy so much. Tommy took care of our lawn for many years and took great pride in what he did for us. I would always come out of the house and talk with Tommy for a few minutes, and he was like an old friend. A great guy. We knew he was battling cancer, but he was a strong guy, always on the job. This will be a sad time without you. RIP.*

tom chelstowski - April 12, 2020 at 11:41 PM



Thanks, Tom. Your kind words are very comforting. Tom took great pride in his work. He wanted to do the best he could for his customers. He liked them as people, too, considering them friends. I was amazed at how hard he worked while battling cancer. I think that dedication helped him in many ways during a difficult time. - Bill (Tom's brother)

Bill Keveney - May 11, 2020 at 01:36 PM