



Thomas G. Sears

June 21, 1948 - December 2, 2021

Thomas G sears (73) of Sarasota passed away with his family by his side. He was born in Cambridge Mass to the late George and Beatrice (Carvalho) Sears. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his daughter Lisa M Sears.

Tom served in the US Navy. He then began a long career in law enforcement joining the Billerica Police department from 1970 to 1981. Moved to Sarasota and served with the Sarasota Sheriff's department from 1982 to 2002, retiring as a captain.

Tom graduated from Anna Maria College with a Masters degree in criminal justice, University of Lowell with a Bachelor of Science degree and Lowell Technological Institute with an associate degree in technology.

Tom was an ordained minister after retirement and volunteered at the Salvation Army outreach program and Red Cross disaster relief. He loved restoring cars and spending time with family.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife Helen of 53 years; daughters Michelle Urick and Nicole Sears; sisters Jeanne Sousa (husband Joe); Janet Meaney (husband David) of North Port, Florida; cherished grandchildren Chelsea Sears-Coons, Ashleigh Urick and Joey Sears Jurgielewicz; also many nephews and nieces.

There will be a service with military honors at Sarasota National Cemetery on Friday, December 10, 2021 at 2:00 pm. Memorial contributions may be left for Tidewell Hospice or the Salvation Army. Memories and condolences may be left online at www.MFHcares.com.

Cemetery Details

Sarasota National Cemetery

9810 State Road 72
Sarasota, FL 34241

Previous Events

Graveside Service with Military Honors

DEC 10. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

“ Remembering My Cousin Tommy

Let me start with East Cambridge where both our families lived as well as our Grandparents, VoVo, VaVo, other Aunts, Uncles and cousins. There were many family gatherings for birthdays and holidays. My Uncle George, Tommy's dad, always had his camera in hand with him. Being the oldest two, Tommy and I were always together. As the family grew the visits were still the same.

The Sears eventually moved to Billerica and my family to Lexington. The visits continued and Tommy and I were always together. One funny story was at age 14/15 We decided to apply for a job together at a Nursery in Wilmington. We walked from Baldwin Road. On our way, there was a fire in Wilmington. Evidently we looked suspicious because we were talking very loud and laughing a lot. YUP, we got picked up by the Police wanting to know why we set the fire. After having us in separate rooms they quickly realized we had nothing to do with it so they finally let us go. NOPE, our parents were never called.

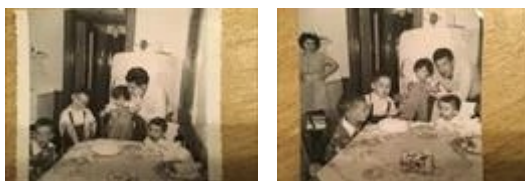
Tommy got his licenses first and had his own car. Our visits to where our roots began continued with visiting family. First stop was VoVo and VaVo's. Tommy and I had made a pack not to take any money from VaVo but we lost every time when she would put on that sad face. So a \$1.00 it was. VaVo would utter a few words in Portuguese that only Tommy understood, he spoke the language well.

As time went on schooling, jobs and the Military cut into our time together but we still kept in contact. Tommy helped me finish my cellar with his carpentry skills and like his father he could do it all, carpentry, plumbing, electric and automotive.

After Tommy's move to Florida and the passing of my Uncle George I wish we had kept in contact more. The last time I spoke to Tommy was in 2012 when my dad Charlie passed. I remember him telling me my father was the reason why he got into Law Enforcement. We also reminisced about the good old days. Lots of wonderful heart warming memories.

💙 🙏 May you Rest In Peace Tommy 🙏 💙

The 2 pictures are of Tommy's 3rd birthday party. I'm to the right sitting in the chair.



LH

“ To Helen and Family,
I'm sorry about the passing of Tom. May God comfort you and bring you peace.
With love Louise from Rossiter's. I'm now in N.C. retired.

Louise Hebert-Bray - December 09, 2021 at 01:22 PM

Lee
Ann
McCarthy

“ Helen, Michelle and Nicole, words cannot express how sorry I am at Tom's passing He will be missed by so many. So many great memories of all the fun we had, I wouldn't know where to start. Sending all my love and big hugs to you and the kids.

Lee Ann McCarthy - December 06, 2021 at 04:51 PM

GM

“ IT WAS MY HONOR TO WORK WITH TOM DURING HIS TENURE WITH THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE. HE WAS A GOOD COP, A VALUED MEMBER OF OUR STAFF AND AN ASSET TO THE AGENCY IN HIS SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF SARASOTA COUNTY.
MAY GOD BLESS HELEN AND FAMILY DURING THIS TIME OF LOSS.

GEOFF MONGE

GEOFF MONGE - December 06, 2021 at 02:05 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas G. Sears.



December 06, 2021 at 01:41 PM

BD

“ My condolences to the family and friends of Tom. Although I never met Tom, I have had the pleasure of hearing some wonderful stories of Tom and his days at the Billerica Police department. He left a great impact on many of our officers who knew and worked with him.



Betty billerica police department - December 06, 2021 at 09:17 AM

BR

Had the pleasure to work with Tom for a short time with billerica police. He was a great cop and a good guy. My condolences to his family

Bill macdonald billerica police ret. - December 17, 2021 at 08:36 AM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Thomas G. Sears.*



December 05, 2021 at 05:21 PM

LD

“ *I worked with Tom in CIB at the Sheriff's Office. He was fun, knowledgeable, happy and a great guy to work for. You will be missed by many. My condolences to Helen and all of his family.*

Lorraine Dame - December 05, 2021 at 04:47 PM

WE

“ *Worked with Tom, A Really Great Sincere Person who cared about Everyone. My most sincere Condolences to his family, he will be missed by All. Bill Emilius, SSO Retired*

W. Emilius - December 05, 2021 at 07:05 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Thomas G. Sears.*



December 04, 2021 at 02:45 PM