



Thomas Eugene Calabrese

August 2, 1942 - August 24, 2024

THOMAS EUGENE CALABRESE known affectionately as ‘Tom’ or ‘Tommy’, passed away on August 24, 2024 with his beloved daughter by his side at Hubbard Hospice House in Charleston, WV.

He was born on August 2, 1942 to the late Ralph and Ernestine Calabrese. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his beloved wife, Dawn Day Knight Calabrese and sister, Cecelia Buckner.

Tommy was a resident of Teays Valley and a pillar of the community that he so dearly loved. Tom was a real estate broker for many years in Putnam County.

He was born in Clarksburg, WV and moved to Charleston as a young child and grew up on the West Side in a large Italian family. He was a Roman Catholic. He graduated from Stonewall Jackson High School in 1960, where he was the ring leader of his best friends who was commonly referred to as ‘The Corner Gang’.

Tom met his soulmate and beloved wife, Dawn Day Knight of St. Albans in 1960 and they were married for 44 years until her passing in 2010. He moved to the Teays Valley area in 1975 to help develop and design the area while working for Estil and Greenlee Realty. Later, he began to manage his own real estate firm, Marathon Realty and later ERA The Property Centre on Teays

Valley Road until shortly before his retirement in 2017 from Real Estate Central. During his career in real estate, he was a member of the Putnam Country Chamber of Commerce, Putnam County Planning Commission and the Kanawha Valley Board of Realtors.

He held many titles in his life, from real estate agent to James Brown impersonator, but his favorite role was being a father and grandfather. He loved nothing more than spending time with his daughter, Missy and granddaughters: Lexi and Brooke. He was always there with support, direction and encouragement for them. Tommy was beloved by so many, he never met a stranger. He was an amazing husband, father, grandfather, uncle, brother and friend. He was always ready to help anyone who needed a hand.

During the past few years, even as Tommy's health declined, he never forgot to make people smile. He cracked jokes, made silly faces and even pulled some light-hearted pranks on his friends. He was always ready to dance and listen to his favorite singer, James Brown. He had the great ability to make others smile and his sense of humor will be missed. He loved his daily lunch of grilled cheese with no crust and French fries with his sister, Joan and close friends at Tudor's in Teays Valley. Tommy will be best remembered for his many contributions to the Putnam County Area and for his steadfast dedication to his family.

He is survived by his daughter, Melissa Milam (Michael Johnston) of Hurricane, WV; grandchildren: Alexis Milam (Austin) of Dallas, TX, Brooklyn Milam of Morgantown, WV and Christopher Milam of Hurricane, WV; great nephew: John Charles Bush of Dallas, TX; brother: Rocco Calabrese (Connie) of Charleston, WV; sisters: Joan Spradling of Hurricane, WV and Debbie Tignor (Carl) of Sissonville, WV; and brother-in-law: Wayne Buckner of Baton Rouge. He also leaves behind many beloved nieces and nephews, close friends and relatives

A Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:00am at Catholic Church of the Ascension on Tuesday August 27, 2024. Burial will follow in St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery in Scott Depot, WV. There will be a luncheon at the church following and all are welcomed to attend.

Friends may visit the family from 6:00pm until 8:00pm Monday August 26, 2024 at Chapman Funeral Home Hurricane, WV.

At Tom's request, the family would like to continue his tradition of purchasing toys for children in need. If possible, please bring a toy to the funeral home on Monday and these will be distributed to local children in need in memory of Tommy.

Chapman Funeral Home 3941 Teays Valley Road Hurricane, WV is honored to serve the family again.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **26**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Chapman Funeral Home
3941 Teays Valley Road
Hurricane, WV 25526

Mass of Christian Burial

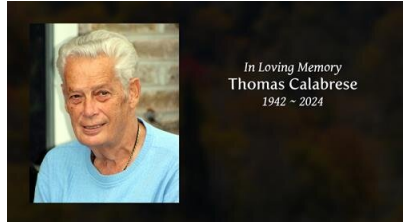
AUG **27**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Ascension Catholic Church
905 Hickory Mills Rd
Hurricane, WV 25526
(304) 562-5816

Tribute Wall



“ Chapman Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Thomas Eugene Calabrese



Chapman Funeral Homes - August 27, 2024 at 08:27 AM

SH

“ How could anyone forget him? I met Tom as I dated one of the "corner guys" in high school. Tom had a magnetic personality to everyone he met. He was handsome, true to his word and made the world a better place. Thank you to his family for taking care of him. We lost touch but kept up on social media at times. I send sincere sympathy for your loss. Tom was a wonderful person who loved his family. Godspeed.

Sherry Reed Hill - September 09, 2024 at 03:21 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas Eugene Calabrese.



August 26, 2024 at 03:03 PM

BB

“ Bill Mangus, a "Corner Boy" and Barbara planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Eugene Calabrese.

Bill Mangus, a "Corner Boy" and Barbara - August 26, 2024 at 03:03 PM

VR

“ So sorry for your loss. My Dad, HT Sweet work with your Dad.

Vicki Rogers - August 26, 2024 at 01:13 PM

BB

“ Melissa, he was a great man. Good memories. Prayers and sympathy...Brenda Burke Palm Harbor Florida

brenda burke - August 26, 2024 at 12:48 PM

TF

“ The David Cordell Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Thomas Eugene Calabrese.



The David Cordell Family - August 25, 2024 at 04:19 PM

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“ The David Cordell Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Eugene Calabrese.

The David Cordell Family - August 25, 2024 at 04:19 PM

MF

“ *Melissa Snyder - Dunedin, Fl. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Thomas Eugene Calabrese.*



Melissa Snyder - Dunedin, Fl. - August 25, 2024 at 09:06 AM

MF

“ *Melissa Snyder - Dunedin, Fl. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas Eugene Calabrese.*

Melissa Snyder - Dunedin, Fl. - August 25, 2024 at 09:06 AM

CR

“ *Tom Calabrese worked with my mom at Estill and Greenlee. He was so professional, always getting mom to laugh, and was kind to everyone. May he rest in peace. 🙏*

Cheryl Shinn Rollins - August 25, 2024 at 07:41 AM

KP

“ *Missy I want to tell you and the girls how sorry I am for your loss he will be greatly missed by many he was my buddy at Tudors for many many months always joking never was he with out a smile or a joke I will miss him may he rest in peace*

Karin Pauley - August 25, 2024 at 07:25 AM

MC

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Michael Calabrese - August 24, 2024 at 09:53 PM