



Thomas Elefante

June 5, 2010

Elefante, Thomas, 49 died peacefully on Saturday, June 5th surrounded by his family. Born at Holy Name Hospital in Teaneck, Tom grew up in New Milford and graduated from NMHS and then Ramapo College. Ramapo College provided the ideal setting for Tom to fuel his passion as a woodsman, hunter, and fisherman. He loved nothing more than to leave his class and head straight to the mountains. This passion for the outdoors never left him. Tom became a teacher at Tenafly High School shortly after college graduation. He pursued two Masters degrees; one in Biology and one in Administration from Montclair State University. He was a teacher and administrator at Tenafly for 26 years, bringing a wealth of knowledge and devotion to the students, staff and parents. Devoted father to his three biggest accomplishments, Sonia, Nicholas and Julie. Survived by Kate Elefante, the loving mother of his children. Dedicated son to the late Louis and Rose Elefante. Beloved brother to Ellen Menzo and her husband Pete, Daniel Elefante and his wife Janet, Gerald Elefante and his wife Maryanne, Rosemarie Elefante and her husband Stanley Benak, Louis Elefante, Jr. and his late wife Anne, and Gary Elefante and his wife Janine. Loving uncle to many nieces and nephews. Tom was a one man show, always filled with witty stories and laughter. He was an enthusiastic, passionate man with a big heart and strong values. He will be greatly missed. A night of remembrance in honor of Tom will be held at Tenafly High School, 19 Columbus Drive on Wednesday at 7PM. Family and friends are invited to visit Volk Leber Funeral Home, 268 Kinderkamack Road, Oradell

on Thursday 4-9PM. A mass of Christian burial will be held on Friday 11AM at St. Joseph's RC Church, Oradell. In lieu of flowers, donations in his name to Autism New Jersey, P.O. 55120, Trenton, NJ 08638 are appreciated by the family. Grieve not...nor speak of me with tears...but laugh and talk of me as though I were beside you. I loved you so...'twas heaven here with you.

Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas Elefante*

October 08, 2023 at 09:59 PM



“ *Thomas Elefante*

October 08, 2023 at 06:27 PM



“ *Thomas Elefante*

August 30, 2022 at 02:48 PM



“ *I'm sorry I missed the funeral. The truth is I have never stopped thinking about Tom and hoping to see his smiling face again. Tom was wonderful man with a great spirit and joy for life. I enjoyed sharing his stories and I appreciated how he 'listened' so well to mine. I will miss Tom. My condolences go to his children and family - keep his spirit alive. THINK OF YOU ALL. LOVE AND HUGS, SHERRINE##imported-begin##sherrine schuldt##imported-end##*

June 14, 2010 at 02:39 PM



“ We are so sorry to hear the news of Tom's passing. He was such a presence in this world! We will miss his big heart and his wonderful smile, and will always remember the days here on Cape Cod with Tom and his pet racoon, Rachel, tenting in the yard, fishing on the Joanne-A. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all in this awful time of grieving.##imported-begin##Bill and Joanne Amaru##imported-end##

June 11, 2010 at 07:29 AM



“ I knew Tom from summer school. I was the crossing guard, Tom all came out to me every morning making sure I had a walkie talkie and if there was anything else i needed for my 6 hour shift. He would always have a smile and a kind word. Please except my condolence to his friends and family, he touch so many lives and will be missed. Judie perry##imported-begin##Judie perry##imported-end##

June 10, 2010 at 08:41 PM



“ Our friendship will live on forever. You were a brilliant man with a huge heart. I love you, miss you, and think of you daily.##imported-begin##Lisa M. White##imported-end##

June 10, 2010 at 07:25 PM



“ Tom, Thank you for the many laughs, the help you offered at my first NJOA Pig Roast and most of all, your friendship. Life will not be the same without you here but there will always be a piece of Tom Elefante that will live within me for the rest of my life. Rest in Peace my friend. Sam##imported-begin##Sam Yarosh##imported-end##

June 10, 2010 at 02:08 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers go out to all of Toms family and close friends. Though I didn't know Tom as well as many, I knew him well enough to see that he was a truly wonderful man! Few people possess a love and enthusiasm for every small wonder the world has to offer like Tom did. His smile was never fading and so often infectious. With that big smile and all that enthusiasm, you can't help but to smile and share in that love. For that, I'm truly glad that I had the pleasure of knowing him. He will be missed greatly by many. Sadly I will not be able to attend the services, as I'll be attending my Grandpas services. But I send my most sincere condolences to all those that loved and cared for Tom. God Bless all.##imported-begin##Matt DelRusso##imported-end##

June 09, 2010 at 11:49 PM



“ To Tom's children, family and friends: I am so sad to hear about Tom's passing. I went to Middle and High school with Tom and shared many fun times with him in our younger years in New Milford and around the "drinking wells"! He was a great person, had a warm heart and soul; who could ever forget that smile. Even though we've been out of touch for many years - as that happens when life goes on - I'm saddened that he no longer walks our planet. I hope you are comforted knowing he is safe in the arms of his parents and God.##imported-begin##Mary Ellen (Vlahos) Small##imported-end##

June 09, 2010 at 01:48 PM



“ It's been a good 30 years since I've seen you but I remember you very well. May God bless you Tom and my thoughts and prayers go out to the Elefante family at this most difficult time.##imported-begin##Warren Booth##imported-end##

June 09, 2010 at 11:33 AM



“ Tom, as I have said many times before, you are a very special person and will be dearly missed. Prayers are sent to you and yours always Rest In Peace. Rich###imported-begin###Richard G. Santomauro###imported-end##

June 08, 2010 at 02:53 PM



“ Jerry, Maryanne and all the Elefante family, our deepest sympathy. Please know that you are in our prayers. After reading about Tom's life, it sounds like you have so many wonderful memories of him to cherish and treasure for so many lifetimes over. Just have comfort in knowing . . . he lived a "full life" and enjoyed more of "life" in his young years than many do in years lived longer. You are in our hearts at this time, John and Donna###imported-begin###John and Donna Grau###imported-end##

June 08, 2010 at 02:27 PM



“ To the Elefante family and Tom's many friends, my family and I want to offer you our deepest heart felt sympathies. I am so heart broken by Tom's passing. Tom was and is an absolute great soul and shared his honest joy and passionate understanding of life with every one he met. I was fortunate enough to have met and shared great conversations several times with Tom and feel blessed to have shared some time on the water next to him. He will always remain a friend forever embedded in my heart. May the good lord bless your soul Tom. Paul###imported-begin###Paul Campbell and Family###imported-end##

June 08, 2010 at 12:57 PM



“ My deepest condolences to the Elefante family.##imported-begin##Anthony Mauro##imported-end##

June 08, 2010 at 08:42 AM



“ RIP Tom you will be forever missed. Thank you for the knowledge you have passed on. sincerely Your friend Sean##imported-begin##Sean Gill##imported-end##

June 08, 2010 at 02:04 AM



“ My wife and I would like to ofer our deepest condolences to Toms family. Tom was undoubtedly one of the most fascinating people I have ever met. His brilliance and good humor, as well as that smile, lit up the room where ever he was. I am proud to have shared some fishing time with him and will cherish those memories.##imported-begin##Tom Kriebel##imported-end##

June 07, 2010 at 09:57 PM



“ Tom, i have missed you my friend. we had many laughs at work and in the woods and rivers. There were many things i could never forget but the one that stands out the most is something between you and me and it means the most to me. you were a great friend. i'll be thinking of you everytime i step in the woods or in the water. i know you'll be there as well.##imported-begin##Andrew Wojtowicz##imported-end##

June 07, 2010 at 09:36 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Tom. I never met him, but his passion for the outdoors and his willingness to share caught my attention online at NewJerseyHunter.com. Truly one of a kind with both his wisdom and wit. He will be missed. Mike Hinkel###imported-begin###Mike Hinkel###imported-end##

June 07, 2010 at 09:26 PM



“ Tom was one of the most beloved individuals in the NJ Outdoor Community, the number of friends and well-wishers are enormous. He will be surely missed! My prayers and thoughts are with his family he loved so much!###imported-begin###Jack Spoto###imported-end##

June 07, 2010 at 09:19 PM



“ I didn't know your Tom but through the website NJ Hunter.com, and we all appreciated him for the man he was. You were blessed to have such a great person in your life. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.###imported-begin###njhunter member###imported-end##

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