



## Thomas John McNamara

September 26, 1947 - May 8, 2021

Thomas John McNamara known affectionately as "Tommy Mack" passed away on May 8, 2021. He was 73 years old. He was born and raised in Scotch Plains, NJ. Son of Elizabeth (Crosby) McNamara and Elwood McNamara

He is preceded in death by his parents, Elwood and Elizabeth McNamara and nephew, Daniel McNamara.

He is survived by his son, Jack McNamara and wife Alaina McNamara, twin granddaughters, Lillian McNamara (2) and Carina McNamara (2), daughter, Tracy Getselman and husband Boris Getselman, granddaughter Rya Getselman (3) Twin Grandsons Asher Getselman and Joseph Getselman (6 weeks), former wife and friend Dinah McNamara, brother, James McNamara and wife Bonnie McNamara, nephews, Shaun McNamara, James McNamara Jr. and his many beloved cousins, his Senior Softball and Dragon Boat communities as well as his girlfriend Linda Murphy.

He attended high school in Scotch Plains, NJ, Class of '65. Runningback and Kicker nicknamed "The Golden Toe" for all of his game winners. He attended the College of Emporia, Class of '71 and received a BS in Psychology, while playing Fullback for the football team. After that he attended Emporia State University '75, and received a MS in Industrial Psychology while playing Semi-Professional Football. Later he attended Pace University Advance Grad Study in Labor Relations

Soon after he moved to Canton, MA in 1982 where he and Dinah raised a family. Tom was an active parent coaching the kids sports teams and was always a part of their lives. Tom had a 42 year career in Human Resources Employee Relations. He loved his job and brought the same unforgettable passion and energy that he had on the ball field to his work. Tommy Mack was a competitive force... if you told him he couldn't do something it fueled his fire. He loved being outside, running, biking, hiking and exercising. He was thoroughly enjoying his retirement in St. Augustine playing multiple softball games a week, Managing Travel Teams and competing in Dragon Boat Rowing competitions. Tom had a

distinct hearty laugh and bright smile that would light up a room. He made friends quickly and would talk to anyone he met.

He tried to live each day to the fullest. Would dress up as a leprechaun. Enjoyed taking road trips to see people he loved up and down the east coast.

We will be hosting an in person memorial on Friday, May 21st at Treaty Park Pavilion (1595 Wildwood Dr, St. Augustine, FL 32086) at 3:30p. In Tom's spirit for love of all things sports, please wear your favorite sports team gear or uniform to the ceremony.

We will be streaming and recording the event for those who cannot attend. Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83099118612>

Meeting ID: 830 9911 8612

In lieu of sending flowers, we ask donations be made to one of the below foundations:

-The American Heart Association

<https://www.heart.org/?form=FUNMWNYNJCJE>

- Good Sports

<https://www.goodsports.org/donate-online/>

# Comments

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**Craig Funeral Home Crematory Memorial Park** - May 19 at 10:26 AM

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“ An external video has been added.



**Craig Funeral Home Crematory Memorial Park** - May 14 at 02:32 PM



“ What an amazing video tribute of Tom. He had a beautiful life that was full of love with family & friendships. So blessed I had he was a part of my life. I learned that living is always full of laughter. Rest In Peace Tom 🙏

**Donna Windsor - JDBC/ Mammoglams BCS** - May 16 at 12:02 PM

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“ My Life was blessed to have know you Thomas John. We enjoyed so many wonderful adventures together! I enjoyed our hikes in the Blue Hills and White Mountains. Our trips out on the waters in Florida, and MA to kayak and Maine to white water raft. We enjoyed watching the Red Sox in Spring training, and tried our hand at deep sea fishing. We enjoyed snow shoeing in NE , winter hiking, and long walks. We enjoyed long talks sharing our deepest fears, greatest achievements, our joys and sorrows. These were heartfelt moments, cherished forever. We enjoyed music together sharing many beautiful songs that spoke to our souls. We enjoyed Christmas concerts, dining out, and homecooked meals. Your love of Family-children, grandchildren, parents, wife and other relatives was an outstanding attribute that we shared. You had a beautiful smile, mischievous twinkle in your eyes, contagious laughter, friendly disposition, and adventurous spirit! I was so happy that you had settled into your new home in Florida finding much Joy, Happiness and Love! Until we meet again, may the road rise to meet you, may the wind be at your back, may the sun shine warm upon your face , the rain fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again may God hold you in the palm of your hand!

Blessings and Love to your Family during this most difficult time of sorrow

Lori Lantos

**Lori Lantos** - May 19 at 12:37 PM