



Thomas D. Robichaud III

December 19, 1944 - April 13, 2018

Hampton – Thomas D. Robichaud, III, 73, of Hampton, passed away on Friday, April 13, 2018 at Maine Medical Center after a period of declining health.

Tom was born December 19, 1944 in Salem, MA, a son of the late Thomas D. and Marion (Stone) Robichaud. Raised in Salem and Georgetown, MA, Tom enlisted in the United States Air Force at 17 years old. The Air Force took Tom to South Dakota and upon leaving the service, he returned to MA for a brief time. Upon returning to South Dakota, he helped found the North Haines Volunteer Fire Dept., served as Chief of that Dept and was a proud member of the Volunteer Fire Service. He was hired as Pennington County Fire Coordinator and was devoted to the education and safety of his fellow firefighters. Tom met his soul mate and future wife, Val A. (Livingston) Robichaud while in South Dakota and the couple relocated to Hampton in 1990. Tom went to work for UFP Technologies of Newburyport, MA where he last held the position of Corporate Safety Officer. With over 30 years total with UFP, they were his 2nd family and he took his responsibilities seriously.

Tom often said he only joined two things in his life, and was proud of both, the Air Force and the Fire Service. He believed in teamwork and strived to build strong teams wherever he worked throughout his life.

He is survived by Val, his loving wife of over 37 years, his 4 children, Mark, Charity, Mercy and Paul, his 4 grandchildren, JoAna, Danielle, Cory and Jesse, 5 great grandchildren, Jennifer, Ryan, Adam, RayLynn, and Autumn, many nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 5 to 6 PM on Monday, April 23, 2018 in the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home – Crematory, 811 Lafayette Rd., Hampton followed at 6 PM by an hour of sharing memories of Tom's life. In true Tom fashion and in his memory, casual dress please, jeans and Hawaiian shirts would be appreciated. Burial with fire service and military honors will be in the Keystone Cemetery in South Dakota.

Events

APR **Visitation** 05:00PM - 06:00PM

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Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - Crematory
811 Lafayette Road ; Hampton, NH, US, 03842

APR **Sharing Memories** 06:00PM - 07:00PM

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Comments



“ Val and Family, Our deepest heartfelt sympathy. We are so sorry we weren't able to be in NH with you. Our thoughts and prayers continue for you in the days ahead. We look forward to seeing you and being with you at the Memorial Service in Rapid City, SD and having you closer to us.

We are going to miss Tom so much!! Comfort comes in knowing that Tom is no longer suffering and in pain. We love you so much!!!

- With Much Love and Hugs, Jack, Robin, Paul & Caleb Dustman - South Dakota

The Dustman's - May 16, 2018 at 08:22 PM



“ I was a co-worker of Toms for almost 10 years. His sense of humor and timing was one of the reasons to come to work every day; he just made me laugh. Although he took his safety job very seriously he always found a way to interject humor to keep life interesting. I loved his stories from his life spent in South Dakota, a place so dear to his heart. When I finally get to Mt Rushmore I'll be thinking of Tom while I'm there. He'll be sorely missed.

Deb Burke

Deb - April 26, 2018 at 11:19 AM



“ Val and family,

We have not met but my name is Paul Sweeney and I worked for Tom at UFP. Tom was a mentor to me. Most of my previous work experience was in quality control but when the safety position became available, and knowing Tom a little, I thought I would give it a try. I am so glad I did. He was instrumental in me being able to do what I do. His patience and knowledge were invaluable to me. His expertise at his work made it so much easier for me to do mine. Tom would often call me when I was out receiving cancer treatment, even though most of the time the drugs were quite powerful, I didn't answer but I appreciated the fact that he took time to call. I don't really have any Tom stories to tell but I did her numerous stories from his childhood up to just last year. They were always entertaining and even though I may have heard them more than once, the way he told a story made it pleasurable again. Tom was a very intelligent and interesting man, he took me by surprise sometimes with his views or the things he has done, his outlook on life. And, boy, did we talk cars. I don't think many NRA members where Hawaiian shirts every day. :-)

I was hoping and praying that since last August he would return to work someday. Sadly, that will not happen and I just want to express what he meant to me and these words are not enough to express it fully. I hope your sorrow and grief may be brief as I know Tom would not want you to suffer anymore. I sincerely wished your dream of returning to South Dakota would've come true. I know it meant everything to him.

God bless you and everyone that loved Tom.

Paul

Paul Sweeney - April 23, 2018 at 12:34 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with Val and all the Robichaud family. Tom and I go way back when I Joined North Haines VFD. Tom was my instructor for my first fire class which was the State certified class and many more after that .This was what jump started my 36 years, so far, involved in the fire service. When Tom resigned as Black Hills District director on the State firefighters board I was appointed to complete his term. This was the start of my 25 years as director. Tom lived fire service and always was so proud when he could help any of us with our fire problems. Tom will be missed by many, but we must always remember how much he done for all of us Fire service Brothers and will never be forgotten.

Duane Hofer
North Haines VFD

Duane Hofer - April 22, 2018 at 10:16 PM



“ Val, So sad to see Tom's passing. He made quite a mark here in the Black Hills. I carried an old radio of his, 2CD4 for some time in Rockerville. Can hear his calm quiet voice yet. Know you are in Cindy's and my thoughts & prayers.

The Jackson's

cindy jackson - April 21, 2018 at 09:02 AM



“ Mr. Robichaud and Dad(William R. Huggins) were brother firefighters at the North Haines VFD, Rapid City,SD. Our thoughts/prayers to all of you. The William R. Huggins Family,Rapid City,SD

The William R. Huggins Family - April 20, 2018 at 08:23 PM



“ Dear Val and Family,
Such sad news to read in the RC Journal today. Val, you and Tom have been friends for so long. I missed you when you left as did so many in the fire service family. I called Al Christie to tell him the sad news and made him promise he would come out so we could go to the committal ceremonies this summer. He is recovering from a

severe stroke and needs a goal although this is such a sad one. I am so sorry for your loss, Val. It is shared by so many. Denny Gorton said it well. He was such a fire service visionary. Please know so many are thinking of you today.



John Culberson - April 20, 2018 at 04:37 PM



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Mercy Flannagan - April 20, 2018 at 01:07 PM



“ I love you Dad



Mercy Flannagan - April 20, 2018 at 12:04 PM



“ Keith Garrett sent a virtual gift in memory of Thomas D. Robichaud III



keith garrett - April 20, 2018 at 11:41 AM



“ Keith Garrett lit a candle in memory of Thomas D. Robichaud III



keith garrett - April 20, 2018 at 11:40 AM



“ I worked with Tom at Ellsworth Northwest Pipe Fittings in Rapid City and we were two of the original charter members of the North Haines VFD back in the late 70's. We both "grew up" in the fire service and Tom was always the one who was thinking ahead and doing what he could to make it better. There are so many things that were started by Tom during his years as Pennington County Fire Coordinator, we are still using them today. What a visionary he was. I remember when Tom and Val decided to move back home. He said they wanted to trade one rut for another. Don't ever think Tom was in a rut. I missed him when he left here and will always wish we could have stayed closer.
Tom, thank you for all you have taught me and for the entire fire service of Pennington County.

Rest in peace brother, your work here is done.
Denny Gorton, Rapid City, SD

Dennis Gorton - April 20, 2018 at 11:22 AM



“ I will never forget how much Tom loved Val (granted, she's easy to love). I will forever laugh thinking about Tom calling her before she left work each day to tell her what he saw on the radar for weather...always thinking of his wife - I know he will continue to look out for her too! A true gentleman with a chivalrous spirit is how I will remember Tom.

Love to all of you who were fortunate enough to have Tom in your life.
-From all of the Lipperman/Glenn's <3

Samantha - April 19, 2018 at 11:33 AM



“ Val and Family--Thinking of you and family at this sad time. Will always remember you and Tom. With sympathies, Duane, Frankie, and Krista Hofer

Frankie Hofer - April 21, 2018 at 12:39 AM



“ Val, as it has been said already, Tom was a true visionary for the fire service. Many of the departments are what they are today due to his vision. Tom was always the "go to" guy when you had questions or needs and Volunteer Fire Departments always had both. I only seen Tom with a panicked look one time. It was at the banquet where they announce the Pennington County Firefighter and Officer of the year. You were the Firefighter of the Year and in the hospital so you couldn't be there and as they get ready to make the announcement, Black Hawks pager went off. I was told By Tom that I didn't need to respond. But the look on his face at that time was hilarious, I found out a few minutes later why. That is just one of many great memories I have of Tom and you. As Denny said, his work is done, but his memory and vision will live on.
Val, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Ed And Barb Henderson
Asheville, NC

Ed Henderson - April 21, 2018 at 08:28 AM



“ I joined NHVFD when Tom was the county go to guy and Denny Gorton was Chief. It seemed like anything was possible with those two working together. The fire service was made better and safer under Tom's Leadership. Rest brother.

John Wade - April 22, 2018 at 12:21 PM



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Jo - April 18, 2018 at 10:42 PM



“ UFPT - California purchased the Heart's Companion Bouquet for the family of Thomas D. Robichaud III.



UFPT - California - April 18, 2018 at 03:43 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas D. Robichaud III.



April 18, 2018 at 01:51 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Thomas D. Robichaud III.



April 18, 2018 at 12:13 PM



“ Amy Concannon lit a candle in memory of Thomas D. Robichaud III



Amy Concannon - April 18, 2018 at 12:01 PM



“ Vera Livingston lit a candle in memory of Thomas D. Robichaud III



Vera Livingston - April 18, 2018 at 11:34 AM