



Thomas A. Daly

April 23, 1948 - November 18, 2023

Hampton – Thomas Averill Daly, 75, of Hampton, NH and Venice, FL, and a former longtime resident of Kittery, ME, passed away peacefully at his home on November 18, 2023, surrounded by those he loved. He was born in Chicago, IL on April 23, 1948, the son of the late Kenneth H. and Dorothy (Williams) Daly. Tom shared over 43 years with the love of his life, Marsha K. Brown.

Tom was raised in Elyria, OH and was a 1966 graduate of Western Reserve Academy. He attended the College of Wooster in OH, and after college, enlisted in the United States Army to honorably serve his country in Vietnam. After returning home, he “traveled the continental US in the guise of a starving musician”. In 1980, Tom met Marsha on Put-in-Bay, OH on Lake Erie; and in 1990, they were married dockside in Kittery, ME where they settled to raise their family.

His lifelong passion for music was put into action when he founded Fishtraks Recording Studio in Portsmouth. He also started Big Sound Recording Studio in Portland, ME and eventually, Crooked Cove Records of Kittery. He always had a place in his heart for struggling young musicians and assisted hundreds in their journeys.

Tom was a kind, generous man, always giving of himself to help others in their

time of need. He had many interests he enjoyed including golfing, boating, and to say he was an avid baseball fan would be a severe understatement. He faithfully followed the Boston Red Sox, through thick and thin, for years. He could recite each player's statistics from memory and was always sharing his knowledge with others. He was also a general trivia nut, a true "fountain of knowledge", a computer whiz, and loved collecting and restoring cars, specifically, British racing cars.

With all his interests aside, Tom was a loving family man with an incredible sense of humor always making those he loved laugh with his numbered jokes (Joke #19).

In addition to Marsha, Tom is survived by his daughters, Alice Daly-Cubelo and her husband, Winfred Cubelo of Englewood, FL and Averill Daly and her husband, Caius Nijstad of Amsterdam, The Netherlands, his grandchildren Quinton and Xia Gabi, his sister, Carol L. Daly and her husband, Michael Richtsmeier of Bemidji, MN, and his devoted dog Brodie.

A memorial will be held June 8th (1:00-4:00pm) in Hampton, NH. Please reach out to his daughter Averill Daly at axdaly@gmail.com for the exact address. . In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to a charity that reminds you of Tom.

Tribute Wall



“ *Aqua Paradise Pools and Spas planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas A. Daly.*

Aqua Paradise Pools and Spas - December 20, 2023 at 12:59 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas A. Daly.*



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CB

“ I remember Tom as a good friend, supporter of an amazing Portsmouth music scene, and a generous human being. Many of the memories shared here on this list mention his contributions to that scene and also his love for the Red Sox. I still remember a scary, yet most wonderful ride to Fenway he and I took. Driving into Boston with Tom Daly was not for the faint of heart! I want to share something a lot of you didnt know. Years ago Tom and I played in an "Over 30" baseball league in Somersworth NH. You had to be at least 30 years old to play and he and I were WAY over that age then! It was real hard-ball baseball with umpires and real rules. Our team was called the "Red Sox" which Im sure made Tom happy and proud. He played right field and I played 2nd base. Sitting next to him in the dugout was a real treat! Those 2 summers we played together are still a sweet memory for me. He and I were kids again...playing a game we loved. Tom..I raise my cup of GatorAid to you and our old team! The real Sox could have used us this year!!! Thanks for all you did for me over the years. I love you! Curt Bessette

Curt Bessette - December 17, 2023 at 01:08 PM

BU

“ Dude always had a smile on his face, no matter what. Recorded a bunch at his place and he hired me to do graphics for a while. Yeah, generous, nurturing, and of course mischievous. See you in the great beyond, man.

Butch - November 29, 2023 at 10:11 PM

MA

“ Tom was such a great supporter of the local music scene, and perhaps one of the most well-versed baseball fans I've ever know. I will miss his unique perspective on all things joy. RIP, my brother.

Marty - November 29, 2023 at 11:37 AM

KO

“ Tom was a raconteur and a benefactor; an enthusiast and a cheerleader. A larger than life figure of the pre-gentrified Seacoast. An entrepreneur who believed that all boats rise on an incoming tide. A guy who liked music and wanted others to succeed while making theirs. He treated me as a near-peer and was kind to me on many occasions. We shall not see his like again. My condolences to his family and loved ones. --Kevin O'Shea

Kevin OShea - November 29, 2023 at 07:16 AM

RC

Tom and I grew up as neighborhood buddies in Elyria Ohio. We attended Spring Valley Elementary school and both of us were very curious and active elementary school kids. We played strata O-Matic baseball a card game every day. We stayed in touch for many years and we text each other in October for the last time. I had no idea of his illness, but he knew of mine, multiple myeloma. We did have dinner with Tom and his wife in Tampa several years ago and it was great to see him again.

Ric Corts - December 10, 2023 at 08:28 PM

GS

“ I was one of those young musicians who felt the support and encouragement from Tom. Thanks to Gravity recorded an ep at Fishtraks when we had no clue, but Tom gave us guidance and good humor. I'm grateful for his friendship and sad to learn of his passing. Blessings to the family.

Graham Smith - November 29, 2023 at 12:10 AM

JR

“ What a guy. Loved those years sharing the Fishtraks office downtown and working with Tom and Jeff. Some of my happiest times. JDR

J Dennis Robinson - November 28, 2023 at 07:13 PM

TM

“ World Class Gentleman, one I worked with many times over the course of 30 years as a musician from the Seacoast area of NH. Such a great guy and beautiful spirit in this world. Hats off to Tom and all the peace and love to his family.

Tim McCoy - November 28, 2023 at 05:03 PM

CT

“ Tom is a well remembered member of the small but mighty WRA class of 1966. I recall him being a positive and active classmate - very interested in music and sports. Carl P. Thum, Ph.D.

carl p thum - November 28, 2023 at 12:11 PM

SN

“ Sergei N. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas A. Daly.

Sergei N. - November 28, 2023 at 10:39 AM

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“ I had a privilege to be Tom’s friend for over 30 years.
It is funny how with age you don’t think about your life in terms of years but in terms of people.
Tom always was a big part of my life.
We recorded music at Fishtraks
We designed art work for my albums upstairs in his garage
We talked about history and cars drinking beers at The Grog in Newburyport
He told me all about the baseball and the Red Sox (I still don’t have a clue !!! But he tried)
We had great conversation about his service in Vietnam
Tom was beautiful human being ,kind and very generous person.
He had a great sense of humor and always said that we where Two Wild and crazy Guys.
I will miss you my friend.
Thank you so much for all this years.
Sergei Novikov.

Sergei Novikov - November 28, 2023 at 10:33 AM

TR

“ Tom's Obit says, "He always had a place in his heart for struggling young musicians and assisted hundreds in their journeys." Well, I'm not young, and I guess struggling (artistically, at least) is part of the job of being a musician, but Tom's support over the past few years has made many, many things possible for me. He has enabled me to continue to create new work, and to help some brilliant youngsters find their place in the world.

From a song I got to record recently, thanks in part to Tom's support:

"Let's raise a glass to them that's gone, and wish 'em 'Fair thee well'.

Let's wish 'em summer winds to fill their sails.

*There's a feather on the water, boys, and a wing upon the wind,
And where they've gone there ain't no one can tell."*

Fair sailing, Tom, and many, many thanks!

Tom Rush

Thomas Rush - November 27, 2023 at 08:59 PM

JV

“ While I did not know Tom well, we made a connection one evening at the family home while playing old rock tunes on guitars and singing. I called Marsha once and got Tom and we had a nice discussion about...tax law! After all that, I had a soft spot for him. My condolences to his family. John Vадnais

John Vадnais - November 27, 2023 at 05:36 PM

JP

“ I had the good fortune to meet Marsha and Tom through mutual friends when they moved to Florida 13 year ago. Tom convinced me and others that we would love playing Trivia at a local bar in Venice & he was right, esp on a rare occassion when I was the only one who had the answer. Needless to say, Tom was the star and scorekeeper extrodinaire. Unfortunately covid came through and took that away. As for his sense of humor, if you weren't paying attention you might miss it. He would stroll through a room, make a comment and keep on going, leaving us behind with a grin and a chuckle. I would be remiss if I didn't mention the quirky yet useful Christmas presents he passed out through the years, mostly tech type gadgets and super pens that made you wonder how you ever got by without them before now. He was a friend, a good family man and he shall be missed. Peace to Marsha and the girls, sons-in-law, grandbabies and of course, Brodie.



jane preston - November 27, 2023 at 02:26 PM

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jane preston - November 27, 2023 at 01:45 PM

RC

“ Tom was a great guy, we'd have so much fun going to trivia. He's always helping others in some fashion. Brody was always by Tom's side. I adore his wife Marsha, she's a very dear friend. They raised 2 beautiful daughters Alice & Avrill. His will be missed, my heart goes out to his beautiful family.

Rich Carlson - November 27, 2023 at 12:17 PM



“ Peace to Marsha, Alice, Averill, and family. Tom's spirit will live on in our fond memories of him.

Lisa Wagner - November 27, 2023 at 10:21 AM

MM

“ Tom was a gentle force of nature. He will be missed by all that had the pleasure of his company and friendship. My love to his dear Marsha, his cherished daughters and extended family. I'm wishing you comfort and peace. Shine on Tom.
Meredith

Meredith Mygatt - November 27, 2023 at 10:10 AM

JK

“ At spring training games in Florida, I enjoyed sharing baseball trivia with Tom while Judy enjoyed searching for ice cream with him. Our prayers go out to Marsha and her family.

Jim and Judy Kline - November 27, 2023 at 08:34 AM

PP

“ Prayers for Tom, Marsha, Alice, Averill and families. He will forever be cheering his Red Sox.

Pat Pack - November 27, 2023 at 07:58 AM