



Thomas Brian Sheedy

April 9, 1950 - October 1, 2016

Hampton – Thomas Brian Sheedy, 66, of Hampton and formally of Arlington, VA, passed away peacefully on Saturday, October 1, 2016 at the Merrimack Valley Hospice House in Haverhill, MA with family at his side.

Tom was born on Easter Sunday, April 9, 1950 in Lowell, MA, son of the late Daniel J. and Mary P. (Devlin) Sheedy.

Raised in Lowell, Tom graduated from Sacred Heart School, Lowell High School and Lowell Tech (UMass Lowell). After earning his Bachelor's Degree in Engineering, he worked for the Army Corps of Engineers for 14 years, 8 years of which he worked in Germany. He returned to the United States and went to work as a Project Manager for the U.S. State Department in Washington, D.C. He was with the State Department for 27 years, before retiring in 2013, after which he moved to Hampton.

Tom loved to golf and ski and had visited ski resorts all over the world with his friends. Tom will be missed for his wonderful sense of humor and engaging personality. He was greatly respected by his colleagues, and loved by his family and all who knew him.

Tom is survived by his brother Daniel Sheedy and wife Sharon of Hampton; his sisters, Donna Smith and husband Joseph of Lowell, and Martha Przystac

and husband Steve of Nashua; his nieces and nephews, Daniel Smith and wife Tricia of Upper Belvedere, England, Timothy Smith and wife Molly of Melrose, MA, Heather Peracchi and husband Christopher of Dallas, TX, James Sheedy and wife Monica of Arlington, MA, and Kate (Katester) and Daniel Przystac of Nashua. He also was known as “the toymaker” to his grand nieces and nephews, Matthew and Olivia Peracchi, Danny Sheedy, Megan, Connor and Finn Smith.

At Tom’s request, there will be no calling hours. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 am on Friday, October 14, 2016 at the Sacred Hearts Parish Church, 165 S Main St, Bradford, MA 01835. Burial will follow in St. Patrick Cemetery, 1251 Gorham St. Lowell, MA. Family and friends are respectfully invited. If desired, memorial donations may be made to the Make a Wish Foundation, St. Jude’s Hospital, or the charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

St. Patrick Cemetery

1251 Gorham Street
Lowell, MA 01852

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

OCT **14**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Sacred Hearts Parish Church
165 South Main Street
Bradford, MA 01835

Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas Brian Sheedy*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



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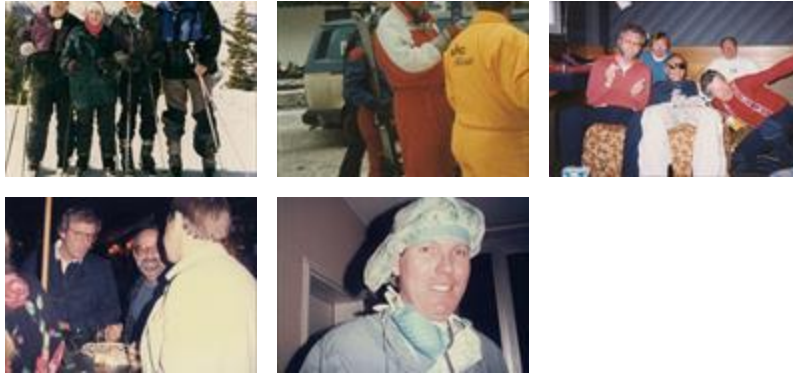
Thirty four years ago, I showed up in Army Branch and was embraced by everyone, especially the Minor Team, Mark and Tom, and the Europe Team, AL and George. The four of you became friends for life. I was a timid little girl from Western PA scared in the big city. All of you made me feel welcome. My heart breaks losing Tom. How can one of us be gone? I am a better person for knowing him and all of you. And what wonderful times we all had. I am so very sad now, but I would never, ever give up my time with him. God bless you Tom Sheedy. You made many of my days happy.

Maryann Delaney

AI Young - October 17, 2016 at 05:31 PM

SA

“ 20 files added to the album *Memories with Tom*



Sara - October 14, 2016 at 12:59 AM

TY

“ *To The Family and Friends of Tom Sheedy,*

It is very hard for us to put into words how we felt about Tom. He was a part of "our family" for over 30 years. Tom was there during the adoption of our oldest son Alex and the birth of our second son Nicholas. Terri even referred to him affectionately as "the other wife" when he and Al were together. Tom's personality was as big as he was, especially his sense of humor. He always managed to keep us laughing with stories of his travels, work and political views. To say we are saddened by his passing is an understatement. He will be missed and never forgotten. We are not saying good bye Tom, we are saying we will see you later...

Terri & Al Young

Terri Young - October 13, 2016 at 08:17 PM

FF

“ *From His Loving Family purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Thomas Brian Sheedy.*



From His Loving Family - October 13, 2016 at 11:48 AM

AY

“ *Al & Terri Young purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Thomas Brian Sheedy.*



Al & Terri Young - October 12, 2016 at 08:35 PM

PC

“ *To the Family and Friends of Tom*

Tom was a beloved employee of the US Department of State, Bureau of Overseas Buildings Operations. To work with Tom was a true pleasure, and everyone respected Tom's judgement. The Construction Management Division gathered contributions in the amount of \$400 to be donated to St Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memory of Thomas Brian Sheedy.

*Parry Carlson
Friend and Colleague*

Parry Carlson - October 12, 2016 at 06:12 PM

FF

“ To Tom's Family and Friends,

Tom was my boss when I worked for the State Department but I did briefly meet him when I worked in Europe for the Corps of Engineers.

I got to know Tom as a friend, boss, and mentor. We shared many stories over the course of our career at OBO. I will always treasure those memories. I will truly miss my friend.

God bless Tom!

Francesca Firek

Francesca Firek - October 12, 2016 at 04:16 PM

SA

“ To all of Tom's family.

I will greatly miss my buddy. He was one of the best friends I ever had.

For 38 years we were pretty much working together or in touch all the time.

After I retired in 2002, I came back to Oklahoma, but Tom and I talked back

and forth a lot. AND I always had my week to ten days with him in late summer.

Usually planned around a trip to Camden Yard to watch the Orioles play either

the Red Sox or the Yankees.

Oscar Wilde wrote: "Memory is the diary that we all carry with us."

My diary is filled with "Tom"

God Bless Tom!

Newt Baker

Sharon (Tom and Newt's assistant) - October 11, 2016 at 06:10 PM

DB

“ Donna Peck Bills purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Thomas Brian Sheedy.



Donna Peck Bills - October 11, 2016 at 06:09 PM

KA

“ 5 files added to the album a few pics...



Karen - October 08, 2016 at 01:37 PM

KA

“ We have so many fun memories of golfing, skiing, shopping, traveling, partying with Tommy! He was certainly one of a kind and we will miss him terribly. Hugs to the entire Sheedy family from Karen & Pete Almquist of Fairfax VA

ps we posted a few Tommy pics on this site

Karen & Pete Almquist - October 08, 2016 at 01:33 PM

RM

“ We knew Tom when we were all working at the Corps of Engineers in Frankfurt, GE. We remember his humor and great smile, his warm and generous heart, and many fabulous times together.

Jim & Ruby Meredith Family

RUBY G. MEREDITH - October 07, 2016 at 11:03 AM

WF

“ Walter & Linda Norko & Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Thomas Brian Sheedy.



Walter & Linda Norko & Family - October 06, 2016 at 10:29 PM

LN

“ This is from the Norko family when we lived in Frankfurt, GERMANY, OUR GRANDMOTHER WANTED TO VISIT US. BECAUSE OF HER ADVANCED AGE SHE WAS AFRAID TO FLY BY HERSELF. WE HAD MENTIONED THIS TO Tom and he graciously offered to fly with her on his return from a business trip to Wash.D.C. Always such a gentleman.

Linda Norko - October 06, 2016 at 09:46 PM

JU

“ Tom, you were a pleasure to work with at the Department of State, but more importantly, you were a kind person. I will remember you most for your genuine heart-warming smile. June

June - October 06, 2016 at 02:48 PM

EJ

“ I met Tom 25 years ago (1991) when I came to work for the State Department. I really got a chance to come to know him quite well when he and I sat next to each other for about eight years. We were quite blessed to be promoted to similar positions at the same time so during our time next door to each other we had many, many things to share, discuss and/or render opinions on any and everything. I feel very fortunate to have met Tom and to have been able to interact with him at work and outside of work. Tom was a magnet who attracted much attention because of who he was, how he was and how he handled his work and treated his friends. I send my deepest sympathy as well as my wish that the family can eventually be at peace with this loss of a great human being.
Most Sincerely,
Ezel Silver, Jr.

Ezel Silver, Jr. - October 06, 2016 at 09:30 AM

KB

“ I worked with Tom for several years at the Department of State. He was certainly a good man with a great personality. When he retired, he gave me his toy bulldozer! I still have it on my desk and it helps me to think of him daily. Tom frequently talked with me about the house he was going to build when he retired. I hope he actually did have the opportunity to complete the house and move in. Tom also frequently talked with me about the new car he was going to purchase when he retired. I hope he did find the car of his dreams! I found Tom to always be well informed about current events. I enjoyed our almost daily discussions on what we needed to do to improve the world. I am shocked to know he passed so fast and hope he found some enjoyable years in retirement.
Knox Burchett, a fellow construction engineer, that worked across the hall from Tom for several years.

Knox Burchett - October 06, 2016 at 09:03 AM

LN

“ *Love: Nick, Natalia, and Sara Norko purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Thomas Brian Sheedy.*



Love: Nick, Natalia, and Sara Norko - October 05, 2016 at 06:36 PM

SA

“ *One of my fondest memories with you Tom, was going to Annapolis, MD and enjoying the boat show they had every Autumn. We would enjoy checking out all the boats that were docked and then indulge on amazing seafood. I also remember skiing with you often as a child. You were a regular part of the ski trips we would go on in Germany and here in the US. You are in my thoughts and prayers and will be very dearly missed. May God Bless and keep you.*

Sara Norko



Sara - October 05, 2016 at 05:52 PM