



## Thomas S. Bonanno

May 10, 1934 - May 31, 2023

Thomas S. Bonanno 89, of Naples, FL died on May 31, 2023. He was born on May 10, 1934, in Brooklyn, New York the only son of the late Joseph and Josephine (Cardello) Bonanno. He raised his family in Staten Island where he was a long-time resident before moving to Old Bridge, NJ, and then Naples, FL.

He was born and raised in Brooklyn where he graduated from Brooklyn Tech High School. He then attended St. John's University for his undergraduate studies. In 1960, he graduated from St. John's Law School with his Juris Doctorate degree.

In 1964, he began his career with the New York State Appellate Term as a law clerk. He retired in 2001 as their Chief Law Clerk after spending his entire career with the Appellate Term. During his tenure, he also taught a law class at Bloomfield College. After his retirement, he was a law clerk for a New York Supreme Court Justice. He was also an Administrative Judge for the NYC Taxi and Limousine Commission.

Tom was an avid dog lover and loved ballroom dancing. In 1979, Tom showed one of his dogs at the Westminster Dog Show, a Norwich terrier, and was awarded Best of Breed.

He is survived by his loving wife of 65 years, Tina M. Bonanno of Naples, FL, and their two daughters, Josephine C. Contessa of Staten Island and Barbara Ajello and her husband Michael Ajello of Bonita Springs, FL; and his four beloved grandchildren, William T. Contessa, Christian D. Contessa, Jenna N. Ajello, and Alexa N. Ajello.

The family will receive friends on Monday, June 5, 2023, from 10:00 AM to 10:50 AM at Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home 28300 So. Tamiami Tr., Bonita Springs, FL. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 AM at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church 28300 Beaumont Rd., Bonita Springs, FL.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorial donations in his memory be made to the Alzheimer's Association 225 N. Michigan Ave. Floor 17 Chicago, IL 60601 or online at [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org).

To sign his guest register or to leave online condolences please visit [www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com](http://www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com)

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home Family Owned and Operated Since 1978.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 5. 10:00 AM - 10:50 AM (ET)

Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home  
28300 Tamiami Trail So.  
Bonita Springs, FL 34134  
(239) 992-4982  
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## Mass of Christian Burial

JUN 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Leo the Great Catholic Church  
28300 Beaumont Road  
Bonita Springs, FL 34134

# Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas S. Bonanno*

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October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Dear Josephine (Josie)*

*I'm so sorry about your dad. He enjoyed a full life and a beautiful family. Keep him in your heart. God bless you and your family during this heartwrenching time. Rest in peace, Mr. B.*

*Love and blessings  
Lori Buttermark*

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**Lori** - June 13, 2023 at 12:55 PM



“ *Dear Josephine (Josie)*

*My heartfelt condolences to you and your family on your loss. Your dad was a vibrant man and lived a full life. Unfortunately, God called him home sooner than expected. Keep him in your heart for he is always with you and very proud of his beautiful, successful daughter.*

*Love and prayers*

*Lori Buttermark*

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**Lori B** - June 09, 2023 at 02:20 PM



“ *Vita ODonovan lit a candle in memory of Thomas Bonanno*



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**Vita ODonovan** - June 04, 2023 at 01:25 PM