



Thomas John Donnelly

November 11, 1943 - September 20, 2023

Thomas John Donnelly, 79 of Bonita Springs passed away peacefully on September 20, 2023. Born to the late William J. and Catherine (McCormick) Donnelly in Chicago, Illinois. Tom graduated from High School and began working for the Chicago Transit Authority, retiring in the early 2000's as a Superintendent of Bus Garages. He married the love of his life, Catherine Sazama in May of 1964. Tom enlisted in the National Guard in 1966 and proudly served his Country as a sharpshooter. With eight years of service Tom was honorable discharged from the National Guard. Tom and Cathy began to vacation in Southwest Florida and enjoyed the area so much they became Snowbirds for many years moving to Bonita Springs full time in 2008.

Tom was a true outdoorsman; he enjoyed fishing and hunting whenever possible. Those who knew him described him as an honest and humble man, who cared deeply for his family and friends.

He is survived beloved wife of 60 years, Catherine (Sazama) Donnelly; devoted sons, Thomas Donnelly (Renee), and Michael Donnelly (Michelle-significant other); his loving, Grandchildren, Aidan, Claire, Ryan, and Shane Donnelly, dear sister Noreen Bennett; numerous nieces and nephews; treasured niece and nephew, Shelby and Adam, and close friends, Tom and Barbara Dowd. Along with his parents, William and Catherine (McCormick) Donnelly, Tom was preceded in death by his siblings, William, Patrick,

Kathleen, Maureen, and Rose.

At this time the family wishes to thank everyone for the outpouring of love and support at this difficult time. Per Tom's wishes a private memorial will be held by the family at a later date and time. Messages of condolence may be sent to the family on www.shikanyfuneralhome.com

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas John Donnelly*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *My favorite memory was going to Lockport.bbq..corn fields..that was family at its best...mike ..Tom..cousins .driving home with uncle Norm aunt Kathleen Lisa...yeah that was a little nerve wracking... love you Uncle Tom..so many good memories...big hug aunt cathy .*

sheila donnelly - September 26, 2023 at 10:35 PM



“ *Great memories of Uncle Tom, the best we're being around him and his brothers and sisters and when he would make his Pit stop at Grandpas or our house on his way home from work- a lot of laughing ❤️ Also sitting with him and Aunt Cathy on 143rd street!*

Chris Bennett - September 26, 2023 at 11:07 AM



“ *In loving memory, Grandpa embodied greatness. He evoked the spirit of John Wayne, with a stoic facade, keen insight, and a profound, heartfelt devotion to his family. He will always be remembered.*



Renee DONNELLY - September 25, 2023 at 10:32 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Thomas John Donnelly.

September 25, 2023 at 09:54 PM