



Thomas Patrick Dowdal

August 9, 1939 - April 24, 2020

Thomas P. Dowdal, 80, of Bonita Springs, FL passed away Friday, April 24, 2020 at Gulf Coast Medical Center in Fort Myers. He had been a resident of Bonita Springs since 1969, moving from Crystal Lake, IL. Tom was born August 9, 1939 in Waukegan, IL a son of the late William J. and Cleo F. (Glandon) Dowdal.

Tom worked for many years as a roofer for Weimerskirch Construction and Roofing Company in Bonita Springs before working for Gary Murphy as a property manager.

He loved fishing and was a NASCAR enthusiast and fan of Dale Earnhardt. Tom also was a member of the VFW Post 4254 in Bonita Springs.

Survivors include his loving daughters, Lauri (Aaron) Sherrill, Janet (Ben) Elwell, and Sharon Shearer; brother, George Dowdal; grandchildren, Aaron, Erica, Skylar, George, Jim, and Dalton; and great grandson, Dylan. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Jacqueline Marie Dowdal in 1999; and siblings, Jim, Billy, Sue and John.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a celebration of his life will be held at the VFW Post 4254 at a later date and will be announced.

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas Patrick Dowdal*

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“ *My husband Tom named after his uncle. You know somebody has to be a really fine man when your brother names their child after you. We spent so many fun days Aunt Jackie and Uncle Tom's house. Our son Sean loved playing with his daughters Lori Sheeran and peanut. My husband died in 2017. But he always stayed in contact with his Uncle Tom. We used to go to Wiggins Pass with them. That is where Uncle Tom taught Tommy how to ski. He was such a kind and gentle man. And he did beautiful work. It was hard to leave Bonita to move to New Jersey. Because we were leaving behind family. And a big part of that family was Aunt Jackie and Uncle Tom. He really loved his family all of us. He used to tell me stories about Tommy when he was little. And they were so vivid I felt like I was there. I felt closer to him then I did my blood uncle. You are with Aunt Jackie. And Mom and Pop and Tommy and Brandy. What a family reunions you want us to be having.. please let me know when his services will be. My number is 609 593 6827. I am so sorry for your father's passing. L a u r i a, Sharon and Janet.
Your cousin Debbie*

Debbie Dowdal - April 30, 2020 at 08:20 AM



Tommy was a very good friend. We had lots of fun dancing the night away at the Eagles. He will be missed by many. my deepest deepest condolences to the family and the girls. Heart broken. My number is 443-301-9705.

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