



Thomas Anthony Greene

December 17, 1944 - February 11, 2016

Thomas Anthony Greene formerly of Cranston died on February 11 in Bonita Springs, Florida.

He was 71. Tom was the loving husband of Maria H. Izzi of Warwick. He resided at the "cottage" of the Clouds Hill Victorian Museum in Warwick, RI at the request of the owner, Anne D. Holst for the past twelve years. In addition he lived in Narragansett, Rhode Island and Sunapee, New Hampshire.

Thomas started his career with The Department of Environmental Management (DEM) as a game warden under the tutelage of Lt. Albert Judge, Conservation Officer. He was a game warden for six years before rising to the rank of Lieutenant, finishing first out of more than twenty other officers who took the exam. He served as Lt. Greene for eighteen years and was appointed to the position of Deputy Chief in 1991 by DEM Director Louise Durphy and remained in that position until his retirement in 2006. Thomas was a well respected Deputy Chief who served that department with unwavering loyalty and determination to abide by the rules and regulations of the DEM.

Tom graduated from Cranston High School and Roger Williams University. He had a deep love and knowledge of flora and fauna throughout Rhode Island and New England. He was an avid hunter of deer, turkey and boar, hunting in NH near his home in Sunapee and in Florida, Georgia, Texas and West Virginia. He was deeply respected among his peers in and out of state and

dedicated to his position. He ruled with a firm hand to protect RI's natural resources from being ruined or exploited. Tom was truly a "man's man" in every capacity. He would never let personal feelings interfere with the laws of Rhode Island and his unwavering obligation to protect land and sea.

Tom served as Secretary of the Northeast Chiefs of Fish and Wildlife, and was The Director of the Game Warden Memorial Museum in North Dakota from 2003-2014. He participated in conferences as far west as California, Montana and Canada. He was always active in conservation even after his retirement, as it was his passion.

Tom and his conservation officer partner Anne D. Holst, of Warwick (Clouds Hill Victorian House Museum) New England's first female game warden, were dedicated to the waterfront and stopping illegal shell fishing. Their arrests numbered in the hundreds to protect RI resources and consumers.

Tom was an active participant in the Bradbury Fox Hound training, training the hounds for the Bradbury Hunt held at Hopkins Hill Farm in West Greenwich, RI. Tom was given The Award of Colors which is a prestigious honor awarded by the masters of the hunt at their sole discretion to hunting members who have made an ongoing significant contribution to the hunt's tradition of excellent sportsmanship. Only those who have been exemplary and contributed to the success of the hunt's activities and are a credit to the hunt's reputation are chosen for the Award of Colors. He was an active participant the New England Hunt in 1972 organizing the hound show for the hunt, training the hounds for the Hound Trials Competition with Dennis Murphy, DNR. Tom was instrumental in organizing the Conservation Officers of the DEM to hold monthly meetings at Hopkins Hill Farm because of the generosity of the Cardi family. It was at the Cardi Farm that he met his future wife Maria Izzi. After they met they realized how closely their families were connected through the years.

Thomas was a beloved friend whose sincerity and generosity to those he loved knew no limits. His soulful, deep blue eyes and great smile were so expressive when in the company of those he loved. He was always willing to lend a helping hand to those in need. He was an accomplished carpenter, electrician, an avid reader and master gardener. A lover of nature, he loved taking nature walks at Cloud's Hill, exploring the grounds with his beautiful black Labrador, Blackjack.

Tom leaves his beloved wife and caregiver Maria H. Izzi, his daughter Stacey Lee Greene Bodziony and her husband Matthew of Wakefield, RI, his son Sgt. Jason Winston Greene of the West Warwick Police Department and his wife Nicole of Cranston. He leaves five grandchildren, Mack, Mae and Van Bodziony and Emma and Jake Greene. Emma and Jake are the 5th generation of the Greene family to attend Oaklawn Elementary School in Cranston, RI. Tom was the son of Rosellen (Welch) and Winston N. Greene of Cranston. Tom leaves his brother Clinton N. Greene and his wife Barbara (Swanson) of Malta, NY and was the brother the late James Greene and his wife Helen of Cranston, his sister Hope Pelletier and her late husband Thomas of Las Cruces, New Mexico and the late Carolyn Caito and her husband Robert of East Greenwich, plus many beloved nieces and nephews, as well as great nieces and nephews. Tom also leaves his sisters in law, Helen Izzi Schilling of Naples, FL, Rita Izzi Santilli and Eileen Izzi of Narragansett. Tom leaves several retired Conservation Officers that he would meet with on a weekly basis, Jeff Belmonte, Ray Lamonte, Freddie Williams, Danny Dragon, Dean Lees and former Chief at DEM, Frank Papa. They formed a very tight friendship and they were always willing to help him to attend any event, as he became physically weaker because of his illness. Tom was the former husband of the late Barbara (Reynolds) Greene.

Tom loved life and handled his illness void of complaining and with complete dignity. He leaves his beloved caregivers in addition to his wife, Maria, Mr. W. Keith Avery and Dagmar Jordan, whose love and genuine concern for Tom were a part of their day to day duties. His support team in Florida also included Marianna Cardi LaTour, Maria C. Cardi, Sylvia Natale, Henry D'Aloisio, Marilyn and Mark Kinkade, also his nephew and niece by marriage Paul J. Schilling, MD and Helen M. Schilling, MD.who were by his side through his illness.

In lieu of flowers please send contributions in Tom's name to the Game Warden Museum, 10939 Peace Garden Road, Dunseith, ND 58239. A celebration of life mass will be held in June at St. Mary's Church in Cranston, RI to be announced.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas Anthony Greene*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Tom was an exceptional man: kind, patient, good, fair and loving to his family. When he became ill, he was difficult to read as his emotions were not expressed by his facial muscles. However, the light in his blue eyes and zest for living were always there. Fortunately for both, he found Maria who was his soul mate in a world that no longer believes in that. As his sole caregiver, she tirelessly sought answers and palliation for his physical condition. When things looked darkest, Tom would bravely rally! He was not the only one to rally as he was inspired by his cheerleader-in-chief, his wife. Alas, one day, there was to be no rally, Tom, rest in peace knowing that you were loved!*

Paul J Schilling, MD

Paul J Schilling, MD - April 07, 2016 at 03:01 PM

DE

“ When I first met Tom he was full of energy in both his professional and personal life. He was dedicated to profession and to those he called friend. He could always be counted on for a good story over a cigar and a glass of Tellamore Dew. He was a leader among the members of the Northeast Conservation Law Enforcement Chiefs and was popular with all he met. He will be remembered for many things with the Chief's, not the least of all the Rhode Island Little Necks that he would bring to every conference, declaring them the finest in the United States. He did believe it.

He was fortunate to have the support and love of Maria as his disease slowly took over his body. He remained strong mentally and physically as he tried to try to best the illness that was slowly gaining on him. In discussions about the changes that were happening it was obvious he was not going out without a fight. He traveled and hunted as long as he could. He climbed ladders he shouldn't have, but he just had to do it. Between his attitude and the care he received through Maria, he fought a long battle to be proud of. Like many other things in his life; he did it his way. We are better off for knowing Tom Greene.

Dave and Cindy Egelston

David & Cindy Egelston - March 07, 2016 at 03:56 PM

SN

“ *Dearest Maria,
We are so very sad about Tom's passing. We will miss his sweet and thoughtful ways, his kind and gentle manner which will always be remembered by us.
Thank God, your special attention to all of his needs, afforded us so much more extra time with this special man.
What a wonderful tribute you have given to Tom's memory. This obituary, is a true picture of his many achievements. We are proud to have had him as our close friend.
In closing we are proud to call you our friend who was a champion loving wife and caregiver.
With Love,
Sylvia and Henry*

Sylvia A. Natale - March 07, 2016 at 12:46 PM

PG

“ *Dear Maria,
Although I did not have a chance to meet Tom, I know how much you enjoyed his companionship. I am so sorry for your loss.
May you have beautiful memories for comfort, family for support, and dear friends to ease your grief.
You are in my prayers.
God Bless*

Pat Gregory

Patricia Gregory - February 28, 2016 at 04:48 PM

FV

“ To the Family of Tom Greene,
My deepest sympathies for your loss. I had the honor of working with Tom in his capacity as Deputy Chief of the RI DEM Environmental Police Division. We we would often see each other at our respective offices in the Vets building in Providence. Tom was committed to his profession that is why for many years he would pay his own way to attend the annual national convention for environmental law enforcement officers. He was dedicated to protecting RI's natural resources for all of us. God bless Tom and the important work he did for this state.

Sincerely,

Fred Vincent

Former Associate and Acting Director, DEM

Fred Vincent - February 24, 2016 at 10:05 AM

AD

“ We are so sorry for your loss. We remember how fond our father was of Tom. They spent so much time together both on the force and at the farm. We always thought of him as the son our dad never had.

Al Judge's Daughters

Al Judge's Daughters - February 22, 2016 at 03:30 PM

RC

“ My memories of Tom will be demonstrations of his love for Maria. I have such a respect for Tom despite the short time I knew him. I will remember a kind, loving, caring man who was absolutely adorable. It was clear to me how much they loved each other. His soul will continue to be in my prayers. May he rest in peace.

Rosemary Casale - February 22, 2016 at 07:52 AM

KM

“ Jason, my sincere condolences to you and to your family. Your father was a good friend and always willing to help me out. As a new prosecutor, I certainly learned a lot more from him than he ever learned from me.

Ken Madden

Ken Madden - February 22, 2016 at 06:52 AM

MK

“ Tom will be missed by all that knew him. Maria, you are a great person. Your love and care for Tom was one of the greatest tributes one could give a loving husband. We will always be there for you.
Love Mark and Marilyn

Marilyn Kincade - February 21, 2016 at 05:52 PM

BM

“ Dear Maria,

We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Please know that you and your family are in our prayers. God Bless you.

Bobby & Marie McKenna

Bob McKenna - February 21, 2016 at 12:23 PM

TP

“ Jason and Nicole, please send my sympathy to your entire family in your dad's passing.

Tim Poulin & Family

tim poulin - February 21, 2016 at 08:14 AM

JG

Jason and Nicole,, Jay your dad was a great guy. Please send our condolences from my family to yours and the South County Rod & Gun Club. Joe Galligan And Family.

Joe Galligan - February 21, 2016 at 10:59 AM

PC

“*Maria, Hold on to all your beautiful memories of your beloved Tom and may they always bring a smile to your face. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.*

*God Bless,
Pat C.*

Pat Cairo - February 21, 2016 at 07:01 AM

DL

*Tom was a wonderful guy who never complained about his gradual decline in health. He never wavered as a stand-up guy even when life was slipping away. We will always admire his wonderful wife, Maria, who loved him and gave him 24 hour care to ensure he had every opportunity to live life to the fullest. May he rest in piece.
Dave and Karin Layman*

Dave Layman - June 09, 2016 at 03:26 PM