



## Thomas D. Knoche

June 25, 1944 - August 2, 2021

Thomas D. Knoche, 77 of Bonita Springs, FL died on August 2, 2021. Born on June 25, 1944 in Buffalo, NY, he was a son of the late Robert and Margaret (Cotton) Knoche.

Tom was a gentleman; polite and well mannered. He had a smile that always greeted you. He enjoyed playing golf and always tried his best not to lose too many golf balls. The Gulf, sunshine, the beautiful cloud formations and all that Florida offers made him happy.

For 54 years, his world revolved around selling Cadillacs. He enjoyed talking and working with his customers, always having a story to share. Tom was a loving partner, father, brother, uncle and grandfather. Tom recently retired and although his retirement was short, his life was full.

“When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure.”

Tom is survived by fiancée, Nancy Smith; sons Robert (Susan) Knoche, Russell (Jill Wierzba) Knoche and Ryan (Kacie Zglinicki) Knoche; grandchildren Trent Knoche, Taylor Wierzba, Ryan Knoche and Theo Knoche; great-granddaughter Skylar Wierzba; and brothers John (Miki) Knoche and William Knoche.

A private Celebration of Life service will be held in Joanne’s House at Hope

Hospice, 27200 Imperial Parkway, Bonita Springs, on Thursday, August 5, 2021 at 11 AM. An additional service will follow at a later date in New York. Tom will be inurned in Hartland Cemetery, Gasport, NY.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Florida Cancer Specialists Foundation (<https://fcsf.org/>), Moffitt Cancer Hospital (<https://moffitt.org/>) or Joanne's House at Hope Hospice (<https://hopehcs.org/>).

To sign Tom's 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 and Crematory, Family Owned and Operated since 1978.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas D. Knoche*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Nancy, we were very sorry to hear of Tom's passing. He was always quick with a smile and his wit was enjoyable. Take care of yourself.*

*Dwight & Donna Pike*

**Donna Pike** - August 09, 2021 at 07:19 AM



“ *Tom was so special to us and he will be missed dearly. No doubt he and Dad are reunited and back to their fun and games. Our heartfelt sympathy to Nancy and his loved ones. Love you and thinking of you always, Susan, Sean, Maddy and Grace Kelly*

**Susan Kelly** - August 07, 2021 at 08:11 PM



*Thank you so much. Your Dad was his buddy.*

**Nancy** - August 08, 2021 at 03:45 PM

TC

“ We were fortunate to have Tom as a friend and a next door neighbor .

*We'll sadly miss him in every way.*

*Denise & Tom Cheneski  
12031 Toscana Way unit 101*

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**Tom Cheneski** - August 06, 2021 at 01:13 PM

BL

“ Dear Nancy We were so saddened to hear of Tom's passing. He was a thoughtful man with a wonderful spirit. A part of Tom's love lives with you and all he cared for. Our deepest sympathy to you and his family Bernadee and Edward Learn

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**Bernadee and Edward Learn** - August 06, 2021 at 11:22 AM

JR

“ Nancy, I am so sorry for your loss. Hoping your memories of great times with Tom will bring you peace.  
With deepest sympathy,  
Jan Roberts



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**Jan Roberts** - August 05, 2021 at 05:51 PM

CK

“ So very sorry for your loss. Tom was a wonderful person, sweet and kind. Although he is no longer by your side, he will forever be in your heart. Hugs and prayers.

*Cindy, Kevin and Alex Kane*

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**Cindy Kane** - August 05, 2021 at 01:19 PM

LS

“ There were so many wonderful memories we shared with Tom and Nancy. He will be missed but never forgotten. My thoughts and prayers are with Nancy and the family. May the Lord watch over him. When Bill passed someone sent me this note which I hope helps in this time of sadness. "Those we Love don't go away they walk beside us every day. Unseen unheard but always near. Still Loved, still missed and forever dear.  
Linda Speranza

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**Linda Speranza** - August 05, 2021 at 01:06 PM

JM

“ He was a good man, he was my friend. He inspired me with his dedication to his work regimen and his fitness regimen. He regularly was out jogging in the community before the sun came up. He regularly kept me abreast of new Cadillac offerings in the hope of selling me a new Cadillac. I enjoyed playing cards with him, golfing with him, having dinner with him and generally spending time socializing with him. Rarely in a lifetime does a true friend come along. Tom was one of those. And I will miss him. Rest In Peace my friend.

Jerry M.

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**Jerry Magers** - August 05, 2021 at 08:36 AM

MJ

“ The world has truly lost a beautiful soul. My deepest and heartfelt condolences to Nancy and his family. I wish you peace and comfort as you grieve. Sharing in your sadness as you remember Tom. He will be mournfully missed. Merry Jo

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**merry Jo** - August 05, 2021 at 06:44 AM

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*Thank you, MJ. We shared many good times together.*

**Nancy** - August 08, 2021 at 03:48 PM

MM

“*Tom, Carol and I would play reciprocals together when Tom had a day off from his job. We were playing at Kensington one day and lost our way on the cart path. He was very trusting and followed us only to wind up stuck in between someone’s private property and a hedge. We looked pretty silly backing our way out and trying not to be seen. We escaped and all had a good laugh. Then there was the time he tried to teach us a card game at our house. It didn’t take long before he gave up on us. We just weren’t good students and asked too many questions. Any time spent with Tom and his love, Nancy, was always just the best. Dinners, golf or games, it didn’t matter. We loved Tom. He was a kind, gentle and thoughtful man and friend. We will miss him like crazy.*

*All our love,  
Mike and Carol Mensch*

**mike mensch** - August 04, 2021 at 09:36 PM

DC

“*Tom, you will sadly be missed by us all. You were always loving and caring whenever I saw you. Please give my love to my family when you see them up in Heaven!!❤️❤️ Love, Debbi*

**Deborah Clemens** - August 04, 2021 at 08:23 PM

RZ

*Nancy, you know how sad I am to hear this. Tom and I spent many times together. Always had a great time. He was a Special person and will missed. My prayers go out to you all!*

**Randy Zimnowski** - August 08, 2021 at 01:39 PM

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*Thank you, Randy.*

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**Nancy** - August 08, 2021 at 03:47 PM

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*Thank you, Randy.*

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**Nancy** - August 08, 2021 at 03:49 PM

SP

*We only knew Tom from our dealings at Val Ward but we considered him a friend. We always bought our cars from him. He would even call my husband every year on his birthday!  
He was such a nice guy. Not hearing from him this past year, my husband stopped in and was told the news. We are so very sorry for your loss. May he Rest In Peace.*

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**Sunni Pitra** - September 27, 2021 at 10:53 AM