



Thomas Patrick O'Keefe

June 15, 1953 - September 27, 2021

Thomas Patrick O'Keefe, 68 of Fort Myers, FL passed away peacefully Monday, September 27, 2021 at Inspired Living at Bonita Springs. Formerly of Holden, MA, he had been a resident of Fort Myers since 2018. Tom was born June 15, 1953 in Worcester, MA, a son of the late Daniel Patrick and Mary Frances (Cassidy) O'Keefe.

After attending May Street School and Chandler Junior High School, he graduated from Doherty Memorial High School in 1971. Tom graduated from the College of the Holy Cross Class of 1975 with a BA in Economics. At graduation, he was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Air Force, where he served for four years of active duty. While in the USAF, he was an air weapons controller attached to the North American Air Defense Command. He attained the distinction of expert controller while on active duty. Upon separation from active duty, he joined the Massachusetts Air National Guard (101st Tactical Control Squadron) and continued service until 1985.

His career as a financial planner started at Paul Revere Life Insurance Company where he worked for several years and met the love of his life, his wife Palma. In 1987, Tom founded O'Keefe Investment Management (OIM), helping clients reach their financial goals until his retirement in 2018. During his tenure with OIM Tom supported and hired over 20 Summer Internship and Academic Internship students through Holy Cross.

Genuine and authentic, Tom will be remembered for being a fiercely dedicated family man. His wife of 37 years, Palma, was his true love and inspiration. He supported and encouraged her in all her volunteering, work, and service. His sons were his life's purpose and passion and their biggest supporter in their educational and athletic pursuits. He never missed a game while his sons played sports year-round. An avid golfer, his favorite pastime was playing 18 holes with friends or his two sons, almost never missing a Sunday tee time. He was also a passionate fan of all Boston sports teams as well as Villanova University Basketball, witnessing 30 championships from these teams in his lifetime. Tom was named as an Honorary Alumnus at Saint John's High School in Shrewsbury, MA for his continued support of the school over many years.

Survivors include his beloved wife of 37 years, Palma L. (Carini) O'Keefe; loving sons, Thomas (Mary) O'Keefe of Odessa, FL and Christopher (Lizzy) O'Keefe of Summerville, SC; cherished granddaughter, Grace Elizabeth; sisters, Maryann Burton of Valley Forge, PA, Ellen (Jeffrey) VanDam of Vienna, VA; aunt, Elizabeth "Betty" O'Keefe of Worcester, MA; and dear friends, Mark and Sissy Hall of Fort Myers, FL. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Daniel B. O'Keefe; and uncle, Robert J. O'Keefe.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Wednesday, October 6, 2021 at 11:00 AM at St. John XXIII Catholic Church, 13060 Palomino Lane, Fort Myers, FL 33912. He will be laid to rest in the church memorial garden.

A memorial service will be held in Worcester at a later date and will be announced.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Tom's name to

Financial Aid at St. John's High School, 378 Main Street, Shrewsbury, MA
01545.

Online condolences may be offered by visiting www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com.

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

Cemetery Details

St. John XXIII Memorial Garden

13060 Palomino Lane
Fort Myers, FL 33912

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

OCT 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John the XXIII Catholic Church
13060 Palomino Lane
Fort Myers, FL 33912

Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas Patrick O'Keefe*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Hi Palma, so sorry to hear the news about Tom. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Tommy & Chris. The Cutting's*

Curt Cutting - October 26, 2021 at 07:43 PM



“ *Palma, I am so sorry for your loss. Tom was a great Commonwealth friend, larger than life and full of life for you and his family. He will be missed by many..*

Roberta Nestor

Roberta Nestor - October 18, 2021 at 08:42 AM



“ *Palma, Tom and Chris,
We are so saddened to hear of Tom's passing. He was full of life and an honor to call him friend. May his love and laughter provide you with comfort now and forever. We will treasure our fond times at SJ always. With love and deepest condolences, Renzo and Cheryl Bardetti*

Cheryl Bardetti - October 17, 2021 at 04:16 PM

CB

“ I am sorry to hear of Tom's untimely passing. I knew him for many years through our mutual Commonwealth connection. I will miss his warm smiles and sharp wit. He was one of my models for a life lived with family and integrity. May happy memories soften the sharp edge of your grief. Peace to you. Christine Byrne

Christine Byrne - October 12, 2021 at 08:51 AM

JH

“ *Palma and family-*
I met Tom at some Commonwealth Conferences and was always surprised at how warm hearted Tom was and how much he loved his family. He will be missed by many especially how his personality could fill up a room.

You must be heartbroken at losing him and I am holding you in my thoughts,

Jill Hansen

jill hansen - October 11, 2021 at 06:41 PM

O'

“ *OIM Interns, Holy Cross, Class of '15 purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Thomas Patrick O'Keefe.*



OIM Interns, Holy Cross, Class of '15 - October 05, 2021 at 05:00 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Thomas Patrick O'Keefe.*



October 04, 2021 at 10:16 PM



“ *My condolences to Palma, Thomas, and Chris. My family was involved with the O'Keefe's for years as our sons played numerous sporting events; skating, soccer and basketball to name a few in Holden. Tom was an active supporter of his family and their teams. I also managed to play numerous rounds of golf versus Tom but he was a much better player than I. When I look at his picture with that smile, that is the most telling representation of the man; living life with gusto with his family First and friends. You'll be missed my friend.*

Carl, Jean, Matthew and Derek Johnson

Carl Johnson - October 04, 2021 at 02:45 PM



“ *Dear Palma and Family, I was saddened to learn that Tom passed away on September 27th. Sending heartfelt condolences to you and keeping Tom and all those who loved him in my thoughts and prayers. May he rest in peace. Carla Forts*

Carla Forts - October 04, 2021 at 01:05 PM

MM

“ So sad to hear of Tom's passing. My family always considered Tom as a true friend, not just our financial advisor. Tom was never just about business. All of our financial conversations always turned into how the family was doing. It always seemed that we talked about our families more than finance. Tom will be greatly missed by all that knew him.

Marty, Sue and the entire McManus family.

Marty McManus - October 04, 2021 at 08:37 AM

JP

“ Sending our sincere condolences to Tom's family at this sad time. We were so fortunate to know Tom these past several years not only as a trusted financial advisor but as a special friend. We always looked forward to our appointments knowing we would get sound advice and another dose of his great personality. May you be comforted knowing the positive impact he made on those he came in contact with and may he rest in peace. Godspeed, Tom!

Jim and Bonnie Porter

Jim and Bonnie Porter - October 03, 2021 at 09:56 PM

KS

“ Palma, Tommy, Chris and family,
Our deepest condolences on Tom's passing. Never did we meet when he wasn't all smiles and so energetic in his greeting! We're thinking of you and hope that your memories will keep you strong.

*Our best,
Bill and Karen Sutherland*

Karen Sutherland - October 03, 2021 at 05:13 PM

TC

“ Dear Palma,-we were very saddened at reading of Tom`s death and wish to send our deepest sympathies to you and your family. Knowing he was not in the best of health it is our hoe he is in a better place now. Hopefully you have the strength you need during these time with your family. So sorry for you and your are in our prayers and thoughts.

As ever - Tom & Claire Cunningham
Worcester, MA

Tom Cunningham - October 03, 2021 at 12:40 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas Patrick O'Keefe.



October 03, 2021 at 12:33 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas Patrick O'Keefe.



October 03, 2021 at 11:54 AM

DS

“ Dear Palma I'm so sorry to hear of Tom's passing. Sending my love and condolences and prayers for your family at this very difficult time. Love, DiDi

Dianne Schiavone - October 03, 2021 at 11:39 AM

JC

“*Mrs. O’Keefe, Tommy and Chris,
I am so sorry to hear of Mr. O’Keefe’s passing. He was a true gentleman and so kind to all of us SJ guys. He leaves a great legacy in you, TO and Chris. You are all are in my thoughts and prayers. Sending my love.*

Joe Curran

Joe Curran - October 03, 2021 at 11:19 AM

KO

“*Dear Palma, Tom, Chris, Buzzy & Ellen, My sincere condolences on Tommy’s recent passing. Although it has been quite awhile since we were in contact, I will never forget him as a real great friend growing up in the same neighborhood in Worcester - camping trips with Troop 4 Boy Scouts, walked to Doherty High School with him every day, CYC basketball and much much more. I was truly saddened as he was a wonderful human being with a quick wit and great laugh that I will never forget. Be strong Palma as you guys were a great couple and his fond memories will remain with you forever. We have lost a giant of a man. With a hug to you all, Kevin OSullivan*

kevin osullivan - October 03, 2021 at 10:27 AM

PT

“*Palma and family. Maureen and I are very sorry for your loss. Tom was always more of a friend than an advisor. We have missed seeing you at the Hanover Theatre the past couple of years, always looked for Tom at the Broadway plays. Rest in peace my friend. Paul and Maureen Tebo, Local 4 Worcester.*

Paul Tebo - October 03, 2021 at 08:12 AM

CF

“ Having worked for many years with Tom, and later reconnecting with Tom and Palma when our sons were at St John’s, I can’t say enough about Tom and the man he was. Tom was that guy who was always smiling and making others laugh. His love and dedication towards his family was something people would learn immediately after meeting him. He was so proud of Palma and the boys. His face would light up when they walked into a room or you mentioned their names. As sad and heart broken as I am learning of Tom’s passing, I will always remember him with a smile in my heart because of the man he was. I will keep Palma, the boys and their families in my prayers during this very difficult time. Rest in peace, Tom. 🙏



Cathy Fitzgerald - October 02, 2021 at 06:54 PM

TK

“ Maureen and I are so saddened by the passing of Tom. We feel privileged to have been his friend and will always remember his laugh and honesty. Palma, Tom, and Chris, our thoughts and prayers are with you during a difficult time. Maureen and Tom Keating

Tom Keating - October 02, 2021 at 04:22 PM

CG

“ Prayers for Tom R.I.P. a good man

Carl gentile - October 02, 2021 at 02:45 PM

JE

“ Tom was a truly unique person, larger than life, a straight shooter with a heart of gold. As my financial advisor for many years, he was protective, brilliant and hard working. He always took the time to educate me on his advice, and he never made me feel dumb, even when my eyes glazed over with information overload. He worked hard to deliver all of the information needed in an easy to understand way. More importantly, he became my friend in our very first meeting. He came into the office with his big smile, his great sense of humor, and his kindness. I trusted him immediately and without hesitation, and he always lived up to that trust. I admired so much the way that he dealt with his illness when he was first diagnosed. Again, straight shooter, faced it head on and took the steps that he needed to in order to protect everyone who counted on him. He was so proud of Palma and his sons, and his love for them was always so clear. His love of life rubbed off on everyone that he met. My husband and I were blessed to call him friend, and my heart is sad for those he left behind.

Jane Eden

Jane Eden - October 01, 2021 at 01:51 PM

PA

Oh Jane, thank you for this beautiful tribute. You were always one of his very favorite clients, but more importantly, his friend. We were all blessed to know and love Tom!

palma - October 01, 2021 at 04:54 PM

DH

Palma, please accept my heartfelt condolences.
I met Tom briefly while you were preparing to sell your Holden home. I remember a friendly & gentle man, calm & considerate during that transitional process.

My prayers are with you.
Your stager, Denise Hein

Denise Hein - October 03, 2021 at 11:49 AM

EI

Palma, please accept my deepest condolences on your loss of a great friend and mentor to me long ago! Tommy was a great man and I will always remember our times together at the 101ACS as he made it memorable every time we were together. Chopper

Edwin J Lynds II - October 05, 2021 at 11:52 AM