



## Thomas A. Giacose Jr.

June 19, 1950 - November 4, 2021

Thomas A. Giacose Jr. entered into eternal rest on November 4th, 2021, at Garnet Medical Center, surrounded by his loving family. He was 71 years old.

He was predeceased by his father, Thomas Giacose and his mother, Sophie Giacose (nee Silvestro). He is survived by his daughters, Vanessa Bower and her husband, Benjamin Bower of Chester and Alison Giacose of Middletown, and his grandchildren Blake Bower and Aubrey Bower. He also leaves behind his siblings, Steven Giacose and his husband, Scott Neff, Leonard Giacose and his wife, Carol, Francine Block and her husband, Steven, his six nieces and two nephews.

Tom was born in Newark, New Jersey on June 19th, 1950, and grew up in Clifton. He graduated from Seton Hall Prep in 1968. He attended Fordham University, where he studied biology and engineering. He worked for Keyence Corporation and Clarostat Systems and Controls as an electrical engineer.

In May 1999, he was given a second lease on life as the recipient of a liver transplant. This life-saving operation granted him an additional 22 years. Tom was eternally grateful to be afforded the opportunity to see both of his daughters graduate from high school and college. His transplant also allowed him to spend precious years with his two grandchildren and build an unbreakable bond with them. His grandchildren inherited his thirst for

knowledge and aptitude for engineering. Tom treasured the opportunity to spend time with his grandchildren and teach them about science, geography, space and aided in their eclectic palates, as they enjoyed cuisine from many different cultures together. Blake and Aubrey were among his greatest joys and best friends.

In addition, Tom enjoyed fishing, going to the beach, traveling, playing his guitar, riding his motorcycles, rebuilding car engines & computers, and checking out local restaurants. He stayed in contact with the same group of friends, most of which he had known since grade school. The Jersey Boys were always held close to his heart, even those who migrated and remained on the west coast.

The family is planning a celebration of Tom's life with family and friends in the spring of 2022.

In lieu of flowers, Tom would encourage everyone to become an organ donor.

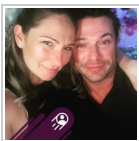
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“ Tommy and I grew up together in Maple Valley section of Clifton, NJ...We walked to kindergarten through 8th grade together. I have know him for as far back as I can remember...6 years old on. We lived close by. There was always sports in the park and creative pranks played on each other and the unsuspected; harmless, but youthful fun...It was all part of growing up and bonding in the 50's...Tommy was talented, smart and he had a heart of gold. He never refused to help you when needed, you always could count on him. Despite the fact our journey in life took a different paths as we went on to High School, we connected from time to time; the boyhood friendship stayed strong over all these years. I always enjoyed catching up with him and talking about what we had going on...Still to this day, my fondest memories are those years when we walked to school together rain or shine, talking and kidding with each other...We lived in the shadow of the Empire State Building, but it was a Mayberry environment to us. RIP, Tommy; you made a difference in life for many, you certainly made a difference in mine.  
Bob Adelhelm

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**Bob Adelhelm** - December 28, 2021 at 08:47 AM



“ Dad, thank you for always being there, for bringing me to Bear Mtn to go Ice Skating (ALL the time), Italian classes, our city trips, most notably to see the Rocketeers when I was pregnant with Blake (& I slept through the entire show haha). We miss you stopping by daily for dinner & a nap on our couch. Thank you for loving me unconditionally, especially when I was at my worst. You understood without judgement. I'll never forget any of it. Always thinking of you...

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**Vanessa Bower** - December 07, 2021 at 12:04 AM



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**Vanessa Bower** - December 06, 2021 at 11:54 PM

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“ *Tommy and I were friends since high school. Even though we were in and out of contact for long periods, we still remained close friends. And when Tommy was your friend, he was your friend. It was that unspoken friendship; that tell no lies and hold no grudges. There was always a truth to be told but no need to be said. If you were wise, you were wise; if a fool a fool. But nothing was held against you and it was in the present that we lived. That's the strength of that friendship he had with you. With that same bond he loved his family, his brothers and sister; quite proud of his daughters and grandchildren. I will miss him dearly. Dennis Salata*

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**Dennis Salata** - November 17, 2021 at 09:20 PM