



## Carl Thomas Ferrara

April 12, 1944 - November 30, 2016

Carl Thomas Ferrara, 72 of Altamonte Springs, Florida passed away on Wednesday, November 30, 2016. Mr. Ferrara was born on April 12, 1944 in Amsterdam, New York to Carl and Mary Ferrara.

He was born, he lived and he died. Journey complete.

\_C.T. Ferrara

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to:

Morning Star School 930 Leigh Ave. Orlando, FL 32804 OR

Bishop Grady Villas 401 Bishop Grady Ct. St. Cloud, FL 34769

# Previous Events

## Memorial Mass

DEC 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

Nativity Catholic Church  
3255 N. Ronald Reagan Blvd.  
Longwood, FL 32750  
<http://www.nativity.org/>

# Tribute Wall

LM

“ Joyce & Family,

*We moved Leigh to a Group Home in Ohio to be closer to her Sister & Family & have been gone for 3 months. When we returned, learned about Tom & we are so very sorry. Please know our thoughts, prayers, hearts & love are with you all, "The Moncriefs", Kirby, Lynda & Leigh*

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**Lynda Moncrief** - January 23, 2017 at 07:05 PM

KM

“ *I just heard word of Tom's passing and am so sorry for your loss. My name is Karen McNearny and I used to be Tom's court reporter for many years. He was always such a wonderful man, extremely funny and very personable. Tom introduced me to Blue Dog! After his stories of the artist and seeing the artwork in his office, I had to have one.*

*I told stories of my dad working as a photographer at NASA and gave Tom an original NASA photo of one of the Apollo launches. He will always be a very special person in my heart.*

*God be with you and your family*

*Karen McNearny*

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**Karen McNearny** - January 06, 2017 at 05:23 PM

HB

“ It was a beautiful service yesterday for Tom. Our family loved Tom very much and he was a big part of our lives since I was a little girl. He LOVED to tease and if he had something on you to tease you about (which he had a few stories on me for sure), you were in for some ribbing - with that devilish twinkle and smile of his. I loved that about him.

*I also always admired what a wonderful father Tom was with Nicole and Tommy. We would always look for him and Tommy at the Magic games back in the day. He made some great memories for his son all those years. He was so very proud of Nicole and her path in life as an attorney and wonderful mom to his grandchildren. Tom sure did love his family with all his heart*

*He was also a loving husband to Joyce. Those two were a unique and fun couple to be around and their love and commitment to each other is a beautiful thing.*

*Finally, Tom was a steadfast and wonderful friend to my mom, dad and Donna. We have celebrated many holidays and special events over the years and Tom and his family were a big part of our lives. We were all lucky to have been in the "Ferrara World" - it sure was fun. We will treasure those memories forever.*

*Much love to you, Joyce, Nicole & Tommy.  
Holly Hilyard Berger*

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**Holly Berger** - December 09, 2016 at 02:11 PM

PD

“ Dear Joyce & Family:

*We are truly sorry to hear of Tom's passing. I agree with his other classmates that he certainly was "one of a kind" - a character loved by all. He left us too early but, fortunately with lots of good memories. He will certainly be missed! Our class reunion next year won't be the same without him.*

*Sending our sincere condolences and love.*

*Pat & Guido DeMaria*

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**Pat & Guido DeMaria** - December 08, 2016 at 02:04 PM

RZ

“ Dear Joyce and Family:  
"When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure..."  
Our deepest Condolences.  
Rosa B. Zorrilla



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**Rosa B Zorrilla** - December 07, 2016 at 09:42 PM

FI

“ Dear Joyce, Nicole and Tommy: I am so sorry to hear of Tom's passing. Tom was truly one of a kind with his ebullient, engaging, warm hearted, humor filled, let's throw it all in demeanor. Gracious, forthright, endearing to those who knew him, a patriot, a professional, an excellent athlete, a great dad, loving husband and fantastic friend to many. It was my absolute pleasure to have known Tom for well over fifty years and he will be surely missed by his many fraternity brothers, professional associates, family friends, and his family. Rest in peace brother Tom. We love you Tom. Perge!  
Finn and Alice

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**Finn** - December 07, 2016 at 05:24 PM

VK

“ *Viviana Kypraios lit a candle in memory of Carl Thomas Ferrara*



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**viviana kypraios** - December 07, 2016 at 09:14 AM

AM

“ *All my love Tony Manos purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Carl Thomas Ferrara.*



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**All my love Tony Manos** - December 06, 2016 at 07:27 PM

TM

“ *Dear Joyce , Nichole and Little Tom;  
Please accept my deepest sympathy and condolences for the loss of your wonderful husband, father and my dear friend. His passing, leaves a huge hole in the lives and hearts of all who knew him. It was a honor to have him as a part of my life. I will always cherish the wonderful memories and good times we had together .They will live on in my mind and my heart forever.*

*Love always,*

*Tony Manos*

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**Tony Manos** - December 06, 2016 at 06:46 PM

SF

“ So many memories...

*Tom and I were close friends ever since fifth grade at the old Guy Park Elementary School in Amsterdam, after my family moved to town in 1954. Tom was forever the 'live wire' of our class, joking, teasing the girls, playing pranks, and generally raising h--l.*

*Our family's home at 273 Guy Park Avenue was centrally located for four of us as kids: Tom, Pete Turner, Pete Noonan, and me. Up in back, on Stewart Street, our detached garage had a basketball hoop and backboard, and we would play two-against-two. Tom was a fantastic shot. Ditto for two-against-two touch football on Stewart Street: after school we'd play until it got completely dark or until my mom would call out for me to come in for dinner. Tom was always the star!*

*We didn't know it at the time, but we could not have been more fortunate: having real friends like Tom, seeing them and being together every day, strengthened the bonds of friendship to last a lifetime.*

*But it wasn't only neighborhood sports: Tom and I had lots of 'escapades.' We got into trouble, had many wild adventures around Halloween and Mischief Night each year, but all in good fun. The laughs and camaraderie will never be forgotten.*

*In High School it was the same - \*everyone\* knew Tom, and he had a huge circle of friends. I won't repeat some of the adventures we had there... :)*

*After High School, like so many others who went their separate ways, we saw each other less often. But it only took a class reunion of our very special "Class of '62" to make it seem like just yesterday since we'd been together. Tom loved people, and was always in demand whenever we gathered.*

*Well, I get pretty teary when I think about it, and I am so sad at his passing - but I can't suppress a smile whenever I think of Tom and all the good times we had. We were crazy as kids, always into something. But as a friend Tom was a straight arrow (with spice thrown in!) - and the best buddy anyone could ever have!*

*Tom, we will miss you more than we can say. Words can never match what all of us have always felt about you. We will never forget.*

*The Almighty threw away the mold when he created you: may the Good Lord greet you with warmth and honor - and welcome you to His Heavenly fold!*

*Steve Ferris*

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**Stephen D. Ferris** - December 06, 2016 at 05:29 PM

LC

“ You never forget the friendships and memories you shared as a young boy. Rest in piece Tom

*Lou Coluni*

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**Louis Coluni** - December 05, 2016 at 07:09 PM

SH

“ A true gentleman and a scholar.

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**Susan Guarriello Herring** - December 05, 2016 at 11:07 AM

BC

“ Many who have known Tom over the years have known of his distaste for eulogies other than the 10 word eulogy he wrote for himself and which he often recited:

*"He was born, he lived and he died. Journey complete."*

*What did he mean when he said Journey? Several years ago when fat free diets were in vogue, he engaged me in one of his favorite sports, arguing! He argued the diet craze was all nonsense and I of course must have taken the opposing view. In the midst of the high decibel discussion, he abruptly left the room and returned with a card which I still have. He told me to read it and say no more. It read as follows:*

*"Life's journey is not to arrive safely at the Grave in a well preserved body, but rather to skid in sideways, totally worn out shouting Holy S\_ \_ \_ ! What a Ride!"*

*I read it and said no more. He won that argument those many years ago. Now that his journey is complete he wins again. Just as he wanted, all who knew him will agree he did indeed skid in sideways, totally worn out shouting, "Holy S\_ \_ \_...What a Ride!!!*

*I will miss you my dear friend. I will miss our high decibel arguments.*

*Our sincerest condolences to Joyce, Nicole & Aaron, Tommy, Natalie and Colby.*

*Bob & Maureen Cooper*

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**Bob & Maureen Cooper** - December 04, 2016 at 06:16 PM

AB

“ Dear Joyce....Please accept my deepest sympathy for the loss of Tom. One of my favorite people in the entire class, to be sure! I did so look forward to our Class reunions just to spend a little time with him! I am stunned! Be well.....B

Anthony Biviano - December 03, 2016 at 11:21 AM

KW

Dear Joyce - Dave and I are so sorry to hear about Tom. We always enjoyed talking and visiting with him. Always enjoyed his "no nonsense" approach to life! One of my favorite memories was when the two of you rang our doorbell when the moving van was in front of our house when our daughter was moving! Tom's remark, as I remember, was "If you are skipping town, you're supposed to do it in the middle of the night; not in the middle of the day!" Please know that Dave and I are thinking of you at this difficult time.

Kay and Dave Winger - December 03, 2016 at 02:51 PM

GN

Joyce You know you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Our door is always open for a glass of wine and an ear. We love you. Nothing we can say makes this easier other than May God hold Thom in the hollow of his hands 🙏💕

ginny Nanian - December 03, 2016 at 07:10 PM

JM

Benjamin Franklin once said many people die at 25 and aren't buried until they are 75. Having known Tom for over 40 years, I have to say he lived his 72 years to the fullest. He will be greatly missed!

Jane McGee - December 04, 2016 at 03:54 PM

TN

We'll all be missing him at our 55th reunion but we'll won't forget him. Class of "62" god bless.

Tom Nasadoski - December 05, 2016 at 09:43 AM

GS

*Dear Joyce and Family, I can't even begin to express how sad our family is over his passing. Tom was such a fun loving and caring person. I'll never forget how good he was to Gene when he was alive. Tom was one of those special people that helped make living a lot easier when times were bad. My girls said Tom and Gene are probably telling jokes and still laughing. We love you all and know we are here for you.*

**Grace Stephenson** - December 06, 2016 at 08:21 AM

DH

*Joyce, Nicole and Tommy. I am so sorry to hear about Tom but knew he was ready for his next adventure! I too remember Tom saying he hated tipping when we were in NOLA several years ago. He said it should not be his job to supplement the waitstaff if the owner was too cheap to pay a reasonable wage! I remember the get togethers at our home many years and watched Tom make a beeline to the Red Velvet cake! In fact now when I think of it Gene did the same with the potato salad! Sonny said to me the last time he saw Tom he said he wanted to be with Gene so am sure they have some Elvis Tunes going on and Gene showing him around! May you feel God's love surrounding you at this time! With love, Donna Hilyard  
By the way sure glad to get the explanation on the worlds shortest obit!  
Thanks*

**Donna Hilyard** - December 06, 2016 at 12:21 PM

SH

*Greatest memory of many - Tom sending his beautiful voice along with the Skylarks "Wildflower" as he danced with Joyce and I. They brought Joy to my life...Sherry*

**Sherry Hilyard** - December 06, 2016 at 06:49 PM

VK

*Dear Joyce Nicole and Tommy, may you find strength during this hard time. My family here and in Italy sends their sincere condolences.*

*The Ferrara family will always have a special place in my heart. Tom and Joyce took me in and made me a part of their family some 26 years ago for about 2 years. While living with them, I got to know their friends, participate in parties, and go on family trips. I will always cherish those fun times together. Tom was always ready to help me with legal advice and more, like when he help me get my first working car in the US!*

*Tom was proud of his Italian heritage and believed in family traditions. His kind heart and smile will never be forgotten.  
I love you, Viviana Gaioni Kypraios*

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**viviana kypraios** - December 07, 2016 at 09:12 AM