



## John Thomas (Tommy) Griffin

July 18, 1946 - July 3, 2021

John Thomas Griffin (Tommy) peacefully passed away on July 3, 2021, with his loving wife of 34 years at his side. He was 74.

He was predeceased by parents, Sion and Margaret Griffin, his son Johnny, sister Sue and brother Terry. He is survived by his wife, Nancy, son Brian (Geena), daughter Cathy (Fabio), three grandchildren, Lucas, Francesco and Alessandra, and his sister Nancy (Tim). He was blessed with many friends that he considered family.

Tommy was loved by many, he always had a kind word or helping hand for everyone. He met his wife Nancy in San Francisco, which held a special place in his heart. They moved to Sanford in 1995, as he always considered Sanford to be home.

He was an animal lover and saved the smallest of creatures, a bird, a squirrel and many kittens.

Tom was a Navy veteran and very proud to have served his country. He was a navigator on the USS Saratoga and had many fond memories of his time in the Mediterranean.

Tom's niece Danielle nicknamed him Turtle when she was 3 because she

said, he was so slow. It stuck with him and over the years he collected turtles from around the world, as he loved to travel.

Tommy will be deeply missed. Donations can be made in his name to AdventHealth Hospice Care, 605 Montgomery Road, Altamonte Springs, FL 32714.

A private family ceremony will be held at the Sarasota National Cemetery on August 6 at 1:00pm.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 520 On The Water, 520 N Palmetto Ave, Sanford, FL 32771 on Monday, August 9 from 3:00-7:00pm

The family of John Thomas (Tommy) Griffin invites you to leave a message of condolence on the Tribute Wall created in his memory.

# Previous Events

## Private Graveside Service

AUG 6. 1:00 PM (ET)

Sarasota National Cemetery  
9810 State Road 72  
Sarasota, FL 34241

## Celebration of Life

AUG 9. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

520 ON THE WATER  
520 N. Palmetto Ave  
SANFORD, FL 32771  
(407) 325-1376

# Tribute Wall

PT

“ Thank you, Tom, for being such a big part of our lives over the years....from Sanford, Deltona, Wolfy's, Palmetto Ave., Portage Trail, and of course the famous "Rehab Bar" in Jacksonville! You and Nancy were a huge part of Tom's recovery; making that JX trip every weekend; sharing smiles, laughter and encouragement towards Tom's recovery. We will miss you, my friend. RIP. Love you, Tom and Patti

Patti and Tom - July 26, 2021 at 09:49 AM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of John Thomas (Tommy) Griffin.



July 12, 2021 at 08:59 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of John Thomas (Tommy) Griffin.



July 09, 2021 at 08:15 PM

DR

“ Tom when we first met in San Francisco at our favorite watering hole Silhouettes I never thought we would be come close and dear friends. I will always remember you as a kind caring person who eas always there for everyone. Rest in peace my friend and may you always walk with God.

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**Dennis Riccio** - July 08, 2021 at 06:40 PM

MR

*I always had good times with Tommy at wolf's bar in Sanford he was a great spoon player will be missed lots loved seeing him and nancy when came to FL*

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**Mary ruskowsky** - July 17, 2021 at 12:56 PM

PC

“ Tommy is my first cousin, but we were more like brother and sister. We were both born in Waycross, Ga. less than a month apart. Aunt Margaret and Mom told me we played and fought with each other every day. We were either loving each other or trying to kill each other. We were like glue, couldn't separate us until we moved back to Ark when I was about 3 yrs old. This created a lifetime bond of which we both felt for each other and lasted forever. I feel like I've lost part of my soul. My sweet Tommy, I'll always love you and always miss your precious sweet spirit. But I know with my whole being that we WILL see each other again. I can't wait till we can be together again and see all the family too. Till then, rest in the arms of Jesus and may all the angels surround you wit peace and love. Loving you ALWAYS and ever till we meet again. ❤️ Pam Royal Cacy

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**Pam Royal Cacy** - July 08, 2021 at 05:55 PM

SM

“ Tommy, You were my first new friend when I moved to Sanford back in 1998. Who knew You would become my Best Friend and Brother. I thank God for introducing us. You made life more enjoyable. I will Always Cherish the Memories we had together. I love you my friend and I look forward to seeing you again. Godspeed.

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**Scott Matthews** - July 08, 2021 at 02:24 PM