



Thomas P Matlack, Jr.

June 19, 1982 - March 15, 2016

For once, I'm afraid, the words won't come.
Maybe it's the shock that has struck me dumb.
This has happened before to our family,
but it is none the less heart breaking, as you will see.
Our wonderful grandson, Tommy, lost his life,
leaving behind three children and a wife.
Amanda stood by him through the years
as he served in the Air Force, but then you see,
his life was destroyed by PTSD.
No more will we hear that infectious laugh
as he pokes fun at us with his wit so brash.
Tommy loved his family, and we loved him,
so now he is in Heaven with uncles Doug and Jim.
I know that God will welcome him, and hold him in His arms
and I feel that all the angels will surrender to his charms.
I say this, for what it is worth, because
Tommy charmed us all while he was on this earth.
Tommy will be remembered and sadly missed
by his wife Amanda, three children Erin, Tommy Jr., and Cole
plus his loving family and friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 20. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory Maitland Chapel
9001 N. Orlando Ave
Maitland, FL 32751
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Funeral Service

MAR 20. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Reception

MAR 20. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

SM

“ Tommy was always one of kind. I am truly sorry to hear that he is gone. God always seems to take the good ones. Prayers and deepest sympathy to his family and friends.

From The Miller Family

susan miller - March 22, 2016 at 05:35 PM

DG

“ Prayers and strength to Tommy's family.

Love, Dee-Dee (Swift), Kyle and Donovan Gionis



Dee-Dee Swift Gionis - March 19, 2016 at 11:12 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas P Matlack, Jr..



March 19, 2016 at 04:14 PM

AK

“ Andrew and Deridre Knapp purchased the Bountiful Memories Casket Spray for the family of Thomas P Matlack, Jr..



Andrew and Deridre Knapp - March 19, 2016 at 03:37 PM

LS

“ *Love the Minchews and Swifts purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Thomas P Matlack, Jr..*



Love the Minchews and Swifts - March 19, 2016 at 10:55 AM

LG

“ *Sending our thoughts and prayers from Texas.*

Love,

Sassy, Scott and Isabella Swift Grimm

liz grimm - March 19, 2016 at 10:49 AM

LG

“ *Sending my prayers.*

Love, Aunt Kela Swift

liz grimm - March 19, 2016 at 10:48 AM



“ *A Devoted Heart Casket Insert was purchased for the family of Thomas P Matlack, Jr..*



March 19, 2016 at 10:34 AM

KC

“ *Kisses and Hugs - Granny Cole purchased the Garden of Serenity Bouquet for the family of Thomas P Matlack, Jr..*



Kisses and Hugs - Granny Cole - March 19, 2016 at 10:11 AM



“ *Rainbows Follow The Rain:*

*Rainbows follow the rain
When you've finally reached the bottom
As far down as you can go
When you pray for a solution
But it's not yours to know
When the ones you love have vanished
And you're alone in your pain
Remember, rainbows follow the rain
When the storm clouds hide the sunshine
Sadness robs you of your song
You're afraid to face tomorrow
Because today has gone so wrong
You search for a place of safety
But your search seems all in vain
Remember, rainbows follow the rain
When you're defeated by life's challenges
God seems to hide his face from you
You ask for your strength renewing
But your prayers echo back to you
When your body seems to fail you
And you can't bear the pain
Remember, rainbows follow the rain
The rainbow is Gods promise
That he cares about his own
He's sending rainbows to assure us
That the storm is really gone
He cares about his children
He is mindful of their pain
He sends us rainbows after the rain.
God Sends us Rainbows after the rain
— Shirley Henson Minchew*

(Background note: We lost our Mom Shirley Henson Minchew unexpectedly in 1996, she left this poem on top of her will and

*estate papers. We found the poem the day after she died.)
Randy & Cindy Minchew are the caregivers for Diana Cole
(Grandmother of Thomas P Matlack, Jr)*

Randall Minchew - March 19, 2016 at 08:58 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the
family of Thomas P Matlack, Jr..*



March 18, 2016 at 05:55 PM