



## Mr. Thomas Joseph McElroy III

October 22, 1959 - April 16, 2014

Thomas J McElroy III went to be with the Lord on April 16, 2014. Tom was a beloved son, brother and uncle. Survived by parents Thomas and Vivian, brother –Tim, sisters—Vivian, Tricia, Terry (Husband Paul Tierney) and Gwyn (husband Sam Wakil). Nieces –Kelly Frye and Samantha Wakil. Nephews—JT Frye and Brandon Wakil.

Tom was born on Staten Island, New York and moved with his family in 1972 to Casselberry, Florida. Tom graduated from Lake Howell High School's first ever graduating class in 1977. He was on the swim team and was a powder puff cheerleader and looked super cute in the cheerleader uniform.

Tom served as Private First Class in the United States Army from 1977-1980. He graduated from the University of Central Florida in 1985 with his BS in Business Administration.

Tom was a realtor for many years in the Central Florida area and he helped many to realize their dreams of home ownership. He was active in the Casselberry Rotary, Chamber of Commerce and attended Northland Church services. He was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution along with his father and brother Tim.

Tom loved the beach, surfing, motorcycling, riding his bicycle on the beach, boating with his brother and his friends, fishing, scuba diving, lobster trapping and eating. He enjoyed exercising and could be found walking the neighborhood at 3 am even after Chemo Therapy .

“ Tom was a great brother who left large shoes to fill”, states his brother Tim.

Tom was very handy and worked hard for his parents, sisters and friends. Tom loved the VA and all his fellow veterans; he received excellent care and support from all the doctors, nurses and volunteers. He chose to go to the Hospice of the Comforter House facility for his last days on earth because he had toured the facility with the Casselberry Rotary and the group donated money to support the cause.

Tom requested that everyone remember him healthy, happy and smiling. Please honor his wishes and donate to the Hospice of the Comforter so they may continue to do the excellent work they do for their patients and their families.

Tom is now in heaven teaching them all how to surf. Be happy not sad, he is no longer in pain. We will all miss him but are comforted knowing he is watching over us.

Private services are planned.

Arrangements are entrusted to DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory, 9001 N. Orlando Avenue, Maitland, Florida 32751. (407) 695-CARE(2273).

# Tribute Wall

FR

“ We're so very sorry to learn that Tommy is gone. The whole family is in our prayers. Love to you all, Francesca and Tatiana

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**francesca** - August 02, 2014 at 11:26 AM

GC

“ We have kept you all in our prayers since we heard about Tom's passing.

*We will miss Tom's kind, caring ways, his sweet smile, and his handsome face. Tom was one of the nicest people we ever met and was beautiful inside and out.*

*We love you all,  
Ginny, Ed and Matt*

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**ginny cassell** - May 12, 2014 at 02:34 PM



“ Dear Mr. and Mrs. McElroy, Vivian, and all of the family,

*Keith, Sarah, and I were so saddened to hear of Thomas' passing. You have constantly been in our thoughts and prayers. And thank you, Vivian, for keeping us "in the loop" as much as you could. We pray that Christ brings you comfort through memories of Thomas and each other and through your friends.*

*Love,  
Kathy Guglielmello*

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**Kathy Guglielmello** - April 30, 2014 at 01:48 PM

CG

“ Catherine Volz Garris lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Joseph McElroy III



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Catherine Volz Garris - April 24, 2014 at 10:40 PM

BM

“ Keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers.  
I know how much Tommy will be missed!  
I fondly remember Tommy (& all of my cousins) from my childhood and the times we were able to visit as adults!!  
Tommy was a vibrant, engaging man, one that it was easy to see how much he cared for his family and friends.  
So sorry for your loss, but grateful for the peace Tommy now enjoys~  
xoxo,  
Brigit McElroy

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Brigit McElroy - April 22, 2014 at 10:27 AM

CT

“ Carol Tartaglia lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas Joseph McElroy III



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Carol Tartaglia - April 20, 2014 at 08:32 PM

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**Terry McElroy Tierney** - April 20, 2014 at 03:55 PM

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**Terry McElroy Tierney** - April 20, 2014 at 03:39 PM

KC

*I called Tom "Lex Luther" when he sported the bald look seen in this photo. (Kathleen Cresswell )*

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**Kathleen Cresswell** - April 21, 2014 at 10:53 AM

CA

“ to My Aunt and Uncle , Cousins

*I am so sorry for your lose. I remember the days in your Staten Island home. I came to visit every other weekend from NJ. and when we sat down to eat the kids had their own table and the adults the other. and Uncle Tom made us eat everything he prepared. Well, I don't like potatoes and he gave them to me anyway. No one was allowed to leave until everyone was finished So, cousin Tom would get mad for sitting there so long ,, he would reach over and on the sneak eat my potatoes. when I think of that today I laugh . I have told that story many times. We had great fun, we will miss you ,cousin Tom. but, we will see you again.*

*Love cousin Cathy*

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**cathy** - April 20, 2014 at 07:35 AM

MA

“ *He is in a better place now , and he will remain always alive in the hearts of those who knew him.*

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**Mohamad Al Abed** - April 19, 2014 at 07:41 PM

GM

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**Gwyn McElroy** - April 19, 2014 at 06:28 PM

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**Gwyn McElroy** - April 19, 2014 at 06:08 PM

BM

“ Our hearts go out to Thomas' close knit family as he leaves behind many, many memories of his beautiful smile, good nature, joyful life and honest ways . A Son and Brother to be Proud of and his Love shal

*I sustain you all with the Good memories he leaves behind. He will be missed by many.*

*Love Aunt Betsy & Uncle Jack*

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**Betsy & Jack McElroy** - April 19, 2014 at 03:35 PM

JD

“ My deepest sympathy to all of the McElroy's. You are all such a close family and I know your faith and your close family ties will help heal and comfort you all from this terrible loss.. Love and Blessings ,  
*Jane Davis*

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**Jane Davis** - April 18, 2014 at 08:59 PM

KC

“ Tom was always so good natured and happy at the Casselberry Rotary Meetings. Our meetings are not especially formal but they would be considered conservative . One morning I showed up and spotted a guest in jeans and a leather jacket. What really made him stand out was a ball cap and waist length black hair gathered at the nape of his neck. My first thought was, "What Rotary Club does THAT guy belong to?" My second was, "I'd give a lot to have hair that thick." As chance would have it we were standing next to each other in the breakfast line. Suddenly I heard a baritone voice say, "Good morning, Kathleen." It was TOM wearing a hat wig on his way to Bike Week!

Some years later my sister and her husband decided to move from Seattle, Washington to Central Florida. I sent them Tom's card and recommended him strongly. They began communicating via Email and were so pleased with what he showed them that they bought a house via the computer before ever setting foot in Florida! I don't know anyone else who's done that but I told them they could trust Tom completely so they did. They continue to be delighted with their home.

*Kathleen Cresswell*

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**Kathleen Cresswell** - April 18, 2014 at 04:30 PM

GC

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Greg Campbell** - April 18, 2014 at 09:56 AM