



Thomas 'Tom' A. Palmer Sr.

August 24, 1940 - November 25, 2021

Thomas (Tom) A. Palmer Sr. of Lake Mary, Florida met his Lord and Savior after suffering cardiac arrest on November 25, 2021 at the age of 81. Born on August 24, 1940 in Milwaukee, Wi, he had a good life with his mom, dad, and three sisters. Tom went to college in Milwaukee for one year and then enlisted in the Air Force and he was stationed at Tyndall Air Force Base in Panama City, Fl. That is where he met his first wife, Peggy Law. Together they had two sons and later divorced. Those two sons were Tom's everything!

In 1981, Tom married Kathy Baumann, moved to Florida and continued his career as a structural steel detailer. Tom had previously worked in California and Wisconsin, but after a few years working in Florida he went into partnership with another person and eventually owned his own business.

Tom had quite a sense of humor and nothing made him happier than to see the person with whom he told a joke to laugh and smile at him. He also loved a good party! He had two hobbies. Tom loved antique cars and owned his pride and joy, a 55 Chevy convertible. He also had a huge interest in toy trains. Tom had an elaborate train layout at home and would spend hours trying to develop ideas to enhance the layout. He loved trains so much that vacations would be spent on some form of a train and in his retirement he worked for several years at Disney's Magic Kingdom as the conductor on their trains. That was a job he couldn't stop talking about! Tom was an avid Green

Bay Packer fan and was a Cheesehead through and through! Tom traveled extensively with his wife and recently his two sons joined them which made the vacations a lot of fun.

Tom was predeceased by his father, Frank Palmer, mother, Dorothy Palmer and two sisters, Kathy Palmer and Barbara Smith. Tom's surviving family includes his wife, Kathy Baumann Palmer, his sons, Tommy Palmer and Marc Palmer, a sister, Nancy Palmer, his sister-in-law Michele Baumann Holland (Harper), brother-in-law, Kevin Baumann (Suzy) and many nieces and nephews who were all an important part of his life.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held in Sanford, Florida at All Souls Historic Chapel, 800 S. Oak Avenue on Saturday, Dec. 11 at 10:30 am. Between 10-10:30 am the family will greet those participating in the service at the chapel.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital: <https://www.stjude.org>

The family of Tom Palmer invites you to leave a message of condolence on the Tribute Wall created in his loving memory.

Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas 'Tom' A. Palmer Sr..*



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“ *Tom and I shared many good times and happy memories during our twenty years together. He was a caring and loving father to our two wonderful sons, Tom Jr and Marc. He was a good man and a good friend. We will miss him.*

Penn and I are making a donation to St. Jude Children's Hospital in Tom's memory. We extend our condolences to Tom's wife, Kathy, who is also a very dear friend.

Peggy Law Palmer and Penn Engebose

Peggy Palmer - December 08, 2021 at 06:36 PM



“ *The payer of Perpetual Light is upon your beloved husband Kathy. Amen. 🙏*

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“*Condolences to all the Palmer’s. Uncle Tom had a very big heart and he was a peacekeeper in the family. I have so many fond memories growing up. He loved his trains and as I recall it started in the attic on Clybourn Street in Milwaukee. I always loved going up to see his collection and what he has added. My heart sunk when I heard of his passing. He is now the conductor of his own locomotive and now in a better place.*”

Michael T. Smith - December 01, 2021 at 08:23 AM