



## Tom Jerman

July 11, 1934 - April 21, 2020

On Tuesday, April 21st, 2020 the angels came to lead Tom Philips Jerman into paradise to be with our Lord. Tom was 85 years young, was born in Cincinnati, Ohio on July 11, 1934, lived his early life in Worthington and graduated from Worthington High School. Tom spent some time at Ohio State University and with the Navy Seabees. He raised his family in Marietta after marrying his high school sweetheart, Nancy Down, and spent his later years in Akron, Ft. Myers/Cape Coral, Savannah and then back to his hometown of Columbus. He is preceded in death by his brother, David, his parents, Luther Jerman and Helen Metcalf Jerman, his ex-wife, Nancy Down Davis, his sons, D. Mitchell (Mitch) Jerman and Derek (Dirk) Jerman, and his granddaughter, Molly Jerman. He is survived by his daughter, Deb (Debbie) Jerman Rose, his grandsons, Stephen (Kelly) Rose and David Rose, his great-grandchildren, Logan, Jack and Emma, his brothers Paul (Richel) Jerman and Steve (Barbara) Jerman, and his sister Jane (Jerry) Kyle, four nieces, Anita, Jody, Tracy and Kate and three nephews, David, Mark and Matthew.

Tom loved the open road and any adventure that awaited him. He never met a stranger and always made you feel that you were the most important person when he was with you. Tom was a salesman, sold everything from clothes, boots, hats and finally for many years, funeral supplies for Messenger. He had lifelong friends from grade school, attended his reunions regularly and met with 10-20 of his old friends for lunch every couple of months for the last several years. He loved his dogs, everyone else's dogs and always fed them from the table. Tom was a lifelong Buckeye and Patriots fan, loved all sports and enjoyed watching his sons, grandsons and great-grandsons play sports. Tom loved a good practical joke, always knew how to make you laugh, and how to make life not so serious. He was a spiritual man, tender, and a great listener. Everyone who knew him was blessed to be in his presence. He would say he was blessed to have been in ours. Tom's spirit will live on through all of us and so many wonderful memories. He will be watching over all of us with a smile and a nudge to do something unexpected. Tom had a friend who said we don't say goodbye, we say so long. So long to our friend, Tom, we will see you again. A memorial service will be held at a later date after the travel ban is lifted and is safe for all to attend. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to Lewy Body Dementia Association, <https://www.parkinson.org/blog/caregiver-corner/>, National Parkinson

Foundation Ohio, <https://www.parkinson.org/>, or to The Laurels of Gahanna in Tom's memory. RUTHERFORD-CORBIN FUNERAL HOME in charge of arrangements.

# Comments

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“ I know it's been some time that Tom has passed, please know he holds a special place in my heart as did all Paul's family to me. Tom always had a kind word and a smile for everyone no matter who. RIP

**Lucia Sapp** - May 14 at 10:08 PM

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“ Although I didn't know Tom that long he forged a friendship with with my dad, my brother and I the moment we met him. He was a roommate to my dad at Laurels of Gahanna and we all enjoyed his company. He'll be greatly missed. Rest easy good friend.

**Matt Bonanno**  
Columbus Ohio

**Matthew Bonanno** - May 14 at 04:29 PM

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“ On behalf of longtime friend Bill Keethler (this is daughter Lynette). Tom will be greatly missed & remembered. May he Rest In Peace. He was such a good friend to my father

**lynette (Bill) Keethler** - April 22 at 08:58 AM