



## Charles Thomas Mack

January 21, 1937 - October 3, 2024

Charles Thomas Mack, affectionately known as Tom or "Skeeter," passed in peace at home, surrounded by family on October 3rd, 2024 in Dublin, Ohio. Tom was born in Winchester, Indiana, on January 21, 1937. Tom lived a life filled with love, family, and passion for the things he held dear. In 1997, after 25 dedicated years, Tom celebrated his well-deserved retirement from Abbott Laboratories. His career began in Chicago as a Ross Laboratories sales representative, where he sold the iconic green can of Similac to doctors and hospitals. Later, he earned the affectionate title of the "Grandfather of Adult Nutritionals" after playing a key role in introducing ENSURE to the marketplace.

Tom's enthusiasm for life extended well beyond his professional accomplishments. A passionate sports fan, he especially loved following Indiana University basketball and was a devoted fan of legendary coach Bobby Knight. He was also a proud member of IU's Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

Tom had a zest for adventure and enjoyed spending time in nature. He loved hunting, fishing, and dancing; and for 20 years, he relished his time living the beach life on Edisto Island. To him, Edisto Island was not just a getaway, it was home. He was actively involved in the Edisto community as a member of St. Frederick and St. Stephen's Catholic Church, Lions Club, Botany Bay Natural Preserve, Edisto Island Museum, and Animal Lovers of Edisto. Tom

also served as a board member for The Hammocks Community, where he and his beloved wife, Joan, warmly welcomed family and friends into their home.

In 2020, Tom and Joan returned to Dublin, Ohio, where they continued to find community and support at St. Joan of Arc and St. Peter Roman Catholic Church.

Tom had many passions, including his love for farm gardening and canning the fresh vegetables he grew. He shared his love of Mexican food and took great pride in his kitchen skills, always cooking with joy. In his later years, painting rocks became a therapeutic hobby, offering him peace and creative expression.

Above all, Tom loved his family deeply. He is survived by his devoted wife, Joan; sons, Gregory (Angie) and Jeffrey (Dannielle); daughters, Jennifer Medici (Jean-Aimé) and Katie Sochor (Justin); grandsons, Tyler Mack, Travis Mack, Connor Mack, and Mason Sochor; granddaughter, Sydney Sochor; and the families of his sister, Joanna Owens (Chuck), and his brother, Phillip Mack (Nancy).

Tom always found joy in the little things, and one of his greatest pleasures was the song Joy to the World by Three Dog Night. The line 'Jeremiah was a bullfrog' never failed to bring a smile to his face, and it became a tradition for everyone around him to sing along. This song was more than just a melody to him—it reflected the spirit of Jeremiah from the Bible, who, even with a broken heart, stood firm in the truth, no matter the cost. Like Jeremiah, Tom knew that this world was not his final home, and he lived his life with the hope and faith of an eternal home beyond. His life was a testament to his faith, and he will be remembered for his unwavering dedication to the Lord.

Home is where your feet are, and now they rest with the Lord. With love in our

hearts, we say goodbye, knowing Tom is at peace in His eternal embrace.

Services will be held at RUTHERFORD FUNERAL HOME AT POWELL, 450 West Olentangy Street, Powell, Ohio 43065. Visitation will be Friday, November 29, 2024 starting at 3 PM and a Memorial Service at 4:30 PM. Gathering for the Memorial Service will start at 4:15 PM.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to:

Animal Lovers of Edisto (ALOE) <https://www.animalloversofedisto.com/>

Food Pantry of Edisto Island <https://www.pcedisto.org/give>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **29**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford Funeral Home at Powell  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Forever Our Angel Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles Thomas Mack.*



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November 24, 2024 at 06:52 PM



“ *The Weddington's planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles Thomas Mack.*

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**The Weddington's** - November 19, 2024 at 06:46 PM

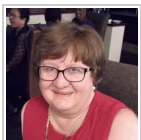


“ *The Weddington's purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Charles Thomas Mack.*



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**The Weddington's** - November 19, 2024 at 06:46 PM



“ *Jill Owens lit a candle in memory of Charles Thomas Mack*



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**Jill Owens** - October 24, 2024 at 06:20 PM

PK

“ Joan,  
Our prayers and love are with you at this time. What fun we had together! So many gatherings and many holidays we shared at both of our homes. Even overnight stays and great comraderie in each of our homes during hurricane Matthew. Above all Tom's stories, and jokes creating such laughter are what we will always treasure!  
With Love,  
George and Pat

Pat and George Kostell - October 06, 2024 at 01:58 PM

JO

“ 5 files added to the album Tribute Wall



Jill Owens - October 04, 2024 at 11:31 AM

JM

What great memories.

Jennifer Medici - October 04, 2024 at 12:19 PM

JO

Six months yesterday ..time moves on but the memories are forever

joan - April 04, 2025 at 06:12 AM

JM

“ *My dearest father, you have kept a garden.*

*A garden of the heart; You planted all the good things, that gave my life its start.*

*You turned me to the sunshine, and encouraged me to dream:  
Fostering and nurturing the seeds of self-esteem.*

*I'll always remember your special smile, your caring heart, and the warm embrace, you always gave me.*

*And when the winds and rain came, you protected me enough; but not too much because you knew I would stand up strong and tough.*

*Your constant good example, Always taught me right from wrong;  
markers for my pathway that will last a lifetime long.*

*They'll never be another one To replace you in my heart,*

*Without you, Dad, I wouldn't be the woman I am today;  
You built a strong foundation no one can take away.  
I've grown up with your values, and I'm very glad I did;*

*In your garden, I'll always remember... I am your legacy.*

*So here's to you, dear father, Thank you for loving me... I so very much love you.*

*Rest in Peace.*



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**Jennifer Medici** - October 04, 2024 at 11:17 AM

WS

*Such a precious tribute Jen! I know how much your dad meant to you. Prayers for comfort and peace ❤️*

**wendi skinner** - October 05, 2024 at 10:33 PM



*This is beautiful, Jen! Your dad was a very special man! Hugs, my friend. <3*

**Leslie Martin** - October 06, 2024 at 05:25 PM

JO

*“ Dear Family: Uncle Tom always made me laugh and I will greatly miss that. I still cannot figure out how he was able to unhook my bra so easily when I was younger - I'd get upset and he laughed. It is a story I like to tell to this day. So many stories to tell. He was a man of passion and commitment to his family and friends.*

*Love to a favorite Uncle. You will be greatly missed. Rest in Peace.*

*Love, "your favorite niece"- Jill O.*

**Jill Owens** - October 04, 2024 at 11:01 AM

DM

“ Dear Joan, Gregg, Katie Sydney and Mason

*I was deeply saddened to hear about Pop's passing yesterday. My heart aches for you and our entire family as we come to terms with this profound loss.*

*Pop was truly a remarkable man, and his zest for life was infectious. I'll always remember his beaming smile and hearty laugh that could light up any room. He had an incredible ability to find joy in the simplest things, reminding us all to appreciate life's little moments.*

*His craftsmanship was second to none, inventive. The way Pop's eyes would light up when he talked about his projects and sales travels, was a testament to his passion. Whether he was tinkering in his workshop or helping a neighbor, his skillful hands could breathe life into any piece of wood or metal. His love to gardening and tilling the plots at Botany Bay was amazing and the pickle parties that we had afterwards are engraved in our hearts.*

*Pop had a unique gift for spreading happiness wherever he went. He was a true craftsman of joy, always ready with a kind word, a funny story, or a helping hand. His generosity of spirit touched so many lives, and the world is a brighter place because of him.*

*While it's heartbreaking to say goodbye, I find comfort in knowing that Pop is now at peace, free from the pains and struggles of this world. His legacy of love, laughter, and craftsmanship will live on through all of us who were fortunate enough to know him.*

*Please know that Pop's memory will forever be a blessing, and his joyful spirit will continue to inspire us all.*

*With all my love and deepest sympathy,  
Dr. Jean-Aimé Medici*

*Jennifer Medici*

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Dr. Jean-Aimé Medici - October 04, 2024 at 10:11 AM

KU

“ Dear Joan and family, Dickie and I are so sorry for your loss! What a long road you have traveled with faith and love! We have missed your smiling faces❤️  
Kathy Unger

Kathy Unger - October 04, 2024 at 09:24 AM

CO

“ Cody O. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles Thomas Mack.

Cody O. - October 04, 2024 at 09:09 AM

CO

“ Cody O. purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Charles Thomas Mack.



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TP

“ Tom...wow! What a loving, funny and very handsome man. It's how I remember him. Watching his health needs change, had to be the hardest thing for all of you. Yet, you stayed close to him and to each other. That's what family is all about.

I'll always smile when I think about how he loved coming to wing nites, when he was able, and how he enjoyed sharing his rock creations with us! My favorite is the Dublin Shamrock, which I still have!

Memories... keep them alive. Talk about him as you laugh, and when you cry. He was a pretty special man here on this earth, and I believe with all my heart, that in Heaven, he will continue to let you know how special each and every one of you will always be, to him. Rest peacefully, Tom...

Love, hugs and blessings ❤️

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**Trish and Joe Paolucci** - October 03, 2024 at 11:14 PM

JS

“ I will always cherish my time spent with Tom. A man of principle and passion who taught me how to hunt, fish, laugh and love my family as hard as hard and as often as I can.

For him I am forever grateful

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**Justin Sochor** - October 03, 2024 at 07:32 PM