



## Thomas C. Gemperline

April 15, 1930 - February 17, 2021

Thomas C. Gemperline, 90, of Powell passed away on February 17, 2021 at Riverside Methodist Hospital. He was born on April 15, 1930 in Portsmouth, Ohio to the late Frank Cornelius Gemperline and Edna Elizabeth (Schwambarger) Gemperline. Thomas proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. He was a longtime employee of Continental Office and attended Our Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church. He is survived by his children, Laura (Larry) Beatty, Michael (Cynthia) Gemperline, Scott Andrew Gemperline, and Jody Lynn Gemperline; sister, Ruth Elaine Lyles; eight grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren. Thomas is preceded in death by his parents; wives, Arlene and Joyce; daughter, Kellye Lehman; sister, Lorraine McKenna, and three brothers. Family will receive friends on Sunday, February 21, 2021 from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM at the RUTHERFORD FUNERAL HOME AT POWELL 450 W. Olentangy Street Powell, Ohio 43065. A funeral service will be held on Monday, February 22, 2021 at 10:30 AM at the funeral home. Interment will follow in Blendon Central Cemetery. To send an online condolence, please visit [www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com](http://www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Blendon Central Cemetery

6330 S. Hemstead Rd.  
Westerville, OH 43081  
(614) 882-1270

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

FEB 21. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford Funeral Home at Powell  
450 West Olentangy Street  
Powell, OH 43065  
(614) 792-1471  
info@rutherfordfuneralhome.com  
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## Funeral Service

FEB 22. 10:30 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas C. Gemperline*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Great man! Always willing to help!RIP Tom!*



**kimberly** - February 23, 2021 at 01:55 PM



“ *Thanks, Tom, for serving in the Navy for our country!  
From your neighbor at The Woods at Big Bear Farms, you were the best! Thanks for all the times you shared your knowledge, wisdom and friendship with me whether it be helping me with my technical challenges, sharing Christmas lights, or driving me to early morning airport departures! You will be missed, my friend. Save a dance with me in heaven! Well done! Love, Penny Butts*

**Penny Butts** - February 20, 2021 at 02:47 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas C. Gemperline.*



February 19, 2021 at 09:53 PM

JS

“ I thought I posted this but don't see it so I'm trying again. Even though I was only around my uncle Tom a handful of times in my life, I was always happy for getting to do so and just thankful I got to spend some time with him. After my dad's passing almost 30 years ago (My dad was Ray, one of Tom's brothers), Tom drove down to Portsmouth for the funeral and when I saw him I couldn't help noticing how much he looked like my dad. The next time I saw him was many years later and again he looked so much like my dad and had that same happy and friendly demeanor. I always love that about Tom, and he was such a warm and friendly uncle to me and my sisters. Thank you for that, Tom. And special thanks to you Tom for organizing the family reunions and bringing everybody together. I only wish I had more time to talk with you but always left those reunions thinking what a wonderful person you are And how blessed and lucky I am to have such a great uncle. And when my mother passed a couple years ago after battling with dementia, it was you, Tom, who reached out to my sisters at no right away. He was always there for us. Unfortunately, Covid came upon us all a few months later and spoiled well I'm sure would've been another reunion last year. What a shame. But that didn't stop you from trying to get something happening later this year, even though I'm sure you couldn't of been feeling too well when you started planning that a month or so ago I guess. I was really looking forward to it, and of course you were too. You are a saint, Tom. I love you and I'll miss you always. My sisters feel the same way about you, and my mother and father always did too. I'll never forget your smile... you are truly an inspiration to me . I had always hoped we would get to play golf together one day, and I'm not going to give up on that now...because I'm sure the courses are absolutely amazing up there and I know you are probably teeing it up right now. Please Reserve us a teetime, will you? And be sure to invite my Dad and your other brothers because we are going to have some fun! Until then...

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Joe Gemperline ( Tom's nephew, Ray's son - February 19, 2021 at 09:01 PM



“ *Scott Gemperline purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Thomas C. Gemperline.*



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**Scott Gemperline** - February 19, 2021 at 05:27 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Tom's passing. He did so much for the Bear Woods community and it was greatly appreciated!*

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**Deb Garverick** - February 19, 2021 at 02:02 PM



“ *7 files added to the album Memories Album*



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**Scott Gemperline** - February 19, 2021 at 11:13 AM

SI

“ It is with a heavy heart that I offer my deepest and most heartfelt sympathy to all the family! Tom was an awesome neighbor and friend! Always willing to lend a helping hand, and did an amazing job with committees he served on and putting up Christmas decorations each and every year! (Even this past Christmas when he move back to Powell). He will be sorely missed!  
Sharon Izzi (& Mel Zwissler)

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**Sharon Izzi** - February 19, 2021 at 09:04 AM

MM

“ I am so thankful I talked to Uncle Tom last week about the reunion. you could tell he was excited about it. One of my fond memories was of a family reunion in his back yard. We played volleyball til our arms were red. He took us out on his boat. Kids running around everywhere! He was such a kind man and will truly be missed. I pray for comfort and strength and most of all peace. Love you Cousins....

MaryBeth McKenna-Nelson  
Niece

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**MaryBeth McKenna-Nelson** - February 19, 2021 at 06:57 AM

JN

Was that around 4th of July? my grandparents had the best July 4th/summer parties... with great bingo & Grandpa went all out with the fireworks

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**Jenifer Nelson** - February 19, 2021 at 08:34 AM

CG

“ *My sympathy and prayers are with all of Tom's family for the loss of Tom. I'm sorry I won't be able to attend his funeral as I'm still living in Florida. I have many good memories of Tom and all of his family from the time I married Jim and then throughout the years we all lived in Columbus and our families had many memorable times together. I believe he will always be with you all in spirit. Carolyn Gemperline*



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**Carolyn Gemperline** - February 18, 2021 at 10:43 PM