



## Thomas "Ponz" Pongonis

December 31, 2010

PONGONIS (PONZ) Thomas P. Pongonis (Ponz) died suddenly at home on Friday, December 31, 2010. Born August 4, 1954, he attended Immaculate Conception Elementary School and was a 1972 graduate of Bishop Watterson High School. He is preceded in death by his mother, Rita Donelon Pongonis. He is survived by his father, Raymond; aunt, Mary Dormendo; brother, Raymond (Marilyn) of Columbus, ; and sister, Kathy (David) Bryant of Mt. Sterling; nephews and nieces, Pogie (Meighan) Pongonis, Katie Pongonis and Kelly (Tom) Mescher; great nieces, Isis and Elise Mescher; numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins. Family will receive friends 11:00 -11:30 am Saturday, January 8, 2011 at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, 6077 Sharon Woods Blvd., Columbus, OH 43229 where a Prayer Service will be held at 11:30 a.m. Private burial at Resurrection Cemetery. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made in his name to Bishop Watterson High School, 99 E. Cooke Road, Columbus, OH 43214. Arrangements by RUTHERFORD-CORBIN FUNERAL HOME, 515 High Street, Worthington, OH 43085.

# Tribute Wall

Jl

“ I just heard a song that reminded me of living at The Island Club apartments (off Bethel Rd) in 1989-1990 and I thought of Tom “Ponz”—he lived in the apartment above me on Bermuda Bay Dr. I barely knew him and actually only talked with him a handful of times, but what a super guy. I’m so sorry to all who knew and loved him.

*Jill Hider*

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**Jill** - January 29, 2025 at 12:47 AM



“ Thomas "Ponz" Pongonis

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January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM

PB

“ Tom was an amazing person and a loyal and faithful friend. He truly loved everyone and always went out of his way to make everyone feel special. He devoted his life to serving his fellow man and pursuing greater good projects for the benefit of others, even when it wasn't popular. He believed in others, encouraged others and because of his life and efforts, many, many people realized dreams and visions that otherwise wouldn't be possible. The Foundation would not be what it is or where it is without you, and I will truly miss you my friend. All GeoSource Foundation projects will be dedicated to your legacy and memory. I love you Tom. Parke Blair, Chairman, GeoSource Foundation

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**Parke Blair** - April 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ To Dr. Ray Pongonis. Very sorry to learn of your brothers passing. You have our condolence. Thomas will be in our prayers this Sunday at Mass. David and Jean Luckhaupt

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**JDAVID LUCKHAUPT** - January 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ My heartfelt sympathy and prayers are with all of you. Tom (he jokingly nicknamed himself Chachi some years ago when we met at the Wharf as he pitched a printing product to me) was truly a spirited beautiful soul with a wonderful sense of humor. Although I have never had the opportunity to meet his family, on numerous occasions he often spoke of his genuine admiration for his father. Chachi was a wonderful friend who shall truly be missed. I have been so blessed to have known him. My heartfelt sympathy and prayers are with all of you. Sincerely, Joanie

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**Joan Elflein** - January 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ I will miss you my friend. I am so sorry I could be there. I will miss you my friend, my brother. Al

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**Alan Grim** - January 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ The world has truly lost a kind and gentle soul. Tommy could pick you up with his smile and warm your heart with his wit. He will remain forever in my heart. With deepest sympathy and love to the Pongonis Family.

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**Pamela A. Burry\_behnke** - January 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Tom was one of the most kind men I have ever met. I was fortunate to meet and have dinner with his father and sister and her husband. My heartfelt sympathy to your entire family. Melodee

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**Melodee Smith** - January 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ Kathy, Ray, Raymond, I am so sorry to hear about Tom. My heart goes out to you and your family. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

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**Cherie (Finegan) Gutches** - January 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM