



Thomas J. Russell

June 3, 1942 - September 23, 2020

Thomas Joseph Russell, 78, of Worthington, died Wednesday, September 23, 2020 at Riverside Methodist Hospital. He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Marjorie Russell. Thomas is survived by his devoted wife of 53 years, Shirley Anne, sons, Robert (Darlene) Lisska, Bradley (Marcia) Lisska, daughters, Susan (Greg) Hackenbracht and Anne Marie (Henry) Wehrum. He leaves behind 12 grandchildren, Robert, Brian, Jason, Kyle, Katie, Chad, Thomas, Brent, Tyler, Christopher, Eric and Angela, and 3 great-grandchildren, Maci, Blake and John.

Thomas (Tom) was the oldest of eight siblings and is survived by Joseph, Carol, Paula, Christina, Stephen, Daniel and Tamara. He also had numerous nieces and nephews. And, he was a friend to all.

He was a veteran of the US Air Force and a member of the Knights of Columbus. He was a long-time parishioner of St. Michael Catholic Church, where he sang in the choir and was a founding member of the church festival, which he truly loved. He enjoyed spending time with his family, watching Buckeye football, having conversations on the front porch, and vacationing at Ocean Isle Beach, NC.

Tom was extremely knowledgeable on a wide variety of subjects, and he was a voracious reader. When he was younger, Tom read the entire Encyclopedia Britannica. He was a master storyteller.

He worked in the residential and commercial construction industries for many years, and he was an expert in these fields. His home workshop was exceedingly well-equipped, and the envy of many. It was often said, "Papaw can fix anything," or "Call Papaw...he'll know what to do."

Tom will always be remembered for his love of God, his family and country. And, he spent his life serving all three.

Papaw...The Man. The Myth. The Legend.

Calling hours to be held Sunday, September 27 from 2-5pm. Rutherford Funeral Home, Worthington.

Mass of Christian Burial Monday, September 28 at 10am. St. Michael Catholic Church, Worthington.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made, in his honor, to St. Jude's Hospital or The American Red Cross.

Previous Events

Calling Hours

SEP **27**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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Mass of Christian Burial

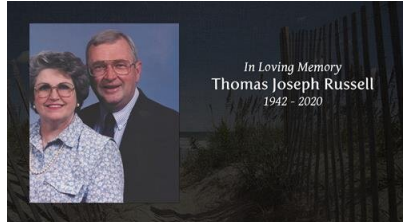
SEP **28**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Michael Catholic Church
5750 N. High St.
Worthington, OH 43085

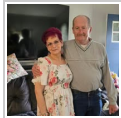
Tribute Wall



“ *Rutherford Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Thomas J. Russell*



Rutherford Funeral Homes - September 26, 2020 at 01:01 PM



My goodness the video is such a beautiful tribute to the husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather Tom was. I'm so sorry for your loss. I dont ever remember seeing Tom without a smile on his face. God Bless you all and know you are al in our thoughts and prayers.

LeAnne & Jeff

LeAnne Rhonemus - September 28, 2020 at 01:42 PM



“ *Thomas J. Russell*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Nicole Norris lit a candle in memory of Thomas J. Russell*



Nicole Norris - September 29, 2020 at 05:22 PM

NN

You will surely be missed. I will always be your Nickel. You were like a second dad to me. Love you.

Nicole Norris - September 29, 2020 at 05:24 PM

JK

“ *for Dr Henry Wehrum and family so sorry for your loss. wishing you all God's peace and blessings. Joy and Fred Kerner(patient)*

Joy Kerner - September 29, 2020 at 10:04 AM

JH

“ *So sorry Shirley and all the family for your loss. I have fond memories of Tom from my choir years at St Michael. We often stood side by side in the bass section, and he always had a good command of the notes and rhythm. And a strong voice!! I remember how every Easter for a number of years he would get a winch so we could hoist the kettle drums up to the choir loft. As careful as we were, I still think we knocked some plaster off the front of the loft! He was a good friend, helping me one time figure out what I needed to do in my basement to fix a bowed wall. Very knowledgeable in construction matters. And festival time won't be the same. 'Til we meet again to sing in the heavenly choir... your friend, Jim Holsinger*

James A. Holsinger - September 28, 2020 at 07:54 PM

JP

“ *My thoughts and prayers are many for Anne and her family as they go through this very difficult time. Mr. Russell was always very kind to me. He was a true gentleman. May he rest in peace. Jeff Pharion*

Jeff Pharion - September 28, 2020 at 10:09 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas J. Russell.



September 26, 2020 at 11:34 AM



“ Sacred Garden Spray was purchased for the family of Thomas J. Russell.



September 26, 2020 at 11:30 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas J. Russell.



September 26, 2020 at 10:32 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas J. Russell.



September 26, 2020 at 08:29 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas J. Russell.*



September 25, 2020 at 09:35 PM



“ *Uncle Tom. You will always be remembered by me by your soft approach to difficult things. Your intelligence was regarded by me as one of the best. I will deeply miss over conversations, the family's history, and also your experience in construction. You helped me best understand where and what direction I should take in many areas of life. I will forever be in debt to you and your knowledge you shared. I love you, and will miss you so much! Please give all in Heave a big HUG! Love, Richie”*

Rich Blount - September 25, 2020 at 08:31 PM