



## Thomas V. "Tom" Plunket

May 23, 1953 - December 26, 2020

Thomas V. "Tom" Plunket, 67, of Palmyra, passed away at home surrounded by his family on Saturday, December 26, 2020. He was the husband of Sharon L. (Bachman) Plunket, with whom he celebrated 40 years of marriage. Tom was born in Altoona, PA on May 23, 1953 to Bennie Roy and Patricia Louise (Bender) Plunket of Altoona. He was a 1971 Altoona High School graduate. Tom, along with his business partner Wayne Laughner, founded South Mountain Corporation, a kiddie ride company, in 1983. In 16 years, Tom and Wayne took the company from one ride in one mall to thousands of rides in over 700 malls across the county. The company established a relationship with the Make-A-Wish Foundation and for five years all proceeds from the "Rainbow" horse kiddie ride benefited the charity. Outside of his job, Tom was a lifelong sports fan; he was an outstanding high school and college wrestler; he coached youth baseball and football, and most recently, he was a golf coach for the Special Olympics. Tom's true passion was golf, and he traveled the world playing at the best courses. He loved spending time with his family and with his beloved dog, Foxy.

He was an exemplary husband, father, son, brother and friend. Tom had a knack for making everyone feel accepted, comfortable, and loved, and he was able to bring a smile or laugh to everyone that he met.

Surviving in addition to his parents and his wife are his children, Thomas "Tommy" Plunket, II and his wife Ashlyn of Quincy, MA, Tasha Plunket and her husband Eric Wardrop of Lancaster, grand dogs, Parker, Shelby, and Jordan,

and his siblings, Joe Plunket, Cathy Chirdon, and Sue Boore, all of Altoona. Memorial Service will be held on Wednesday, December 30, 2020 at 5 PM at Kreamer Funeral Home, 618 E. Main Street, Annville, PA 17003. There will be a visitation from 4 PM - 5 PM prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Lebanon County Special Olympics at P.O. Box 1018, Lebanon, PA 17042, or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105.

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# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **30**. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Kreamer Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc  
618 E. Main Street  
Annville, PA 17003  
(717) 867-4811

## Memorial Service

DEC **30**. 5:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

RM

“ My memories of playing softball with Tom, Joe, Bob wit Bennie coaching are fading now. I do remember always having a good time even though we didn't win a lot.  
You are in my thoughts and prayers on the loss of Tom. Peace be with you.  
Regis Myers

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**Regis Myers** - January 04, 2021 at 10:32 AM

RZ

“ I only met Tom about 15 years ago on the golf course, but I immediately knew what a great man he was. We played on the team matches at the golf course and I always enjoyed being on the same team with him. One day he was having trouble with his driver off the tee and I recall someone gave him the nickname of “DR Spray “. He got a big kick out of the name and we laughed a lot. Tom was one in a million, always positive and just an absolute pleasure to be around. I certainly will miss him, they don't come any better!

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**Reed Zellers** - December 31, 2020 at 04:06 PM

DD

“ One memory I have is when Tom came down to Newport News, Va. to see me. He and I went out too eat dinner. Little did we know that the area we were sitting in became a dance floor after 7 PM. We were the only two sitting at a table while people started dancing around us! Tom said, "I think they want us to leave." We laughed pretty hard about that later.

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**Dan DeStefano** - December 30, 2020 at 07:30 PM

MM

“ To all the Plunket family...may you be comforted in remembering all the joy Tom brought to others! He was a precious person & I am so very sorry for your loss. In loving friendship...Mary Faith Madigan

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**Mary Faith Madigan** - December 30, 2020 at 05:09 PM

BS

“ My fondest golf memory with Tom is when one day I said to him, “Go Ahead” and hit the ball, he responded with “why did you call me a Goat Head”, clearly his hearing aid battery was running low. From that point forward, I just said Goat Head. Love and Miss You Tom; will see you down the road my friend.  
Bradley Stegman

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**Bradley Stegman** - December 30, 2020 at 02:15 PM

DS

“ I was the oldest of Earl "Beanie" Plunket's grandchildren and was about 12years older than Tommy. So I watched him grow during his formative years. Always smiling, enthusiastic, family-oriented, interested in sports (especially my football successes and failures), he was a fine guy and valued cousin. My sincerest sympathies go out to the entire Plunket family. Tommy--you will be missed. Rest comfortably now.

*Donnie Smith*

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**DONALD G SMITH** - December 30, 2020 at 11:59 AM

BP

“ Bennie, Michele, Jacob, Kaitlyn, and Brynn Plunket purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Thomas V. "Tom" Plunket.



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**Bennie, Michele, Jacob, Kaitlyn, and Brynn Plunket -**  
December 30, 2020 at 10:43 AM

RF

“ To the plunket family may God keep you all in the palm of his hand at the loss of our brother Tom he was a great guy one of the greatest guys from Juniata Gap that I ever knew was a very dear friend when I worked at the Altoona Hospital back in the days I took care of Tommy when he was in the hospital I will truly miss him he was a very dear friend may God be with you Tom Plunkett I'll see you again someday

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**Rob Buchanan, Cape Coral Florida -** December 30, 2020 at 08:43 AM

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**Rob Buchanan, Cape Coral Florida -** December 30, 2020 at 08:46 AM

TL

“ I will never forget when I played in a golf tournament with Tom and Brad Stegman for Penn State wrestling. We met the wrestlers and Tom was putting his wrestling moves on one of the wrestlers he was having a great time. We got pictures and talked with the guys through out our round. He made my day memorable. Go Penn state wrestling

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**Tim Leeper -** December 30, 2020 at 05:56 AM

MS

“ Sharona...

*I have no words. I am truly heartbroken. I couldn't wait to have Tom watch Lucas wrestle (hopefully in Hershey) when he got to high school. So many laughs we shared and so many more that he was supposed to share with his loved ones.*

*He will forever be one of my favorite people. All of my prayers to you and the kids.*

*Michelle, Hegins*

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**Michelle Schwartz** - December 29, 2020 at 09:11 PM

SC

“ *My favorite memory of Tom was how he sacrificed his own golf game to make sure his dad, Bennie, could still be out on the links with the guys playing in the South Mountain Cup. Bennie was getting old and needed constant attention while golfing... Tom was so gracious as he tended to Bennie's every need. You are so loved Tom. Yours is the heart of a champion!*

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**Sam Cashman** - December 29, 2020 at 02:54 PM

JM

“ *I worked with Tom and Wayne for many years when they had kiddie rides in the Crown American malls. We shared a lot of laughs. Tom was a great guy and will be missed. Sharon, I am so very sorry for your loss.*

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**Joy Miller** - December 29, 2020 at 08:34 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Thomas V. "Tom" Plunket.*



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“ *I met Tom (and the wonderful Wayne) in 1991 and can honestly say it was a pleasure and a privilege to call him friend for 30 years. My deepest condolences to his family and many friends for their loss of a truly remarkable man. RIP Tom*

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**Christine Stutz** - December 28, 2020 at 10:50 PM



“ *Love, Barb Jerry Susie Shane Mikoyan Tracy Kevin purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Thomas V. "Tom" Plunket.*



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**Love, Barb Jerry Susie Shane Mikoyan Tracy Kevin** -  
December 28, 2020 at 06:59 PM



“ *I want to send my Deepest condolences. Tom was such a mensch. We enjoyed so many wonderful rounds of golf all over the US. He was such family man and so fun to be around. My Deepest Heartfelt Thoughts  
Todd Swiler*

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**Todd Swiler** - December 28, 2020 at 06:28 PM

FY

“ I'd like to send our condolences and share a memory. My favorite memory of Tom was his pushup competition he had with my wife Renee while attending the Lebanon CC member/guest event. We were guests of Mike Johnson who's brother Don aka "Sparky" is how we met Tom. I can still picture those two, my wife in her dress and Tom dressed in his shirt and tie getting after it! There were a few adult beverages involved. We still laugh about that time!

Frank Yelenic - December 28, 2020 at 05:31 PM

SC

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Sam Cashman - December 29, 2020 at 02:51 PM

WN

“ With Deepest Condolences, Sira Naturals purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Thomas V. "Tom" Plunket.



With Deepest Condolences, Sira Naturals - December 28, 2020 at 03:33 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas V. "Tom" Plunket.



December 28, 2020 at 03:32 PM

LJ

“ Lisa & Al Jordan purchased the Bright and Beautiful Spray for the family of Thomas V. "Tom" Plunket.



Lisa & Al Jordan - December 28, 2020 at 02:31 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Thomas V. "Tom" Plunket.



December 28, 2020 at 12:41 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Thomas V. "Tom" Plunket.



December 28, 2020 at 12:07 PM

TK

“ Diane and I will miss our friend and neighbor Tom. I always enjoyed seeing him walking Foxy. We would discuss our latest rounds of golf and favorite courses. I will miss your smiling face and gentle soul.

Tim Kreider - December 28, 2020 at 11:31 AM

DS

“ *RIP my friend Jon and I will miss you forever you were a great friend and like by everybody  
Dave and Jon Gone way too soon*

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**Dave Snader** - December 28, 2020 at 08:51 AM

LS

“ *Love, Bradley & Wikita Stegman purchased the Divine Light for the family of Thomas V. "Tom" Plunket.*



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**Love, Bradley & Wikita Stegman** - December 28, 2020 at 08:47 AM