



Thomas Milgie

September 12, 1950 - July 15, 2023

Thomas James Milgie, aged 72, passed away peacefully on July 15, 2023, at Bay Breeze Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Venice, Florida. Born on September 12, 1950, Tom was the beloved son of James and Marie (Kreucher) Milgie, originally from Detroit, Michigan.

Tom's life was a beautiful tapestry of passion and love. He found immense joy in spending time outdoors, particularly when he had a fishing rod in hand. Tom cherished those moments even more when he had the opportunity to share his love for fishing with his nieces and nephews, passing down the art of angling to the next generation.

When he wasn't casting lines into the water, Tom would be found in the kitchen, whipping up delicious meals for his family and friends. His culinary skills were unmatched, and his dishes brought warmth and comfort to those who tasted them. A man of many talents, Tom had a keen eye for photography, always seeking to capture the essence of a moment and preserve it for posterity. Alongside this, he was a skilled handyman, using his knowledge to help others and improve the lives of those around him.

Tom's memory will forever be cherished by his surviving brothers: Michael (Vickie) Milgie, William (Laura) Milgie, and Gerald (Adriana) Milgie; and his sister, Suzanne (Dennis) Mahoney. Additionally, he leaves behind a legacy of

love through his 13 nieces and nephews and 16 great-nieces and great-nephews. He now reunites with his parents, James and Marie Milgie, and stepmother Sally Milgie, who preceded him in death, in the eternal embrace of peace and love.

A memorial visitation will be held at Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, (8459 Hall Rd, Utica, Michigan) on Friday, August 18, 2023, from 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. A prayer service will commence at 6:00 p.m. to honor and remember Tom's life.

His Memorial Funeral Mass will take place on Saturday, August 19, 2023, at St. Lawrence Catholic Church, beginning at 10:00 a.m. with memorial visitation begins 9:30 a.m. Friends and family will gather to bid farewell to this remarkable soul and find comfort in each other's presence.

In memory of Tom's life and the love he shared, the family kindly asks that you share a memory or message at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com. Through this collective expression of remembrance, his spirit will live on in the hearts of those he touched.

Though Tom may no longer walk beside us, his spirit and the memories of his kindness, talents, and warm heart will forever be a guiding light in our lives. May he rest in eternal peace, forever casting lines in the great waters of the beyond.

Donations appreciated to: Solanus Casey Center, 1780 Mt. Elliott Street, Detroit, Michigan 48207 ~ OR ~ Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1820 Mt. Elliott Street, Detroit, Michigan 48207 www.thecapuchins.org
<https://view.oneroomstreaming.com/index.php?data=MTY5MjI5MDkyMTI2NzI3OSZvbmVyb29tLWFkZWluJmNvcHlfbGluaw==>

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

AUG 18. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home
8459 Hall Road
Utica, MI 48317
(586) 731-2411
utica@sullivanfh.com
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

Prayer Service

AUG 18. 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM (ET)

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8459 Hall Road
Utica, MI 48317
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Memorial Mass

AUG 19. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Lawrence Catholic Church
44633 Utica Road
Utica, MI 48317

Tribute Wall



“ *Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors created a Webcast in memory of Thomas Milgie*



Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors - August 18, 2023 at 09:46 AM

PE

Here's Tom's service

Peter - August 22, 2023 at 01:06 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas Milgie.*



August 17, 2023 at 04:34 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Thomas Milgie.*

August 17, 2023 at 04:34 PM

PE

“ In 1966, Tom & I met while working at McDonald (earning \$1.15/hour) in Detroit. Tom’s VW bug was the key to many after work fun adventures, and our friendship blossomed. During college years, Tom in Santa Barbara at Brooks Institute, and me at MSU, letters and holiday visits kept us connected. When Tom opened his photo studio, it soon became a place to ‘hang’ for fun, something Tom always welcomed.... maybe a little too much. When I moved to Venice, CA, Tom eventually followed, and moved in. The Venice era was a blur, and too much fun was the key ingredient and Tom was like a magnet for fun. As our life’s journeys took us on separate paths, we always maintained our bond. We were good friends, always. Back in MI, we would meet on numerous occasions. I believe that Tom’s wedding day was his happiest, his smile never left his face. He was so happy to be his wife and share his joy with family and friends.

After his marriage ended, dark days followed Tom, culminating with his devastating head trauma injury. I visited Tom a few times in the nursing facility in Venice, FL, and was deeply saddened that he could not remember me and our shared adventures, but Tom’s laughter was still with him. As much as I miss my buddy, Tom is now at peace.

Peter - August 12, 2023 at 01:21 PM

CA

Tom is the true definition of the jolly good fellow.. as the song goes.. and nobody can deny. Loved this guy...funny and always imaginative. I do miss that singular giggle-laugh! Amen

Christopher Amy - August 13, 2023 at 07:15 PM

ST

Even If you never met Tom, you'd learn quite a bit about him just by looking at that business card.

His elevated senses of humor, creativity, and pure likeability, all come through in that one simple composition. Genius.

I met him in his Ferndale studio when he was sharing it with another photographer who was getting ready to move on. While I was trying to kickstart my career as a shooter, Tom was sorting his longer range plans. His studio was, in its own quirky, sorta SoHo way, the perfect laboratory to discuss photography, photographers and life possibilities with each other — and any number of characters that passed through. I remember that giant print by one of his heroes, Richard Avedon, in the “dressing room”.

Why am I talking about a guy who was active in my life for probably less than a year? Yes, I admired his talent. And I still appreciate the generous mentoring he offered. But I think it says something when, now nearly 50 years and thousands of acquaintances later, I vividly remember that Tom Milgie — and that great smile and jolly chuckle— was truly one of a kind — a truly all around great person.

Happy trails my friend. Steve G.

steve - June 15, 2024 at 02:05 PM

PE

“ 11 files added to the album Tom Milgie



Peter - August 12, 2023 at 11:15 AM

JC

“ Tom taught me how to drive a stick shift with the be he had back in the old days in Detroit. He also took me and Billy fishing. I will always remember him as a gentle soul. John Caton

John Caton - August 03, 2023 at 02:15 PM

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“ When I think of Tommy I will always remember his smile and his laughter. He was funny, kindhearted and could easily make us all laugh. We will miss him and cherish our memories of our happy times together. Our faith tells us he is at peace- walking in paradise with Our Lord for eternity.
With our Deepest Sympathy and Love
Diane and Jack

Diane Maurer (cousin) - July 30, 2023 at 07:26 PM

CT

“ Tom was always full of laughter and full of life. I can still him laughing. I fondly remember Tom barbecuing chicken at his parents home, when we were kids. It was always a treat. Tom loved to share his recipes with us. He was quite a character, always teasing and telling jokes. We all can be at peace that he is finally at rest in the hands of our Lord with his loved ones. God bless you Tom.

Carole Townsend - July 28, 2023 at 05:55 PM