



Thomas R. Myslinski

March 3, 1940 - November 26, 2017

New Hartford/Sylvan Beach - Thomas R. Myslinski, 77, died peacefully, Sunday, November 26, 2017 at his special beach home in Sylvan Beach in the loving arms of his wife, Barbara.

Tom was born on March 3, 1940 in Schenectady, the son of Stanley R. and Josephine (Swirski) Myslinski. He was a graduate of Draper High School in Schenectady and continued his education at Simmons School of Embalming and Mortuary Science, Syracuse, where he earned his degree in Mortuary Science.

Tom and Barb's first date was at DiCastro's in Sylvan Beach and by the second date they fell in love and were best friends for two years. On May 26, 1962, they were joined in a blessed union that would last 55 years, a relationship that began and ended in Sylvan Beach.

Tom became a licensed funeral director on his 21st birthday, March 3, 1961, a profession he dedicated his life to for over 50 years. Tom and Barb purchased Swiatek Funeral Home on August 15, 1963, which later became Myslinski Funeral Home. Together they owned and operated the funeral home on Columbia Street working side by side serving families. In 1997 they moved to their current location on French Road. Their transition from living over the funeral home for 38 years on Columbia St. to their home in New Hartford was a long time coming. In 2006, after much consideration, Tom and Barb combined their business with close friends, Chris and Debbie McGrath. Working together, they carried on the values and traditions of the Myslinski family to its present day operation as McGrath, Myslinski, Karboski & Nunn Funeral Directors.

Whether at home in New Hartford or at the beach, Tom loved to entertain friends and family where he cooked, cocktailled and laughed to his heart's content. Among his favorite things were boating, fishing, skiing and, of course, a good cigar.

Tom was a member of the Tri County Funeral Director's Association, William E. Burke

Utica Council #189 Knights of Columbus, Polish Community Club, Kopernik Association, Fur, Fin and Feather Club of Kozar's Grill and served as President and CEO of the Telco Ski Club. He was instrumental in the development of the Stanley Theater volunteer group and its policy and procedures. He held meetings in his home and recruited many of his friends to become volunteers.

Surviving besides his beloved wife, Barbara (Zogby) Myslinski are his daughter and son-in-law, Patricia and Mike Salzer, Clinton; son, Richard Myslinski, Sarasota, FL; daughter and son-in-law, Dr. Marya Myslinski and Chris Healey, Arlington, VA; daughter-in-law, JeanMarie Myslinski, Plantation, FL; three grandsons, Michael (Rose) Palmisano, Manlius, Ryan Myslinski, Plantation, FL and Jaxon Healey, Arlington, VA; step-grandson, Matthew Healey, VA and brother and sister-in-law, Stanley and Linda Myslinski, Long Island. Tom also leaves numerous friends including special friends, Laurie, Paul and Sammy Longaretta and Dr. Phillip Mahoney, who provided guidance and friendship to Tom and Barb. He was predeceased by his brother, Robert and his beloved feline, Tabby.

Relatives and friends are invited and may call Wednesday 4-7 p.m. at Myslinski Funeral Home, 470 French Rd., Utica. Funeral services will commence at 7 p.m. with family friend, Father Paul Drobin officiating.

Barbara and her family are forever grateful to Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. They saw firsthand the great works that Hospice does with end of life care. To show their appreciation and in lieu of flowers, please remember Hospice in Tom's memory.

The Myslinskis were fond of the Columbia Street area. Thea Bowman House was an integral part of the neighborhood's well-being. Their concern for children was of great interest to the Myslinskis. In honor of Tom, consider a new unwrapped toy for the Thea Bowman Holiday Toy Drive. A box is available at the funeral home.

Follow the link to view Tom's tribute video: <https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/W837P67P7DPC38MT>

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 29. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

McGrath, Myslinski, Karboski & Nunn Funeral Directors
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Celebration of Life

NOV 29. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

AB

“ *Sad to hear of Tom's passing. A good man with a wonderful sense of humor and a great laugh. But he could also morph into his "funeral director" pose and calm and console a grieving family. And he did that for me with both my grandparents as well as both my parents. I had the chance to know him as a in-law as well as part of the token Polish/Lithuanian bloc in the vast Lebanese Zogby-Mazloom empire in Utica. Tom and I were often part of the "what is this?" dinner invitees at family gatherings. The death notice nicely captured his life and spirit and his love and devotion to Barbara. My prayers and condolences to all of the family.*

Alan Balutis

Alan Balutis - December 17, 2017 at 01:57 PM

SG

“ *Dear Barb and Family - I was so saddened to hear of Tom's passing. He was always one of the "good guys" at DHS. I have fond memories of you and Tom coming to our class reunions; especially when he sent you, Barb, in as the student and laughed because I didn't recognize you. I'm so glad you had such a happy life. Tom will be missed by all who knew and loved him. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. He has a lot of DHS friends waiting to greet him in Heaven.*

*Sincerely,
Sandy (Countermine) Garling*

Sandy Garling - December 06, 2017 at 04:27 PM

CN

“ *Barb and family,
Please accept my condolences and prayers on the passing of your husband and father.
I was so proud that the obit brought out his concern and dedication for the city of Utica and especially the West End. It had been quite a while since we both have moved away, but there was much joy, community, caring, and sharing in the old neighborhood. I was pleased to read and share all Tom and you had done for The West Side. He was a very caring person and a consummate professional, a very sympathetic and caring gentleman.
God bless you and all your family at this trying time.*

*Respectfully,
Stanley J Zagraniczny*

cooper street neighbor - December 04, 2017 at 05:31 PM

JK

“ So sorry to hear of Toms passing he was a big help with many family funerals have not seen Tom in many years he will be missed.

Joe Kosmider

Seattle WA,

Joe Kosmider - November 30, 2017 at 10:03 AM

JJ

“ Barbara and Tom's compassion during a difficult time for the Riley family is still remembered and appreciated almost forty years later! Their compassion and help meant so much at the time of our loss of Kevin.

Sincerest condolences to Barbara and the family,
Jan Joslyn

Janet Joslyn - November 30, 2017 at 07:17 AM

JC

“ Will always remember the great times we spent together, esp our trips to Chinese Expressions or anytime Barb and Tom hosted a get together. Sincere condolences to Barb, Pat and family

Jackie Carbone - November 29, 2017 at 11:11 PM

RG

“ I left Holy Trinity in 1962 so I just met Tom a few times but he struck me as being real gentleman... may his soul rest in peace!

Rev. Stanley Gerlock - November 29, 2017 at 08:56 PM

RD

“ So sad to here Tom has past away. I will always remember his great storytelling, great sense of humor and friend to all. RIP Tom.

Rich Drobinski - November 29, 2017 at 01:12 PM

FA

“ Frank & Melissa Acquaviva lit a candle in memory of
Thomas R. Myslinski



Frank & Melissa Acquaviva - November 29, 2017 at 01:04 PM

GZ

“ Gladys Zurakowski lit a candle in memory of Thomas R. Myslinski



Gladys Zurakowski - November 29, 2017 at 01:03 PM

GZ

“ Barb: Our sincere condolences to you and your family on the passing of Tom. We all remember him fondly as a soft spoken and wonderful gentleman. You and Tom have known our family for many years and please know that we all share in your sorrow. We hope your memories will keep your heart comforted. We're sure that Gene, greeted Tom in Heaven.

With thoughts and prayers, Gladys Zurakowski, Frank & Melissa (Zurakowski) Acquaviva, Scott & Erika (Zurakowski) Young and Brian Zurakowski.

Gladys Zurakowski - November 29, 2017 at 01:02 PM

JS

“ Dear Pat and family. We're so sorry for your loss. May time heal your hearts. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Bob, Jo, & Patrick Salzer

Joanne Salzer - November 29, 2017 at 10:06 AM

MN

“ Dear Barb, Pat, Rick & Marya - my deepest sympathy goes out to you and families - Tom was the BEST “boss” I had ever worked for we worked, laughed, and became great friends through the years.....his work ethic was unsurpassed and I will never forget his wonderful smile and endless humor. He was truly a gem! Love to all.....❤️

Michele Niebuhr - November 28, 2017 at 09:56 PM

DP

“ Pat I'm so sorry to hear your father has passed away. He was so kind and helpful to my family when we lost our parents. I am thinking of you and sending love and prayers to you all. Love, Donna Parker

donna parker - November 28, 2017 at 09:50 PM

LW

“ Dear Barb and family, I am so sorry for your loss. I always remember you two as a happy, wonderful, encouraging, kind couple whenever I saw you after you took my class. My heart aches for you as I'm sure you feel a part of you is severed. I'm sure you know that love never dies and when you aren't grieving as hard, you'll be open and aware of signs from Tom. Louise (Wrate) White

Louise White - November 28, 2017 at 08:40 PM

IO

“ I am so sorry about the passing of Tom
He was wonderful to my mother and father throughout the years
Please accept my sympathy and I will be out of town Wednesday unfortunately I won't be there

iocovozi - November 28, 2017 at 06:40 PM

PZ

“ Barb and family, so sorry to hear of Tom's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Peter S. Zogby

Peter S. Zogby - November 28, 2017 at 11:37 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas R. Myslinski.



November 28, 2017 at 09:55 AM

KM

“ My prayers go out to the Mylinski family. I grew up around the corner from Tom. As children we played in the park across from his home. After graduation he went north and I went south. We never crossed paths till recently on Facebook. I am proud to say he was my friend who dedicated his life to helping people get through the darkest time of their lives. RIP Thomas Mylinski till we meet again.
Ken Mrozek

ken mrozek - November 28, 2017 at 07:08 AM

RG

Prayers and Love go to Barb and family. I like Ken Mrozek grew up minutes from Tom. He truly was a dedicated and class friend. He would light up any room he walked in to. He had the WOW factor. There isn't room here to write my feelings I had for Tom as we were friends in Rotterdam N.Y.I had the pleasure of visiting Tom and Barb at their beach home in August. I will Cherish those memories.R.I.P. my dear friend. GOD BLESS.AMEN.

Ron Godlewski - November 28, 2017 at 08:21 AM

KF

Barb and Family so sorry to hear of Toms passing prayers are with you The Koscielniak family

Koscielniak Fa - November 28, 2017 at 10:26 PM

MR

“*Dear Patty and family,
So very sorry to hear about your father's passing. He was an exceedingly kind man who treated everyone with respect and generosity. I have very fond memories of your parents hosting many gatherings and parties in the basement rec room for your high school friends, providing a safe, comfortable, and enjoyable place for socializing and fun. Sending prayers as you endure this most difficult loss...God bless.*

MB Russo - November 28, 2017 at 06:36 AM

LF

Very sad to hear of Tom's passing. He was a true light in the halls of ole Draper High School. Like Ken and Pop I can remember the pick up Basketball games in ole Portr(e Par k) now memorial Park. Those were hot days and Tom played on. Pick up football games on the old Rotterdam Town Hall. One time I remember standing in front of Study Hall room 214. I was going through some hard times. Tom was standing there and said to me, " Lou..., you got what it takes to make it." He had the will power of character, he had vision, honesty, integrity, determination, and will power of character, yet he was a true helper to others. He was always there for them. Upon graduation from Draper in 1958 I never saw Tom until our 50th Reunion. He said to me, " Two Big Ten Universities and Coach/Teacher..., congratulations Lou." Tom's vision was one of tenacity. I leave to Tom and his family my prayers and the best wishes. From the area we are all from..., Mohawk Indians, " Do not follow where the path may lead, go instead where thee is no path and leave a trail." Tom accomplished that. RIP old friend of our yester days..., Semper Fidelis (Marine belief statement) means "Always Faithful." God Bless you.

Lou Famiano - November 28, 2017 at 02:21 PM

BM

Deepest Sympathies go out to Barb and the rest of Toms family!! He was a wonderful guy and a good friend for many years. Tom will be remembered in all our prayers and may he rest in peace !! THE MALACHOWSKI FAMILY

Bob Sr. Malachowski - November 29, 2017 at 04:44 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Thomas R. Myslinski.*



November 28, 2017 at 06:24 AM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas R. Myslinski.*



November 27, 2017 at 09:29 PM

CR

“ *So sad to hear about the passing of our beloved neighbor Tom. Always with a smile on his face and a helping hand is what we will remember. Prayers to Barb and family in this most difficult time. 21st Ave won't be the same!*
Your Sylvan Beach neighbors,
Claudia and Terry Moore
Stamford CT

claudia rizzo - November 27, 2017 at 07:22 PM