



Thomas "Tom" Peter Grgich

June 9, 1948 - October 13, 2018

Thomas "Tom" Peter Grgich , age 70, passed after a long fought battle with cancer on October 13, 2018 in Newark, Ohio.

Tom was born on June 9, 1948 in Columbus, Ohio to his late parents Peter and Marie Patricia. He graduated from South High School in 1966 and furthered his studies at Franklin University. Tom worked in real estate for nearly 50 years in the Columbus area as owner of The Castle Company and as an independent broker. He also owned Pete's Meats in Pickerington where his father butchered. Tom loved the water. He was an avid boater and fisherman, and particularly liked to drink beer while boating and fishing. One of his boats can be found at the bottom of Lake Erie. He loved to run, play tennis, and enjoyed all sports. Tom never failed to share a long story with a stranger or offer up a bad joke to a friend, and always through his ever warm and childish grin. Tom and his former wife, Anna Marie "Annie" Brown, had three daughters during their marriage.

Tom is survived by his daughters Stephanie (David) Chrisman, Jennifer (Brandon) Pugh, and Emily Grgich; his three granddaughters, Madison Snipes, Ida and Henli Chrisman; his brother, Peter (Peggy) Grgich; and many aunts, cousins, nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his brother, Paul Rade Grgich, and sister Patricia.

Mr. Grgich will be buried in a private ceremony with no calling hours. A celebration of life will take place on October 21, from 5 to 8pm, at Rockmill Brewery located at 5705 Lithopolis Rd NW Lancaster, Ohio 43130. All are welcome to attend. Those who wish may donate to their favorite charity in his memory in lieu of flowers.

Tribute Wall

VH

“ I met Tom when we were in kindergarten at Fairwood Elementary. I have two very strong memories from those early days.

First is that he gave me a "love note" in class [or maybe at recess] one day. We were probably in 1st grade. He wrote it on that 'learning to print' paper with the very wide lines. His letters were so big they spread across about 4 lines. It said, "Dear Laura. I love you. Do you love me? Please tell me the turth. Tommy." I still have it in my attic with other childhood treasures and still smile about the "turth" part.

Second was about the same time or a little later. He wrote me a valentine and left it on our doorstep, rang the bell, then ran and hid in the bushes by our house. When I came out and found it, he was laughing so loudly that I knew instantly what had happened. (John Taracko may have been with him?) I'll never forget it.

Another moment is from maybe the 5th or 6th grade. We were walking along a street in our neighborhood in the early winter when the warm air rises out of manholes and turns to steam. He stopped at one and pointed: "Hey! You're too young to smoke!" We laughed uproariously. I still think of that, more than 50 years later, when I see vapor rising from manholes.

I'm so grateful that I got to remember these moments with him at the two last high school reunions. I will always remember him with great fondness.

Laura [now Virgi] Hepner

Virgi [Laura] Hepner - October 23, 2018 at 05:13 PM



Jennifer Pugh

Thank you for sharing these sweet memories of our dad. It brought tears to my eyes but a big smile and a laugh being able to picture him doing those things, especially saying "hey your too young to smoke". That's definitely what we would call a " Tom Grgich" joke. 😊 Thank you again for these sweet stories that we will be able to forever share as well.

Jennifer Pugh - October 29, 2018 at 08:30 PM

SA

“ So sorry for your loss. I graduated with your Dad at South and knew your mother too. I later played softball and bowled with him. I still tell some of his jokes. Again, so sorry. Steve Alkire

steve alkire - October 21, 2018 at 08:59 AM

PB

“ Patty Maher Bryan lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Tom" Peter Grgich



Patty Maher Bryan - October 18, 2018 at 07:13 PM

PB

So very sorry about the loss of your father. All of you are in my thoughts and prayers ❤️

Patty Maher Bryan - October 18, 2018 at 07:17 PM