



John T. "Tom" Solon

June 22, 1938 - June 7, 2025

"Tom" Solon, age 86, passed away June 7, 2025 at The Lakes of Monclova. Tom was the son of James and Genevieve (Fitzgerald) Solon, born June 22, 1938 and was raised in Wilmette, IL.

He was a 1956 graduate of Loyola Academy and 1960 graduate of the University of Notre Dame where he earned a B.A. in Economics. He later attended the Northwestern University Graduate School of Business.

He met Brenda Bokor, of Flint, MI, on a blind date while attending the University of Notre Dame and St Mary's College. They married in 1962 and shared 59 years of marriage until Brenda's passing March 18, 2022. They lovingly raised three children.

Tom had a long career with Owens Corning from 1965-1992. He served in many roles and divisions for the company; sales for Home Building Products, marketing manager for Manufactured Housing, VP and GM for Plumbing Fixtures, and retiring in 1992 as President and CEO of O/C Tanks.

Tom was always a generous and charitable man, supporting many with his time and talents. He served on the Toledo Diocesan Cemetery Board, Toledo Central City Neighborhoods Board Trustee and the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation Board of Directors. He was an active volunteer for Mobile Meals of Toledo, Hospice of NW Ohio and Way Public Library.

Tom was a friend to anyone he met, always kind and welcoming. He had wonderful friendships and cherished many celebrations and travels with the Burnley Woods neighborhood gang, Loyola Academy buddies and Owens

Corning comrades. "Tom Solon was a wonderful man, a faithful husband, terrific father, amazing boss and great friend. He was a fantastic Christian and was the personification of honor, empathy and truth." ~Jud Smith

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother, James, and wife, Brenda. He is survived by children, James Solon (Ottawa Hills, OH), Mary (Brad) Thomas (Perrysburg OH), Caroline Kennedy (Maumee, OH); grandchildren Grace Smiley, Jude Kennedy, Olivia Thomas, Genevieve Thomas; great grandchildren Calee Colburn and Faye Kennedy.

A Memorial Mass will be held on June 27, 2025 at St John XXIII Catholic Church in Perrysburg, Ohio. There will be a Visitation in the atrium at 9:00 a.m., followed by Mass at 10:00 a.m.. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Way Library Foundation and Friends or Central City Ministry of Toledo.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 27. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. John XXIII Church
24250 Dixie Hwy.
Perrysburg, OH 43551

Memorial Mass

JUN 27. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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Erin L. Davis - June 26, 2025 at 10:27 AM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of John T. "Tom" Solon.



June 25, 2025 at 10:15 AM

JL

“ I will always remember Mr. Solon's radiant smile and the warmth he greeted everyone—even early in the morning on a busy school day drive. I think of all those car rides in the Tornado, heading to art classes, practices, games, and high school with Caroline and Mary. He showed up, time and time again, with quiet generosity and steady support. His love for his family was so evident—deep, unwavering, and full of pride. He will be deeply missed and always remembered with love. Go Irish!

Jenn Moran Lindstrom - June 24, 2025 at 10:00 PM

RH

“ Mary, your Dad was an awesome guy. I still remember meeting him after Mass at St Joe’s in late 1995 or 1996 timeframe. I remember him with a Miller Lite in his hand, along with your mom 😊 at the home in Perrysburg. You nailed it when you wrote, he made friends with everyone he met. Easiest guy in the world for a 30 something guy like me to talk to whether it was business, and wow did we talk business, finance or college football; Notre Dame Irish, or any other team 🍷.

Rich Heban - June 19, 2025 at 08:49 PM

GL

I have so many wonderful memories of Tom and the entire Solon family. He was tops in my book because he was married to my beautiful sister, Brenda. From the day I met Tom I knew we would share a special bond. Sending my love to Mary Claire, Jim, & Caroline. Aunt G

Ginny Bokor Lessard - June 25, 2025 at 10:25 AM