



Thomas Lester Bolander Sr.

July 6, 1953 - October 30, 2018

Thomas Lester Bolander Sr. passed away at Hospice of Northwest Ohio surrounded by his family on October 30, 2018 at the age of 65.

Thomas was born to Lowell and Myrtle Bolander on July 6, 1953 in Toledo, Ohio. He was a graduate of Waite High School in 1974. He enlisted in the United States Army in 1973 and was discharged under honorable service. Thomas' earlier years he worked as an Iron worker for Local 55. He then fulfilled his dream by becoming the owner of TOM's BBQ & Grill Restaurant for 21 years. He enjoyed owning and operating concessions at local events and was known for his famous fresh squeezed lemonade. When he wasn't working he loved spending time with his family, watching sports, old western movies, traveling, playing cards, and fishing.

Thomas is survived by his loving wife Victoria Bolander of 35 years. They were married at Immaculate Conception Marygrove on July 9, 1983.

Preceding him in death were his parents Lowell & Myrtle Bolander, his brother Larry Bolander, and his dog Blackie (A man's best friend).

Thomas is lovingly remembered by his sister Judith (Bob) Tatro and his children Frankie (Angel) Torres, John (Melissa) Rodriguez, Thomas Bolander Jr., and Nicholas (RuthAnn Moore) Bolander; grandchildren Jackylin, Samantha, John Jr., Alexia, Elijah, Emadiyana, and Nicholas Jr.; great-grandchildren Leanna, Aliana, and Angel; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd., Toledo,

OH 43614 on Sunday, November 4th from 2-8 p.m. where a Rosary will be recited at 6:00 p.m. Funeral Services will be held on Monday, November 5th at 11:00 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Marygrove, 1750 N. Raab Rd., Swanton, OH 43558 where family will receive visitors beginning at 10:00 a.m. Interment with military honors will follow in the church cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may take the form of contributions to a charity of the donor's choice. Please view and sign the online guest registry at www.coylefuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 4. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home
1770 S. Reynolds Road
Toledo, OH 43614

Rosary

NOV 4. 6:00 PM (ET)

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1770 S. Reynolds Road
Toledo, OH 43614

Visitation

NOV 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Immaculate Conception, Marygrove
1748 Raab Rd
Swanton, OH 43558

Service

NOV 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

Immaculate Conception, Marygrove
1748 Raab Rd
Swanton, OH 43558

Tribute Wall

PA

“ *I would like to express my condolences to Tom's family. May he rest in peace.*

*Philip Adams
Buckenmeyer & King*

Philip Adams - November 05, 2018 at 01:03 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas Lester Bolander Sr..*



November 04, 2018 at 11:14 AM

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“ *1 file added to the album VIDEO TRIBUTE*



COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - November 03, 2018 at 08:24 PM

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COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - November 03, 2018 at 12:47 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas Lester Bolander Sr..*



November 02, 2018 at 09:28 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Thomas Lester Bolander Sr..*



November 02, 2018 at 07:07 PM



“ *AAA Sylvania purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Thomas Lester Bolander Sr..*



AAA Sylvania - November 02, 2018 at 03:21 PM



“ *I will miss our talks an conversations at the counter at Bob Evans when we would run into each other when he would be catching a bite between his heading for his nest on the road jobs!! I will miss my Northwood Neighbor!!!!*

Chuck Wood - November 02, 2018 at 02:06 PM

TJ



thomas Bolander Jr - November 03, 2018 at 08:11 PM

SE

“ As a young girl our family's spent hours together weekly. So much so that i regard Tom and Vicki as my 2nd mom and dad. We moved to Columbus in 92 but over the years I've been able to have a little piece of home come to me and allow me share home with my new home . One of this is that at every fair or outdoor festival i always get a Lemon Shake Up and tell my friends the stories of Party in the Park making Lemon Shake Ups with them. Every sip it brings my memories to life and it was as if i was 8 years old again. I remember when Tom got the fryer and had it in the garage, maybe it was just in there bc it was winter, either way it was in the garage. Tom was trying out different batters for the corn dogs and cheese sticks. I was in heaven that night, I think they let me eat like 3 each that night. The last time I saw Tom was a couple years ago when I was back home and stopped by the restaurant.I always told the tail of Tom and Vicki to my friends about how they started off with a drink stand and built it into one of the Best little restaurants in Toledo. When the restaurant made the news I proudly shared it on FB for everyone one to see and let them know " hey this is the place in my story and the people, check it out". Tom and Vicki have been and always will be family to me and family. You all have our deepest sympathy and condolences.

Matthew 5:4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted

With great Love

Shelly Eckerman

Shelly Eckerman - November 02, 2018 at 11:09 AM

AE

“ AECOM purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Thomas Lester Bolander Sr..



AECOM - November 02, 2018 at 10:09 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas Lester Bolander Sr..



November 01, 2018 at 02:46 PM

TD

“ Vicki You have my most sincere sympathy. May God wrap you in his loving arms and hold you close..

*Terry Delgado
Phoenix Arizona*

Terry Delgado - November 01, 2018 at 01:53 PM

RO

“ My father built a brick wall out by the garage. Tom and my brother Larry was playing softball out back. Tom ran for home, Larry tried to tag him and missed but Tom kept going and ran right through the wall. My dad was really mad but he was laughing so hard he couldnt say anything about it. He never replaced the wall.

Rod Oblinger - November 01, 2018 at 09:08 AM

TJ



Thomas Bolander Jr - November 01, 2018 at 02:30 PM

RO

“ Tom was always at our house doing things with my brother Larry when they hung together. I have great memories of him.

Rod Oblinger - November 01, 2018 at 08:01 AM

MG

“ I was always remember him. Both Tom and Vicky always made me feel like I was welcomed and apart of them...even after my split I was still family. I will always remember Toms side talks to me. But the best one that meant the most is him telling me he was proud of how we are taking care of Nevaeh. I knew he in the past had an opinion of it but to hear him say how proud he was, felt good. Like I am accomplishing something at being a mom. I will also remember playing cards every holiday at his house, heck it used to be every Sunday dinner for years lol. He would feel bad if I lost a large hand and he will pass me some money lol. He had a good heart. I will remember how red ruby his lips turned from the Merlot he loved so much, I used to think he looked like he was wearing lipstick lol. So many things have happened in all of our lives in such a short time that we forget the important things, like appreciating one another, or telling someone how much you care about them and before you know it, it's too late. We should always live life to the fullest and show love to one another each day like it's our last. R.I.H Uncle Tom you will be missed down here and always remembered. God Bless!!!


Melany Gonzalez - October 31, 2018 at 10:00 PM

TJ



Thomas Bolander Jr - November 01, 2018 at 03:35 PM

AR

“ this one time, i broke the fridge door in the restaurant and everybody told grandpa i did it, & the first thing he would say, “not my lexi”. after that I think i got blamed for everything that would break in at Toms just because they knew he would never yell at me. I remember telling him my heat wasn't working in my car, & he didnt even hesitate to go get me a brand new blower and install it right at Toms. So many things he did for me, Rest Easy grandpa. 

Alexia Rodriguez - October 31, 2018 at 07:24 PM

JT

Sorry for your loss tom was a good man and would do anything to help someone

Jim toth - November 01, 2018 at 05:17 AM