



## Thomas Joseph Grabowski, Sr.

Thomas Joseph Grabowski, passed away on August 1, 2022, after a brief illness.

Tom was married to Jane Smithmyer Grabowski (deceased 2003) for 44 years. After her passing, he married Shirley Niese Grabowski (in 2009) who survives.

He was a devoted father to, Thomas (Diane) Jr., of Lake Forest, WA, Jeffrey, Morristown, N.J., Christopher (Steven) Poughkeepsie, N.Y., Mary (Shawn Mick), Portland, OR and Anne (Richard) Burda, Pleasant Valley, N.Y.; 12 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild, and his extended family, Stephen (Robin) and Martin (Carol) Niese; 2 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents, Bronislaw and Florence (Fialkoski) Grabowski.

He was born in 1935 in Toledo, OH and was raised in the Polish community. He graduated from Central Catholic High School and Purdue University where he received a dual Master's degree in Civil Engineering and Industrial Management and was a member of Delta Epsilon Fraternity and the ROTC. Tom also attended business classes at Harvard University.

Tom began his career with the Campbell Soup Company in Napoleon, OH and was promoted to Plant Manager in Fayetteville, AR, Sacramento and Modesto, CA facilities. He retired from Corporate Headquarters of Campbell's in Camden, N.J. in 1990 and moved with Jane to Stone Oak in Holland, OH.

He was the Commander of the Napoleon Ohio National Guard and Exalted Ruler of Elks Lodge 929. As a devout catholic, he volunteered at Our Lady of Lourdes Soup Kitchen in Holland, OH and served on the Social committee at St. Bernadette's in Port St. Lucie, FL. He also volunteered as a greeter and usher at Sunrise Theater in Florida and enjoyed the famous entertainers.

Tom and Shirley they divided their time between Napoleon and Port St. Lucie, FL. The Florida home with its beautiful views of water and the PGA Golf Course provided endless enjoyment living the Florida lifestyle. Later in life, he also enjoyed traveling to worldwide locations in India, Thailand, Poland and numerous European cities. He enjoyed his friends, specialty wine, beer and loved good food.

Friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd., Toledo, OH 43614 on Wednesday, August 3rd from 3:00-8:00 p.m. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, August 4th beginning at 9:45 a.m., in the mortuary, followed by a Funeral Mass at Holy Trinity Church (Assumption), 2649 US-20, Swanton, OH 43558 at 11:00 a.m. Interment will be private. A Celebration of Life will also be held at a later date.

Tributes and memorials can be made to the charity of the donor's choice addressed to the funeral home. Please view and sign our online "guest registry" at [CoyleFuneralHome.com](http://CoyleFuneralHome.com)

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

AUG 4. 9:45 AM (ET)

Coyle Funeral and Cremation Services  
1770 S. Reynolds Road  
Toledo, OH 43614  
(419) 865-1295  
<https://www.coylefuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Mass

AUG 4. 11:00 AM.

Holy Trinity Church

# Tribute Wall

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“ My sympathy and prayers for Tom's family. Many years ago, I worked at Campbell Soup when Tom was there. I could always remember his initials (T.J. by calling him Tomato Juice Grabowski.) Tom and Jane were active parishioners at St. Augustine Church in Napoleon and my children went to school with Chris and Mary Jane. We have many memories of those days. After Jane's passing, Tom married Shirley (what a coincidence - she was also a parishioner at St. Augustine Church.) We used to see them at Napoleon Elk's Club and at events sponsored by the church. We always talked and kidded about "the good old days." Tom's smile in his picture is what we remember, and I know Shirley and his family will keep his memory in their hearts. He was a good man. Linda Howe

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**Linda R Howe** - August 04, 2022 at 11:54 AM

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“ Many of my memories of Tom are as a child when our families were so close. All the holidays were family events and the cousins were close! Tom was the much older handsome cousin! I always thought of Tom as a my hero! I always loved staying the weekend with his family and going with Aunt Florence to take him to the train station to send him back to college! He was always the most gracious gentleman even as a youngster! After I grew up and married I was blessed to have had the opportunity to visit Tom and Jane in their homes in California and again in Ohio. The age difference wasn't an issue then and we had more in common! I still thought of him as my handsome cousin! I always thought that he was more handsome than Tom Cruise! Sending prayers and love to his family. Patsi Binkowski Borst

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**Patricia Borst** - August 03, 2022 at 11:37 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas Joseph Grabowski, Sr..*



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August 02, 2022 at 04:26 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas Joseph Grabowski, Sr..*



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August 02, 2022 at 03:27 PM