



## Thomas John Peternel Sr.

November 26, 1953 - April 28, 2019

Thomas J. Peternel, Sr., 65, passed away suddenly on April 28, 2019 while on his annual golf trip with his good friends in Las Vegas, Nevada. He was born to Joseph and Helen (Garn) Peternel on November 26, 1953 at St. Charles Hospital, being the first baby ever born there on Thanksgiving.

Thomas graduated from Maumee High School in 1971 where he excelled at basketball and gained the nickname Panther Pete and where he will be inducted into the hall of fame later this year.

After working for Biniker Builders he met and married the love of his life Barbara (Biniker) Peternel in 1975.

Thomas started a long volunteer coaching career at the YMCA in 1981 where he coached his son in basketball. He also coached basketball and football at St. Patrick of Heatherdowns Church and at Maumee High School as well as the play by play announcer for Maumee for many years for the high school basketball programs. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, St. Patrick of Heatherdowns Friday night golf league, Northern Lights Masons, and the Wauwauwaska Hunt Club. Thomas was a past president of the Toledo Association of Home Builders and a long time member of Ducks Unlimited. He enjoyed hunting with his dogs Duke, Hondo, Buckeye, Maggie, Coot and others; Golfing with his friends but most of all watching his grandchildren play sports. In the summer of 2011 he had 3 of his grandkids on the same team in Maumee Little League (Mady, Ethan and Mickey) were all able to play together with his son, Son in law and friends as the coaches. This was truly a

pleasure for him and typically his oldest grandson Joey was on the adjacent field playing so he could see both at the same time. To date one of his favorite pass times was watching his oldest grandson Joey play and excel in baseball in high school and now in college and very rarely missed any of his 100 plus games per year, he and Grammy would often split their time between kids games if they all played at the same time...which was frequent, but they always made it work and each kid feel special to have them there.

His 4 oldest grandkids were relatively close in age and he was able to enjoy many of their activities together but then came the second wave of grandkids..... Noah lead it off followed by Jaxson, Kinley, Sophia and Luke who was 15 years younger than his older brother when born. This brought a whole new life to Papa and his love for his babies and they couldn't have been happier or had anyone better to just hang out with.

He was an avid Ohio State Football, Duke basketball and Green Bay Packers fan recently taking a trips to Lambeau Field with his son Matt and Grandson Mickey and in last year he was able to take his grandson Ethan to a Notre Dame game and Joey to see Duke play at Camden Indoor Arena and these kids will cherish these memories forever.

Thomas is survived by his wife Barbara; children Thomas, Jr. (Brittany), Jill M. (Wes) Byrd, Beth A. (Steve) Kujawa, Matthew J. (Victoria); and grandchildren Joey, Mickey, Ethan, Madyson, Noah, Jaxson, Kinley, Sophie, and Luke.

Friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd., on Sunday, May 5 from 3-8 p.m. A Knights of Columbus Service will begin at 6:00 p.m. and a Scripture Service will follow at 6:30 p.m. Funeral Services will begin on Monday, May 6 at 9:15 a.m., in the mortuary, followed by a Funeral Mass at 10:00 a.m. at St. Patrick of Heatherdowns Church, 4201 Heatherdowns Blvd., Toledo. Interment will be private.

Memorials may take the form of a donation to either St. Patrick's of Heatherdowns Athletic Association or to the Maumee High School Athletic Boosters Organization.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 5. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

MAY 5. 6:00 PM - 6:20 PM (ET)

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1770 S. Reynolds Road  
Toledo, OH 43614

## Service

MAY 6. 10:00 AM (ET)

St Patrick Of Heatherdowns  
4201 Heatherdowns Blvd  
Toledo, OH

## Vigil

MAY 12. 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ Tom always acknowledged me with a kind hello at the basketball games or after a round of golf. What a great guy to know. I will miss seeing him at all the sporting events and around Maumee. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.  
*Lon Washtak*

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**Lon Washtak** - May 05, 2019 at 08:34 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy to the entire Peternel family. We will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers for the days to come.  
*James & Stacy Schiavone and family*

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**Stacy Schiavone** - May 05, 2019 at 08:18 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas John Peternel Sr..*



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May 05, 2019 at 07:29 PM

BM

“ Dear Barb, Tommy, Jill, Beth, and Matt,

*Our hearts and prayers are with you.*

*Love,*

*Laurie and Bob Moore*

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**Bob Moore** - May 05, 2019 at 04:11 PM

BZ

“ Dearest Barb and the Peternel family,

*Our hearts are deeply saddened by the loss of Papa. We first met Barb and Papa when Victoria and Matt started dating. We heard so much about the close knit and very lively Peternel family. One particular situation for us shows the love Papa especially had for his grand kids . We remember when Sophia was born and was in the NICU, Papa went there every day to hold her. Over these past number of years anytime we have gotten together in their lovely home, famous “Papa 9” had one or more of the grandkids on his hip, with the biggest grin on his face. Or we would see him chatting with the older grand kids, making them feel like the most special person in the world. He lived life to the fullest and loved his family and friends in such a big, warm-hearted, and welcoming way. Now we are holding close to our hearts precious memories of wonderful times spent together. His life and legacy lives on in the lives of his remarkable kids and amazing grand kids.*

*May God gently soothe and comfort your hearts. Love the Zona family,*


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**barbara zona** - May 05, 2019 at 02:01 PM

BK

“ To my dad, not sure how I get through these next few days. We love you more than you can imagine and our hearts are just shattered. You are missed more than you could ever have thought or imagined  
❤️ We need our dad and the kids need their papa but we will find a way to keep you proud and smiling from heaven. What I wouldn't give to have just a moment with you to say goodbye, tell you I love you and give you a hug that I could never let go of. Until we see each other again I know you are always with us. Miss you and love you so much!

Beth Kujawa - May 05, 2019 at 12:39 PM

 Lesley Esway

“ My deepest sympathies and prayers for peace and healing extended to Barb and the entire Peternel family at this most saddened time..  
Lesley Butler Esway

Lesley Esway - May 05, 2019 at 08:46 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas John Peternel Sr..



May 05, 2019 at 03:09 AM

RD

“ PEEEEETE--Played H S basketball with Tom, Waaaaay back in the day. This is what everyone would yell when Tom walked onto the court. Think it was started by Joe Berry. But after hearing it, Tom would just look at us with that sly smile of his. Can see it to this day. I worked for a building supply company and dealt with Tom and his home building business. Just saw him again about 2 months ago at a MHS basketball game. Sad to hear about his passing. My condolences to his family. RIP, PEEETE!

Ron Dunn 72

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Ron Dunn - May 05, 2019 at 12:20 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Thomas John Peternel Sr..



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May 04, 2019 at 07:57 PM

RW

“ So sad to see in the Blade today on the passing of Thomas Peternel. I wish Barb and the family as well as the Tom's relatives my hope and best wishes during this tough time in your life. It's been about forty years since I've seen Tom and Barbara but I would read or hear once in a while always hoping that Tom would be one of the big names in Toledo construction. I first met Tom in the mid 1970's while working for Basil Biniker. We was Basil's son in law Al, and Basil's nephew David. Tom like his father were always friendly and stayed busy. I was very happy that Tom started his own business and married Barbara. I remember his obsession with Cedar Point french fries going to the amusement park just to eat the fries.

I sad that I can't be to the funeral home or service. My health and transportation makes it impossible.

Tom was one of those special persons you meet as you go down the path of life.....

Even after they have gone to their final reward.

Rest in peace Tom.

Always  
Ronald Wolniewicz  
Toledo Ohio  
roadkingtyson@gmail.com

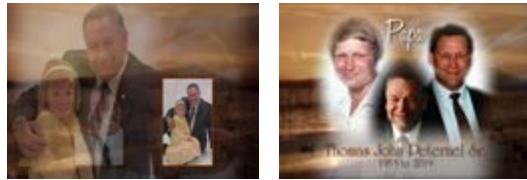


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Ronald Wolniewicz - May 04, 2019 at 02:59 PM

CV

“ 2 files added to the album VIDEO TRIBUTE



COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - May 04, 2019 at 02:31 PM



“ Garden Accent - A heart of gold stopped beatin  
g... was purchased for the family of Thomas John  
Peternel Sr..



May 04, 2019 at 12:24 PM

MZ

“ As I have been looking at pictures of Tom the past few days, every memory brings a smile to my face, and I am pretty sure that is exactly how he would have wanted it. Tom could always make me laugh, especially when he was making fun of me for taking myself too seriously! He was such a fun loving, kind and caring guy who took so much pleasure in the simple joys of spending time with family and friends. He was a wonderful friend to our whole family. My boys' Papa Tom! Evan loved sharing his birthday (and hospital) with Tom and always made sure we celebrated that special day with him. My heart is aching for all of his family. I know he will always be a warm light in each and everyone of your hearts, but that is just not the same as having him there at the game or the dinner table or riding next to you in the car. He will be dearly missed by all  
- Molly Zraik

Molly Z - May 04, 2019 at 12:12 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas John Peternel Sr..*



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May 04, 2019 at 10:08 AM



“ *My condolences to Barbara and the family. I was saddened to hear about the passing of Tom, he has certainly left a wonderful legacy with the family and the Maumee community.*

*I was Tom's high school basketball coach and as he proved to be throughout his life as a husband, father and papa, a joy to coach. He had a passion and enthusiasm for basketball that made him a great team player and an example for the rest of the team.*

*Throughout the years he always made the effort to contact me with updates from Maumee and yes a few of his famous emails would be forwarded occasionally. Reading the wonderful obituary, I realize how many people he has touched and how fortunate I was to be one of them. A few years ago Tom was instrumental in organizing a reunion breakfast for the basketball team as I was passing through town. I was able to visit after 40 years and see the boys turned into men and rehash the memories of those high school years. I thank Tom for that opportunity. You will be missed Maumee#44, RIP.*

*Coach Balogh*

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**Bob Balogh** - May 04, 2019 at 10:06 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas John Peternel Sr..*



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May 04, 2019 at 09:13 AM



“ *My sincerest condolences to your family. We are all poorer for Tom's passing, but we are all better for having known him and for having the opportunity to share laughs and good times with him. I hope and pray you will be comforted with the many wonderful memories of your life with Tom. He will be missed. - Mike Whitescarver*

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**Mike Whitescarver** - May 03, 2019 at 06:49 PM



“ *We are so sorry to hear of your family's loss. Take great comfort in knowing that many Maumee High School student athletes benefitted tremendously from Tom's generosity in sharing both his time and knowledge. - The Blakely Family (Emily, Sara, Chris II Sean & Chris I).*

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**Christopher Blakely** - May 03, 2019 at 06:03 PM



“ *All our memories of Tom were at events with the family. He was the best papa ever. Our deepest sympathies to Barb and the whole family. In this time of extraordinary grief, we can draw comfort knowing love leaves us with memories that never die. Our deepest regrets, Jim and Sue Schoen*

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**susan schoen** - May 03, 2019 at 03:30 PM

JF

“ So very sorry for your loss. Hoping there is comfort for all in remembering all the good times and love you shared with Tom. Prayers and love to you all.

*Joan & Julian Foldes*

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**Joan & Julian Foldes** - May 03, 2019 at 03:11 PM

MW

“ I was saddened to hear of my first Basketball Coach's passing. Great family and many memories in the South end with the Peternels.

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**Max Walter** - May 03, 2019 at 03:06 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas John Peternel Sr..



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May 03, 2019 at 01:09 PM

MP

“ So sorry and saddened by Tom's passing. We pray that God wraps his loving, comforting arms around your family.

*Scott & Marcia Phillips and family*

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**marcia phillips** - May 03, 2019 at 12:40 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas John Peternel Sr..*



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May 03, 2019 at 11:43 AM



“ *Rest in peace #44 panther pete. You were a HOF family man! We pray for your family and know your life lessons will carry on.*

*Mike and Carolyn Haney and family*

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**Mike Haney** - May 03, 2019 at 11:06 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathies and prayers of peace for the entire Peternel family.*

*~Scott and Heather McGannon*

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**Heather McGannon** - May 03, 2019 at 10:37 AM



*We send our sincere sympathy to Barb and her family for this sudden loss in their lives.  
So sorry.*

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**Mary and Gene Williams** - May 06, 2019 at 04:44 PM