



Thomas Norbert Olechowski

June 25, 1951 - December 11, 2020

Thomas Norbert Olechowski was born June 25, 1951 to Stanley Norbert Olechowski and Bernice (Kopek) Olechowski in Utica, NY. He graduated from Notre Dame High School in Utica, NY 1969 and Clarkson University, Potsdam, NY in 1974 with a degree in Civil Engineering. He worked for Amtrak for 30 years as a professional engineer. He obtained his professional engineering license (PE) certified in five states. He received a Master of Project Management from George Washington University in 1998. When he retired from Amtrak in 2006, he took a position with HNTB Corp out of Austin, TX as Director-Railroad Engineering. Two of his larger projects at HNTB included the West Rail Project in Brownsville, the first international bridge in Texas in 100 years. A project just completed was "Project Connect", the downtown station for CapMetro.

He is survived by his wife Kathleen (Hughes) Olechowski. They were married on May 18, 1979 in Utica, NY, and have one son, Brian Thomas Olechowski from PA. Brian was married to Tracy (Collington) Olechowski on June 20, 2009. He has three grandchildren from Brian and Tracy, Gale Anne (age 3), Brielle Marley (2) and Jameson Thomas (2). He is also survived by three sisters, Dr MaryAnn Pentz PhD of CA, Susan Hohmann and her husband Martin Hohmann of NH, Barbara Olechowksi of NH, and his mother Bernice Olechowski of NY. He is also survived by several beloved cousins, nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his father, Stanley Norbert Olechowski,

and his brother in law, Clyde Arthur Pentz III.

Tom was known as the Peacekeeper of the family, guardian of his three sisters and a very respectful son. He was known to be very kind and generous to everyone, loved to tease his sisters, thrived on family gatherings, and was a very faithful and active member of his church. When younger, he loved downhill skiing, golfing and scotch. He absolutely loved the Lexington, TX community.

Tom was an active member of Holy Family Catholic Church, Lexington, TX, President of the church council, a founding leader of the Men's Fellowship Group, and always an active volunteer at all church events. He will be remembered at the regularly scheduled mass on Wednesday, December 16 at 5:30 PM. The Men's Fellowship Group will lead a Rosary in his memory at 5:15 PM. The Rosary and mass will be live streamed on (Facebook) <https://www.facebook.com/groups/thebeautifulifeofTomO>.

Tom passed away the morning of Friday, December 11, 2020. Memorials may be made to Holy Family Catholic Church, P O Box 541, Lexington, TX 78947 or to a charity of your choice in memory of Tom.

Tribute Wall

VS

“ I was shocked, and deeply saddened at hearing of Tom's death. He was a wonderful gentleman, and never let me leave church without telling me "you did a great job". He will truly be missed. R.I.P. Tom and thank you for your friendship.

Virginia Schmidt
Holy Family Catholic Church

Virginia Schmidt - February 14, 2021 at 01:37 PM

AP

“ Tom was such a good person to work with, when he came to Connecticut sometimes my wife and I would have him come to our house for dinner, such a gentleman. He would always call Dianne 'MRS. ANDY'. Rest In Peace my friend, Andy & Dianne Pedro.

Andy Pedro - December 18, 2020 at 12:28 PM

CH

“ Carolyn Hughes lit a candle in memory of Thomas Norbert Olechowski



carolyn Hughes - December 16, 2020 at 02:03 PM

CT

“ Tommy was a gentle and loving giant of a man. Always ready to hug you and let you know he cared about you and would be ready to help in any way. I'm blessed to have known him, and am saddened that he is gone. Connie

Connie Threadgill - December 16, 2020 at 12:20 PM

GH

“ *Gerald Hughes lit a candle in memory of Thomas Norbert Olechowski*



Gerald Hughes - December 15, 2020 at 11:45 PM

EM

“ *EMA MURILLO lit a candle in memory of Thomas Norbert Olechowski*



EMA MURILLO - December 15, 2020 at 03:45 PM

 Dan Laino

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Dan Laino - December 15, 2020 at 03:20 PM

CY

“ *Tom and I worked together at Conrail and Amtrak, both of which required a hearty sense of humor at times. Tom had good will and humor to spare. It was a pleasure working with him. I send sincere condolences to his family and loved ones. Chas Yorby*

Charles Yorby - December 14, 2020 at 04:12 PM

TL

“ I remember Tom as being larger than life, so generous and so very kind. My whole family loved him! To see that tall man walk through the door brought smiles to us all. Kathy, I'm so sorry for your loss.

Love from Tracy Goldbas Lareuax

tracy lareaux - December 14, 2020 at 03:43 PM

BG

“ I was deeply saddened by the news of Tom's death. We met freshman year at Notre Dame High School and became close friends. We spent high school and college years skiing, hanging out, and doing what high school and college students generally do. Although we lost touch over the years as we moved to different parts of the country, I recall fondly Tom's friendly demeanor, generous spirit, and good humor. One couldn't ask for more in a friend. Sincerest condolences to Kathi and the rest of the Olechowski family. RIP my friend.

Bert Griffiths

Bert Griffiths - December 14, 2020 at 02:43 PM

 Dan Laino

Well written Bert . . . Teddy told me the saddened news today after which we reminisced about many of the great times we all had during the teen years. So I echo your comments Bert about our dear friend Tommy, save for the ND bit (went to UFA); condolences to the Olechowski Family; and, yes, RIP my friend!

Dan Laino

Dan Laino - December 15, 2020 at 02:52 PM



“ Sorry to hear of Tom's passing. We went to community college, Clarkson College where he lived next door in the dorms, and both of us went to work on CONRAIL. Very nice guy and fun to be around. Rest in peace my friend.

Bob Cerri - December 14, 2020 at 02:21 PM

RE

“ I worked with Tom at Conrail & Amtrak. He was a great professional, dedicated & hard working, and always open to new ideas. It was a pleasure to work & travel with him. I'll miss him.
Reuven Shiloh

Reuven - December 14, 2020 at 12:50 PM

AC

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Anthony E Castrucci - December 14, 2020 at 12:30 PM

AC

“ Tom and I were both class of 1976 B&B Management trainees for Conrail. He was a great guy who passed way too soon. He will be missed. My condolences to Kathy and the family. I have posted a photo of Tom and the inspection party taken by Ed Lurcott July 19, 1979 during Conrail's annual bridge inspection on the Mohawk Hudson Division.

Anthony Castrucci

Anthony E Castrucci - December 14, 2020 at 12:29 PM

DF

“ A great person and dedicated railroader who will be dearly missed by all who truly knew him. Rest in Peace Tom! - David J. Fuette

David J. Fuette - December 14, 2020 at 12:28 PM

WS

“ Tom was a sweet and kind man. God must have needed an engineer to help with the bridges to Heaven. Wesley and Sheri Sweet

Wesley and Sheri Sweet - December 13, 2020 at 07:37 PM

CK

“ I got to know Tom through his wife Kathi, my best friend, and I saw that he loved his community and church and he was very active in both. He was always smiling and fun loving and would pass out Big Bear Hugs so easily to all! Our community and I'm sure his church will have trouble filling the hole left by a man that stood for both the church and community and left us way too soon.

To Kathi, Brian and all Tom's family, LOVE, PRAYERS and Comfort are sent your way letting you know we all grieve with you. God hold you in His Hands until you are gathered together again.

Cheryl & Stormy King

Cheryl King - December 13, 2020 at 06:44 PM

ED

Tom was one of my first Management Trainees in 1976. He was an excellent employee with a willingness to learn and progress to his full potential. He will be missed and I am saddened by his passing. My condolences to his wife Kathi and the family.

Manny Dettori

EMANUEL (MANNY) DETTORI - December 15, 2020 at 01:16 PM