



Thomas Joseph McDonough

May 3, 1934 - May 9, 2026

Thomas Joseph McDonough, 92, of North Tazewell VA passed away peacefully in his sleep May 9, 2026 at Heritage Hall Nursing Home in Tazewell in VA.

A native of Boston, MA he was born May 3, 1934 to John and Delia McDonough and was the youngest of their five children. He met his wife Columbia (Jones) while serving in the US Army in Washington DC in 1958 and they married in August of 1959. Together Tom and Columbia reared four children between Massachusetts and West Virginia— Theresa, Janet, Julie and John. Tom worked as a plumber/pipe fitter, Co-owner of Mercer Mechanical Contracting and owned Virginia Hardware in Princeton, WV. His intelligence and experience earned him the respect of all the local plumbing and HVAC professionals who often sought his advice.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents, John and Delia, his older brother Monsignor John McDonough, his three sisters Mary Tarpey, Barbara Allen and Helen McDonough. Additionally, his oldest daughter Theresa Chafin preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife Columbia of North Tazewell, his daughters Janet McDonagh (Michael) and Julie Hart (Ron) as well as his son Fr. John McDonough and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will take place Friday, May 15th at 10 AM at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Bluefield, WV. Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 11 AM and conclude with interment at Roselawn Cemetery in Princeton, WV.

The family appreciates all the prayers and messages of care at this time. Tom was a lifelong lover of animals so in lieu of flowers please make a donation to your local animal shelter in his memory.

Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting www.MercerFuneralHome.com

Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Thomas Joseph McDonough.

Cemetery Details

Roselawn Memorial Gardens Cemetery

Princeton, WV

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 15. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
1003 Wyoming St
Bluefield, WV 24701

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Tribute Wall

MM

“ I grew up on Barry Street in Dorchester, MA. My great uncle, who lived with us, was Anthony McDonough. He thought the world of your husband/father. Growing up we heard many nice things about “Tommy the Plumber”. I recall him visiting with my great uncle on one of his trips back to Boston. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time. May your memories bring you comfort. May he rest in peace. God Bless all of you. 🙏🙏

*Maureen McDonnell
Massachusetts*

Maureen McDonnell - May 27 at 05:31 PM

GS

“ Julie, and the McDonough family, I am so sorry for your loss. Your father lived a long and fulfilling life. I remember him growing up in Bluefield, and seeing him at Sacred Heart, and when at East River playground when you all lived nearby. You and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers.

*Greg Spry
Roanoke, VA*

Greg Spry - May 17 at 10:52 AM

DC

“ Columbia, Michael, and Family,

So sorry to learn of Mr. McDonough's passing. He was a true gentleman. I always enjoyed chatting with him.

Danny Coulthard - May 14 at 03:47 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Thomas Joseph McDonough.

May 14 at 11:24 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas Joseph McDonough.



May 14 at 11:24 AM



“ Michael and Joanne Tarpey purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Thomas Joseph McDonough.



Michael and Joanne Tarpey - May 12 at 06:47 PM



“ Columbia, Janet, Julie and JP,
I'm so sorry for your loss. Tom was a very good person and he was also the best person that I have ever worked for. My prayers are with the family.

Jim Willis

Jim Willis - May 12 at 02:20 PM

CE

“ So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Chris Bruckner Elswick - May 12 at 10:36 AM



“ Janet, Julie and JP, all of the Allens are so sorry for your loss. He will be missed. We were always so glad to see all of you when you drove up to Boston and visited with us. I hope you enjoyed seeing the Duxbury memories in the video. So shocking that he and mom died within three weeks of each other, but then again they were so close. See you soon to celebrate his life. Love you all, Barbara Jean

Barbara Cleary - May 12 at 10:00 AM

CF

My deepest condolences to you all, may you find peace knowing he is in our Lord's hands!
Cindy Froy

Cynthia Froy - May 12 at 02:58 PM

CT

“ Janet, We are so sorry to hear of your loss. (Debbie told me tonight of your Dad's passing.) You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Love you, Carol and Norman Thompson

Carol & Norman Thompson - May 11 at 09:08 PM

BH

“ Janet: I was so sorry to hear about your father passing away. You did a lot for him driving him to appointments, making sure he had proper meals, clean clothes, a clean house, etc. I'm sorry I can't be there to help you but, I'm sending you healing prayers and comforting hugs. You certainly followed one of the Ten Commandments that states, "Honor thy father and thy mother..." You were a good daughter and I'm sure he appreciated all of your efforts. Please know that I am always here for you. I'm just a phone call, a text, or an e-mail away. You are in my thoughts and wishing you moments of peace and comfort. May he rest in peace.



Barbara Hartwell - May 11 at 05:32 PM