



Thomas Houghton

January 8, 1961 - December 21, 2016

Thomas Houghton of New Castle, DE passed away suddenly on December 21, 2016. He was 55 years old. Thomas was devoted to his family. He loved to hunt and fish with his sons Paul and Ron, his uncle Gene, grandson Brian, and many friends. A self-employed roofer by trade, he loved to tinker with, build, rebuild and fix just about anything, and he enjoyed using his talents to help his family and friends. Thomas was hilarious and had a wicked sense of humor. Whether he knew you or not, he'd most likely have you laughing within seconds. Thomas will be remembered most for his big hearted, generous, humble and truly selfless nature. Thomas just showed up - to babysit, fix your roof, drop your engine, donate to your charity, change your tire, lend an ear, lend a buck, lend a hand...He was the best partner, dad, uncle, brother, Pop Pop and friend anyone could ever ask for. He truly blessed everyone who was lucky enough to have crossed his path and he will be greatly missed.

Thomas leaves behind so many who loved and appreciated him tremendously and will miss him with all of their hearts: his devoted partner of 30 years, Arlene Mathena; his children Paul Houghton, Amelia Houghton, Ron Paloni, (Robin), Edward Thayer, Jason Mathena (Carolina), Tommy Mathena (Jamie) and Jessie Hammerer; his sisters: Patti Burek (Larry), and Theresa Houghton; and his brother, Joseph Houghton (Kathy). Thomas' grandchildren Alliy, Angel, Vincent, Aliyah, Brian, Cecilia, Gianna, Gage and Esabella and great grandchildren Shane and Agnes will all greatly miss their Pop Pop. Also mourning the huge loss of Thomas from their lives are many aunts, uncles,

cousins, nieces, nephews and countless friends and neighbors. His niece, Brittany, and her children, Chantene, Tre'chan & Christian held a special place in Thomas' heart. They will miss their uncle very much. Thomas was also especially close with friends Lenny Needles and Frank Hutchinson, and Denise Walker Roberts and her family. Thomas is predeceased by his parents, Bernard "Reds" Houghton and Mildred "Millie" (Baron) Schank; and his older brother, Paul Houghton.

Family and friends are invited to attend a visitation on Friday, December 30 from 9:30-10:30 AM at the Strano & Feeley Family Funeral Home, 635 Churchmans Road, Newark, DE 19702. A service in celebration of Thomas' life will follow at 10:30 AM. Burial will follow at All Saints Cemetery. For directions or to send an online condolence visit www.stranofeeley.com

Strano & Feeley

Family Funeral Home

302-731-5459

Cemetery Details

All Saints Cemetery

6001 Kirkwood Highway
Wilmington, DE 19808

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 30. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Strano & Feeley Family Funeral Home
635 Churchmans Rd
Newark, DE 19702
(302) 731-5459
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Service

DEC 30. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas Houghton.*



December 28, 2016 at 08:53 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Thomas Houghton.*

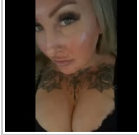


December 28, 2016 at 08:30 PM



“ *The Taggart Family will miss seeing Tom ("Hootie") at family events. He always added much to the event, especially his calmness and down-to-Earth pesona.*

Marget & John Taggart - December 28, 2016 at 05:34 PM



“ *Daddy I love you so much. .. my heart is breaking every day without u.. this is horrible. . I just know ur not suffering anymore. .. I need u here more than u know.. tell mom I said hi and please watch over us... Daddy your my hero... there is nobody in this world who will ever hold a candle to u... You were Mr. Fix it... You always stopped what you were doing to help out anyone in need ... you were the kindest man that ever lived.. I don't think I can live without you but I have no choice. .. I miss you so much Daddy.. You weren't the best Daddy but the best Grandfather in the whole entire world. .. Please let me know your ok.. ♡♡♡♡♡ I miss and love you Daddy*



Amelia Houghton - December 28, 2016 at 04:59 PM



“ *Kathleen Jones lit a candle in memory of Thomas Houghton*



Kathleen Jones - December 28, 2016 at 02:39 PM



Say hello to Mark.

Kathleen Jones - December 28, 2016 at 02:40 PM



We just learned of Tom's passing, and are very saddened by the news. Tom did a lot of work for us. He was a great worker and a good friend! Sincere condolences to the family, you will all be in our prayers! May he RIP --- Lina and Frank Stella

lina stella - January 14, 2017 at 04:02 PM

BE

“ Brooke Esty sent a virtual gift in memory of Thomas Houghton



Brooke Esty - December 28, 2016 at 01:33 PM

BE

“ Brooke Esty lit a candle in memory of Thomas Houghton



Brooke Esty - December 28, 2016 at 01:30 PM

LP

“ Lane Pennington lit a candle in memory of Thomas Houghton



lane pennington - December 28, 2016 at 12:30 PM

BN

“ Beth Newcomb lit a candle in memory of Thomas Houghton



Beth Newcomb - December 28, 2016 at 11:06 AM

AM

“ You will be truly missed my friend. So glad to have had you and your back in my life. I wish i would have taoen the time to sit and talk with you again... So many unanswered questions but maybe for the best... Now you and Danny can watch over us together where there is no pain, no hurt, only peace.....Rest easy my friend



Angela Mancinelli - December 28, 2016 at 08:52 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas Houghton.



December 28, 2016 at 07:52 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas Houghton.



December 28, 2016 at 06:17 AM

SH

“ Sharon lit a candle in memory of Thomas Houghton



Sharon - December 28, 2016 at 05:14 AM



Jessica
Fuller

“ *Jessica Fuller lit a candle in memory of
Thomas Houghton*



Jessica Fuller - December 27, 2016 at 10:54 PM

DW

“ *A man of many talents. Gone, far to soon. May you rest with the
eternal God of mercy. Your neighbors.
The Wills family.*

Debbie Wills - December 27, 2016 at 10:18 PM