



Thomas J. Ninnie

February 18, 1954 - July 6, 2020

Thomas J. Ninnie, devoted husband, father and grandfather, died July 6, peacefully at home surrounded by his loving and adoring family after a brief battle with Pancreatic Cancer. He was 66.

Born February 18, 1954 in Beacon. He was the son of the late Armand Ninnie and Carolyn Powell Ninnie.

On October 18, 1975, at Our Lady of Loretto Church in Cold Spring, he married his life partner, Betsey VanTassel Ninnie, who survives at home. They have been married for 44 years.

Tommy is also survived by his loving daughters, Jennifer Anne Ninnie Edge and her husband, Jason Edge of Beacon and Alison Marie Neilson and her husband, Chris Neilson of Port St. Lucie, Florida. Tommy was best known and admired for his role as a devoted, adoring and loving grandpa to Dylan J. Edge and Kimberly M. Edge of Beacon and Christopher Neilson Jr. of Port St. Lucie, Florida.

Tommy also leaves behind two brothers, Michael Ninnie and his wife Mary, David Ninnie and a sister in law, Karen Ninnie, his Uncle Gene Ninnie and his wife Betty, his Aunt Nancy Powell, several cousins as well as a niece and great nephews.

In addition to his parents, Tommy was also predeceased by his grandparents Eugene Ninnie and Philomena Ninnie, a brother, Jeffrey Ninnie, his nephew, Kevin Ninnie and his Uncle George "Spud" Powell.

Tommy was the proud third generation owner of Central Construction of Beacon, which recently celebrated its 50-year anniversary. The "Shop" was his hangout and sanctuary, it holds many great memories for all. He was also a member of the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 137. Tommy was also the proud owner of Catherine Street Properties and his newest company and passion, Prime Collectable.

Tommy loved many simple things in life, like ice-cream, chili dogs, gun shows, and spending quality time with his family, friends and especially those most precious to him, his grandchildren. Tommy was the most amazing story teller. He really knew how to make you laugh. He had many new and lifelong friendships that he cherished, which are too many to name. In particular, the family would like to thank his three lifelong closest friends who were more like family to him, Tom Elias, Billy Percacciolo and Pete Rutkowski for their support and motivation to Tommy in this last month, day or night. Your kindness and friendship is very much appreciated.

Tommy's fairness, kindness, loyalty, selflessness, generosity, and strength will leave a lasting impression on all that knew him and these same traits he passed on to his daughters and especially his grandchildren. He will forever deeply be missed by all that loved and knew him. Rest easy, we got it from here.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made St. John's Church, 2 Oak Street, Beacon, New York.

Family and friends will gather on Sunday, July 12 from 2 to 6 p.m. at Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, 2 Beekman Street, Beacon. In compliance with NYS guidelines, social distancing is required and capacity is limited. Attendees should be prepared for a possible waiting period. A

Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Monday, July 13 at 10 a.m. at St. Joachim Church, 51 Leonard Street, Beacon.

To send a personal condolence please visit www.riverviewbyhalvey.com.

Funeral arrangements are under the care of Patrick J. Halvey of Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, LLC, Beacon, New York.

Events

JUL 12 **Visitation** 02:00PM - 06:00PM

Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, LLC
2 Beekman Street PO Box 129, Beacon, NY, US, 12508

JUL 13 **Mass of Christian Burial** 10:00AM

St. Joachim Church
51 Leonard Street, Beacon, NY, US, 12508

Comments



“ Great guy.He will be missed. Always there to lend a helping hand. Eugene (Murph) Murphy and wife ,Debra

Eugene Murphy - July 12 at 12:37 PM



“ Words cannot express the sadness I feel of Tommy's passing. Tommy and I shared the same interests of construction, going to gun shows, and collecting guns. I have very fond memories of Tommy and Betsy in the apartment over on Catherine Street when Jennifer was a baby to being godfather to Allison over on tilden avenue in their new home.

I had very fond memories of having dinners over at Tommy and Betsy's going through college semesters while working at Ninnie Construction. Tommy played an integral part in my development as an engineer and architect teaching me a practical side of knowledge that I also gained from other family members . I am very proud of my family . We all had the same interests of construction and the love of our country and being around relatives who were close, now from afar I feel sadness but at the same time when I look out the mountains out my back door I know Tommy's out there and know he is with God and in peace

I have learned a great deal from Tommy and gaining a tremendous amount of respect in his caring and outgoing nature and to me it's what's in your heart and how you treat others is everything. And Tommy had a big heart. I admired that and I tried to emulate that in my own life. ingratitude is one of the worst sins one can commit I am truly grateful for having you as my cousin big brother and friend over these many years... I thank you Tommy and I love you

Gene D. Ninnie - July 11 at 11:16 PM



“ Tommy built our home for us on Tioronda Avenue when we moved back to Beacon. All summer we would have great conversations along the side of the backhoe or down at the shop. It was truly a once-in-a-lifetime gift from a great friend. Tommy, we will miss you. As much as we miss Jeff. Betsy, Michael, Karen, and all the family, Cynthia and I share your grief and wish we could be there with you across the miles. But we will send good thoughts and prayers. Love, Roger & Cynthia Didio

Roger Didio - July 11 at 06:19 PM



“ Dear Betsey, Alison, Jennifer, Dylan, Kim, Michael and David

I am so sorry to hear of Tommy's passing.

I remember when I first started working with Tommy hauling clay at the brick yard in Beacon working for my Grandfather Ronald Nenni and Eugene Ninnie at Ninnie Construction Corp. I learned so much from them and from my father James C. Nenni, Sr. I am so proud to be the third generation and owner of a business that my Grandfather, Great Uncle started 91 years ago.

The family was so large back then with so many memories to carry us through each day.

Dear Betsey, Alison, Jennifer, Dylan, Kim, Michael and David, There are times when there are too few words eft to heal us, when what we wish for is to be carried, when all we have left is the hope that tomorrow will be a more gentle place to land than today. As the days and weeks pass, and as you return to life's routine, may you continue to feel comforted by the love and support of family and friends.

Cousins: James C Nenni, Sr, James C. Nenni, Jr. and Debra Nenni McNamee



James C Nenni Jr - July 11 at 06:16 PM



“ Dear Betsey, Alison, Jennifer, Dylan, Kim, Michael and David..
We are saddened to hear of Tommy's death.. We have many fond memories of him as a little boy..he was just a toddler and loved his Tonka bulldozers, graders and shovels..And when he got older, Uncle Gene would take he, brother Jeff and cousin Diane to Yankee Stadium for ballgames..We enjoyed his funny stories when he and Betsey would stop by for a visit..Such an amiable, loving person ..We were proud of his accomplishments..
Rest In Peace, Tommy..God bless your family .You Are all in our prayers.
Uncle Gene and Aunt Betty



Gene and Betty - July 11 at 03:03 PM



“ Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Thomas J. Ninnie.



July 11 at 10:49 AM



“ So very sorry for your loss.

Sincerely,
Michael R. Olivieri

Michael R. Olivieri - July 11 at 10:05 AM



“ European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Thomas J. Ninnie.



July 10 at 09:47 PM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas J. Ninnie.



July 10 at 05:42 PM



“ Dear Betsy and family
Tom and I were so sorry to read of Tommy's passing. We remember the few times we got together of his passion and hard working ethics. We regret not spending more time together sharing the lives of our children and grandchildren. I think the name (Thomas) has something to do with the makings of a wonderful man, husband, father and grandfather.

You are in our thoughts and prayers
Jeanie and Tom Uhle

Gloria Jean Uhle - July 10 at 05:37 PM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas J. Ninnie.



July 10 at 05:32 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Thomas J. Ninnie.



July 10 at 05:25 PM



“ (Ray &) Barbara Marshall purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Thomas J. Ninnie.



(Ray &) Barbara Marshall - July 10 at 04:16 PM



“ TO BETSY, JENNIFER, ALISON AND THEIR FAMILY. MICHAEL AND DAVID AND THE REST OF THE FAMILY. SO SORRY FOR YOUR DEVASTATING LOSS. TOMMY WAS JUST A GREAT PERSON ALL THE WAY AROUND. HARD WORKER, KNEW EXACTLY HOW TO RUN A CONSTRUCTION BUSINESS AND SO GIFTED IN SO MANY OTHER WAYS . TOMMY WAS A GREAT ASSET TO CENTRAL CONSTRUCTION AND IS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BUSINESS LASTING SO MANY YEARS. WE COME FROM A BIG FAMILY AND IN OUR YOUNGER YEARS WE HAD MULTIPLE FAMILY GET TOGETHERS AND AS WE GREW OLDER WE WENT OUR WAYS. BUT STILL KEPT KIND OF CLOSE, BUT WHEN THE OLD TIMERS PASSED ON LIFE CHANGED AND THE GET TOGETHERS SLOWED DOWN CONSIDERABLY. BUT EVEN THOUGH WE DIDN'T SEE EACH OTHER ON A EVERYDAY BASIS WE WILL STILL FAMILY. I MISS THOSE OLD DAYS LEFT ME WITH A LOT OF GOOD MEMORIES. WHEN I HAD MY BUSINESS I SAW TOMMY AND MY COUSIN ARMAND, AND MICHAEL. I HAVEN'T SEEN DAVID IN MANY YEARS AND I WOULD SEE COUSIN JEFFREY ONCE IN A WHILE ESPECIALLY AROUND THE HOLIDAYS. HE WOULD MAKE SURE MY GRANDMOTHER GOT THE BEST MEATS OR TURKEYS. IN THE EARLY EVENINGS COUSIN ARMAND, AND COUSIN TONY BRUNO, AND SOME FRIENDS WOULD COME OVER AND HANG OUT AND CHEW THE TOBACCO. I REALLY MISS THAT. ANYWAY I MOVED TO FLORIDA IN 2002 AND DIDN'T SEE MUCH OF THE FAMILY. SO SAD THEY TOMMY AND JEFFREY PASSED SO YOUNG. BOTH OF THEM GOT CHEATED OUT OF AT LEAST TWENTY YEARS OF THEIR LIVES WITH THEIR FAMILIES. WELL, GOD BLESS THEM AND I KNOW THE REST OF THE FAMILY WILL BE STRONG AND TOGETHER. LOVE COUSIN WILLIAM BARRACK NORTH PORT FL. (REALLY SAD HARD TO SWALLOW)

william barrack - July 10 at 04:00 PM



“ William Barrack lit a candle in memory of Thomas J. Ninnie



william barrack - July 10 at 03:20 PM



“ I am so very sorry for your loss. Tommy and I were in school together - Rombout right through BHS. While I haven't seen him for a long time, I have many fond memories of his "shenanigans" and his laugh.....I have learned, through experience, life is like a roller coaster ride - full of ups and downs. While it's full of tears that dry, smiles that fade, it's the memories that last forever. May you take some comfort in knowing your friends and family are all praying for you and Tom is safe in God's care watching over all he loved. When you miss him the most, or feel your lowest, just close your eyes and relive one of those great memories and he'll be there with you.....Deepest sympathies to the whole family.

Debbie Damelio - July 10 at 08:41 AM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas J. Ninnie.



July 10 at 07:58 AM



“ Betsy and family.Tom was a good friend . He will be missed by many. I will miss our talks at the shop.My heart is with at this time of yours time of sorrow.R.I.P. my good friend. Pete;Kathy;Kyrstin Lawrence

Pete Lawrence - July 10 at 07:53 AM



“ I am so sorry for your sudden, unexpected loss of your father, husband, and grandpa. Tommy was such a nice and kind hearted man. He was the crazy glue that fixed any problems you had. That's why it made this loss even harder and unbearable for you and your family. I could tell from his last few pictures that he he was struggling and gave it his all to fight for his family, but the angels wanted to rescue him from that pain. He is now safe with his parents watching over you all. I know that he has instilled his good values in Dylan from the days that Dylan would go to work with him. I am happy that Dylan will have those memories to pass down. You are blessed that he was there to help you build your home, a memory that will last forever Jen, to tell your grandkids. I can't believe, it was just two month ago I called your parents home to talk to him about houses. He gave me some good advice and wanted to even come look at a house. He asked me where the house was and I said too far. I was surprised that he wanted to look at it, but that is the type of person your dad was. My prayers and love are with you and your family during this difficult time. Sending hugs to everyone in your family. Your grandpa will be watching over you Dylan, Kimmie and Chris. Keep his memories alive and share them with everyone.



Ziani Ansar - July 10 at 07:00 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Tommy's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends. He will be missed by all, such a kind man!
Roxanne and Paul Meyer

Roxanne Meyer - July 09 at 10:54 PM



“ My heart and prayers go out to Betsy, and family. Tom was the kindest of all, no one like him, gone way to soon. I am deeply , deeply shocked and saddened to hear of his passing. He was my life long friend, and the best landlord, you could ever ask for, Yes, he was the most devoted, husband, and father, and the most dedicated worker,, of all,and .best grandfather, in the world. , May you be at Peace now, will miss you forever., and ever.my sweet friend.
Charlotte Haug

CHARLOTTE HAUG - July 09 at 10:06 PM



“ You will always have a special Angel , always watching over you,Betsey,Jennifer,Jason, Dylan, and Kimmie,, Alison,Chris, and Chris Jr..Tommy will always be your tender protector from above.

CHARLOTTE HAUG - July 10 at 10:44 AM



“ I am so heartbroken over the loss of Tommy. He was such a kind, loving and generous man. I have many great memories of him. He will be missed by so many. Betsey, Jennifer and Alison. Im so sorry for your loss. I know the pain you are all going through. Please know that I will keep all of you in my prayers. Tommy was a great husband, father and grandpa. Dylan, Kimmie and Chris you have a special guardian Angel now watching you for all of your life. May you find some comfort in all of your memories with him.

Adelaida Rivera - July 09 at 10:02 PM



“ I am very sorry to hear about Tom. We went to school together. Tom was always a great guy, hard working and loved his family. He will be missed by many.

gail vasquez - July 09 at 08:08 PM



“ Betsy, Jennifer, Alison, and family - please accept my sincere and deep condolences for the loss of your husband and father. It saddens me deeply to see cousin Armand, Carolyn, Jeffrey, Kevin, and now Tommy gone so young and too soon. Many good memories of times past with family. I can never remember seeing Tommy without a smile on his face ever since he was a little boy. A sad loss for you all. God bless him and give you all the strength to carry his memories forever in your heart.



Rosalie Barrack - July 09 at 06:36 PM



“ Prayers & condolences to Betsy Ninnie & family. Tommy was a wonderful person & hard worker. His was always helpful to his next door neighbor, my Aunt.....ty..
Rest in Peace & watch over
your loved ones

Carol& Paul McGovern

Mcgovern - July 09 at 05:42 PM

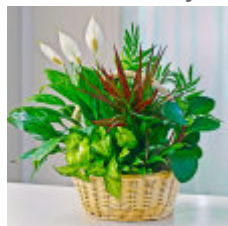


“ Our deepest sympathy to a neighborhood person, Tommy. May you Rest In Peace now and pain free. Now you can reunite with your parents & brother Jeff.
Peace Forever Tommy

Frank & Paulette Pettorossi - July 09 at 05:59 PM



“ Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Thomas J. Ninnie.



July 09 at 04:01 PM



“ White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Thomas J. Ninnie.



July 09 at 03:46 PM



“ The Walden Family purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Yellow and White for the family of Thomas J. Ninnie.



The Walden Family - July 09 at 02:21 PM



“ Betsy, I'm so saddened to hear about Tommy. He was one of the best. Carolyn and Armand were mine and Danny.s best friends . We loved all the kids but Tommy had the cutest ways about him as a kid.He had personality plus he was a heller. , we never knew what he was up to. . My condolences to you and the girls and your grandchildren. He will be missed. May you find comfort knowing he's free of pain and in God's kingdom.....Heaven God Bless all of you..Hugs to you. Always, Sophia

Sophia DiRubbio - July 09 at 11:04 AM