



Thomas E. Hotaling

August 30, 1950 - October 1, 2023

Thomas E. Hotaling, 73, took his last breath, peacefully, with his daughter and family by his side, on Sunday, October 1, 2023, at Nathan Littauer Hospital. He was born on August 30, 1950, a son of Charles and Isabelle Phelan Hotaling, and was a graduate of Van Rensselaer High School, and later became a resident of Fulton County.

Tom was employed and retired after more than thirty years as a clerk for the NYS Comptroller's Office. He enjoyed helping others, mostly by volunteering for many organizations including the Regional Food Bank, CASA of Fulton and Montgomery counties, the Brennan Memorial Humane Society, and being a long-time donor of apheresis with the American Red Cross. Tom was given many awards and certificates from all of them. Most of all, he held the most pride and joy while portraying Santa Claus at the Capital Lights in the Park in Albany, NY. Tom loved his snacks, cable TV, shopping, and a cold Diet Pepsi. He was a lover of sports ever since he played softball and was a pitcher for many years. Tom cheered for the NY Jets and the Boston Red Sox, and never turned away a good soccer game.

He was predeceased by the love of his life, his soulmate, and wife, Sharon A. Hotaling.

He is survived by a daughter, Melissa (Jay) Wildermuth, his best friend, Mojo, his granddogs, bonus daughters, and grandchildren, all of whom loved him very much. Tom was loved by many, most of all his daughter. He was the best father a girl could ask for, a wonderful friend, and an all-around great man.

Cremation was performed at Park View Crematorium, Schenectady. He will be laid to eternal rest with his wife in a private service at Sain Cyril Cemetery, Rotterdam in the spring of 2024. A celebration of his life will be announced at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to a local animal shelter or to the American Red Cross. Arrangements are by the Robert M. Halgas Funeral Home, Inc., Johnstown, NY.

Tribute Wall

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“ Tom and his daughter, Melissa, were the best neighbors. Tom was always trying to help out and was the BEST Santa and brought happiness to many children over the years! May he rest in peace and may his family take comfort in all the wonderful memories they must have. Our condolences. Lamont and Mary

Mary Santiago - October 10, 2023 at 08:31 PM

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“ Linda Pettit lit a candle in memory of Thomas E. Hotaling



linda pettit - October 10, 2023 at 09:31 AM