



## Thomas E. Zabawczuk

August 8, 1943 - January 16, 2022

Thomas E. Zabawczuk, 78, formerly of Broadalbin, lost his battle to COVID on Sunday, January 16, 2022, in Scottsdale, AZ, with his devoted soul mate, Stella, at his side.

He was born on August 8, 1943, at home on Union Mills Road in Broadalbin, NY, a son of John and Sophie Mysyk Zabawczuk and was a 1962 graduate of Broadalbin High School.

Tom served active duty in the US Navy from 1966-68 and later proudly served in the Naval Reserves for twenty-seven years. He was promoted several times, earned numerous commendations, and retired in 1991 as Chief Petty Officer. As a universal chief mechanist, Tom was responsible for engine maintenance.

He worked as a machinist/toolmaker for various companies in and around New York, and began working for Universal Instruments Corp, retiring in 2000. After retirement, Tom and Stella spent summers in New York and winters at their home in Arizona. He had a gift for not only seeing the good in people, but for bringing out the best in them, as well. Tom was a loving, kind man who had a passion and appreciation for the outdoors. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, and traveling.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by a daughter, Tammy; a son, Troy; two brothers, Richard and John; and his brother-in-law, Harold Gasner. Left to treasure Tom's memory, are his long-time companion and partner in crime, Stella Ditoro; his daughter, Jody Morin; his sister, Joanne Gasner; his

sister-in-law, Marcey Zabawczuk; three grandsons, Patrick (Jessie) Earl, Justin (Jamie) Brockham, and Troy Zabawczuk, Jr.; eight great-grandchildren, Cassidy, Liam and Logan Earl, Aubree, Emalee, Kierra, and Cameron Smith; and Cyrus Brockham; and several nieces and nephews.

Tom left many meaningful and happy memories for those who knew and loved him that will last their lifetimes. His friends and family will continue to honor his legacy by living life to the fullest. Tom, a father, brother, soldier, and friend, will be sorely missed, and forever remembered.

A calling period will be held on Wednesday, July 27, 2022, from 9 – 10:30 am at the Robert M. Halgas Funeral Home, Inc., 111 County Highway 106 (Corner of Route 29 & Black Street), Johnstown. A memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11am at St. Joseph's Church, 7 North Street, Broadalbin, with Rev. Thomas Morrette. Final burial will be held at 1:30 pm at the Gerald B.H. Solomon-Saratoga National Cemetery, Schuylerville. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, in care of the funeral home.

# Cemetery Details

## Gerald B.H. Soloman Saratoga National Cemetary

200 Duell Road  
Schuylerville, NY 12871

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

JUL 27. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Halgas Funeral Home  
111 County Highway 106  
Johnstown, NY 12095  
(518) 883-5323  
debbie@halgasfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.halgasfuneralhome.com/>

## Mass of Christian Burial

JUL 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Joseph's Church  
7 North St.  
Broadalbin, NY 12025

## Final Burial

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JUL **27**. 1:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Stella, condolences to you and Tom's family. May you get through this difficult time through prayers and the comfort of friends. Look to the heavens with a smile of your face and know that a beautiful flower has bloomed in God's kingdom. With love and remembrance, Kathy & Bill*

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