



LAMBERTVILLE Thomas Michael "Tom" Petro of Lambertville, NJ passed away at the age of 65 on February 9, 2024 in Hunterdon Medical Center following a long battle with cancer.

Born in Trenton, he was educated at Valley Forge Military Academy, the Bordentown Military Institute and he graduated from Notre Dame High School. Tom attended Rutgers University for two years as a pre-med student but left school to start a successful business as the owner and operator of Tom Petro's Gym on Broad Street in Trenton, one of his proudest achievements. In addition to overseeing the gym and two retail

stores, Tom manufactured fourteen different types of equipment of his own design as well as installed full gyms in various institutions and private homes.

Tom was a talented musician who was accomplished on the piano, saxophone and other wind instruments. He was a prodigy on the piano at an early age and later his specialty and true love was playing the Hammond organ. One of his favorite pieces to play was Bach's Toccata and Fugue in D minor. Tom was known to many as "the Organ Guy" and was one of only a handful of people who had the ability to service the complex instrument. He received calls from all over the country for advice, parts, service or to re-home well loved Hammond organs and Lesley speakers. Talking about music in general and Hammond organs in particular was one of his greatest joys.

One of the most important things to Tom was his active membership in the Freemasonry fraternal organization and he served with distinction for over 13 years. Tom truly believed in helping others and exemplified the Masonic principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. There is nothing he wouldn't do for a brother or a friend. He was also a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks for a number of years and held several leadership roles in his lodge.

Tom always believed in having a positive attitude and often advised people to put blinders on to the negative and keep moving forward. He would best like to be remembered by his favorite catchphrase which he proclaimed to everyone he met "It's All Good, And It's Our Charge To Keep It That Way" because by that principal he conducted his life.

Son of the late Michael E. Petro and Lois Margaret Irons, he is survived by several cousins and relations.

Graveside burial will be 1pm Wednesday February 21,2024 at St. Mary of the assumption cemetery in Hamilton NJ.

Services provided by Winowicz Funeral Service.

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