



Thomas J. "Tom" Elliott

July 26, 2019

Thomas John "Tom" Elliott of 6225 Lake Road Towanda, PA, Rome Township, passed away at Guthrie Memorial Hospital, Towanda. Tom was born July 14, 1938, to Charles W. and Katherine Hayden Elliott in the Town of Islip, Long Island, N.Y. Tom graduated from Saint Ann's Elementary (Catholic School) in 1952 and the graduated from Bayshore High School in 1956. He was the first Alter Boy for Bishop McGann. Tom enjoyed football and wrestling in high school. Tom's father was a New York City fireman and took Tom and his brother Charlie to see baseball games at the Polo Grounds. Tom always enjoyed the Old McDonald farm atmosphere home life that his father and mother provided. The family raised their own pigs, cows and goats and would do their own butchering. Tom loved everything about being a farmer. At a very young age Tom and his brother Charlie sold milk and eggs and plowed gardens in Brentwood. Tom and Charlie always had a great business relationship. They started Elliott Brothers Trucking and Excavating. Charlie and his wife Mary moved to Bradford County, PA to farm in 1960. Tom loved helping Charlie during the winter months when construction was slow.

Tom entered the U.S. Army on November 8, 1961. Tom served in Germany in Army Intelligence during the Berlin Crisis and in Vietnam and was honorably discharged in 1963. After returning home from the military, he worked with his high school friend Lloyd Stetler in construction in Brentwood. For Tom, the population on Long Island had grown dramatically through the 1960's. With the influx of new people and changing of the mindset of people, he longed for a farming area like Brentwood used to be. In February 1971, the Hilda Fowler farm became available that was close to his brother Charlie, so he bought it. Tom built a new one-story barn to milk 40 cows which he did with the assistance of his wife Diane, for many years. Tom and Diane were married on November 25, 1972, at Saints Peter and Paul Church in Towanda by Father Patrick Heffron. They raised two daughters, Patricia and Kelly. Tom was very proud of his daughters. They were excellent farmers and graduated from college.

Tom will be remembered for his community activities. He served on the Farm Service Agency County Committee for thirteen years, being chairman for eleven of those years. He was a board member and associate director of the Bradford Conservation District, a director of Claverack Rural Electric for nineteen years and board chairman for nine years,

a member and director of the Wysox Volunteer Fire Company where he was active in fundraising to rebuild the fire company after it burned to the ground in February 2001. Tom was also very active in military organizations. He served as Commander of Towanda American Legion Post 42 for three years, the Legion funeral honor guard, Chaplain of VFW District 14, correspondent of Voiture 549 of the 40 & 8. He served many years on the Bradford County Veteran's Appreciation Committee, where he served as chairman. Tom was also active in the Republican party and was pleased to host the annual picnic for Rep. Tina Pickett on the farm since 2001. He was always proud to see our local State Representative Tina Pickett driving his restored IH Cub tractor in parades. Tom was a member of Saints Peter and Paul Roman Catholic Church of Towanda, Odd Fellows, and Knights of Columbus. Tom as active in veteran's activities, such as the Bradford County Appreciation picnic, Memorial Day and Veteran's Day programs and VFW and AMVETS. Tom also enjoyed farm auctions and finding a treasure to restore and was really good when finished. He was a member of the Twin-Tier Tractor/Machinery Club of Bradford County.

He is survived by his wife Diane, daughters, Patricia Mary, and her husband Mark, Kelly Ann and her husband Craig of Towanda and cousins and friends on Long Island. They have two grandsons, Daniel and William and 3 great grandchildren Kaylee and Connor and Jake. There are a lot of people Tom enjoyed in the farm community.

Tom was predeceased by his father, Charles W. Elliott May 11, 1952, his mother, Katherine H. Elliott on November 25, 1977, brother, Charlie on September 13, 1996, and sister-in-law Mary Elliott on October 15, 1993. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that contributions may be directed in Tom's memory to the Wysox or Rome Fire Companies, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Nashville, TN, Shiner's Children's Hospital, Towanda American Legion Post No. 42, VFW Post No. 6824 Auxiliary, or to a charity of one's choice.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Third Street, Towanda, PA on Tuesday, August 27, 2019 at 11:00 am.

Towanda American Legion Post No. 42 will accord military honors.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home, Towanda, PA. Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting www.bowenfuneralhomes.com.

Comments



“ Tom was a gentleman and a Christian to the end. I have known Tom for a long time, but the time we shared in the Personal Care Home was proof that he loved life, family and friends. His favorite comment to me was "Old age is not for sissies".

Bob P

Bob Pyznar - August 26, 2019 at 11:38 AM



“ Our thoughts & prayers are with!! May God bless & sustain you & grant to you peace, strength, courage, hope, love, serenity & a strong faith One "Glorious Day" in God's timing we shall all join on that "Golden Shore" where Tom has gone to have a great "Reunion" in Heaven with his loved one's gone before him!! We miss square dancing with Tom. It was great to see him in July when we Square Danced at Towanda Personal Care Home & he was able to dance a couple slow dances & very much enjoyed seeing some of us dancers & having fellowship with everyone!! Always loved his bright smile!!

Matthew 10:30 says that every hair on our heads are numbered & Ephesians 3 says that there's a time & as place & a reason & a season for everything under the Heavens & we can be sure that our names are written in God's book & in His timing. God is always in control!!

God bless, comfort & cherish you with all your precious memories to hold near & dear to your hearts!! Sending love & hugs!!

Merna & Howard Colwell & Douglas Mapes - August 23, 2019 at 10:37 AM



“ Tom was a true friend and I first met him at Veteran Appreciation Picnic. At the time we met I became a great friend to Tom and Diane. We served for many years on the committee of the picnic. One time after the picnic I was taking the trailer back to Tom but made a wrong turn end up back at Hornbrook Park. I call another committee member Esther Mills told her where I was and she directed me to the farm Tom was standing there laughing along with his son law Mark. Asked me where the hell did you go we had many laughs together and helped for many years on the Tina Pickett Picnic would go up on Friday and we would set up tents as we did before at the Vets Picnic at Hornbrook park. Tom always found a way to make a joke of setting up and tearing done for both picnic. He was a great guy who I will never ever forget or the things we did together. Tom always had the time for the things that need to be done for Veterans. He asked me if I could help with the Post 42 Honor squad doing honors for our Brothers who went before us. Tom you rest in peace and we will see each other in heaven take care my brother will miss you My friend to the end.

Robert Crandall - August 20, 2019 at 03:04 PM



“ Please accept our deepest sympathy.

VFW Post 1536, Sayre - August 20, 2019 at 10:36 AM



“ Diane and family, Sending our heartfelt condolences to you. We are traveling out of town and were surprised and saddened to read about Tom's passing in the online version of The Review. We will be unable to attend his service but will be thinking of all of you folks. I (Janet), enjoyed serving with Tom on the Conservation District Board and on the Bradford-Sullivan Co. Farm Bureau Board. We had a lot of laughs that I still think about from time to time and chuckle. He will certainly be missed by so many. Wishing you strength through this difficult time and comfort in happy, loving memories. Take care. Duane & Janet Lewis

Janet L. - August 20, 2019 at 08:34 AM



“ Rest in peace Mr. Elliott you will surely be missed.



Paul Larrabee - August 20, 2019 at 08:06 AM