



## Thomas E. Montague

April 14, 1954 - January 26, 2026

Thomas E. Montague, 71, passed away unexpectedly on January 26, 2026, while at his Adirondack home in Lake Pleasant, New York with his wife by his side.

Tom was born in Watertown, New York on April 14, 1954, to the late Norman R. Montague, Sr. and Anna O. (LaComb).

He was a graduate of Mohonasen High School, class of 1972, in Schenectady, New York. He then attended Clarkson University, class of 1976, in Potsdam, New York. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering, which led him to his 36-year career at DuPont. He first worked at the DuPont plant in Belle, West Virginia from 1976 to 1985. He then moved to Towanda, Pennsylvania and worked at the DuPont plant there from 1985 until 2012 when he retired.

Tom married Donna J. Eckert on October 9, 1976, at Saint Gabriel's church in Rotterdam, New York. Donna married him for his intelligence and witty humor. Tom married Donna because she endured hunting season.

Tom grew up in a great neighborhood in Rotterdam, New York. He was a catcher for his Little League team, participated in Boy Scouts, and learned to fish with his grandfather, a fishing guide on Lake Ontario. He loved hunting and camping in the Adirondacks from an early age.

Tom was an avid outdoorsman. He shared his love of boating and fishing with his grandchildren. His best fishing buddy was his granddaughter, Ellie. The freezer was always full from his many hunting and fishing adventures. There

were many stories told over and over again about his hunts with family and friends and the ones that “got away.”

Since moving to the Adirondacks in 2012, he became more of a naturalist, hunting chaga and mullein along with petting the neighborhood deer. Tom was also an accomplished gardener. Any seed that he could put into soil grew to abundance, and his family benefited from all of his harvests and wonderful cooking skills. Tom had a strong love of history, especially the Civil War era. He was a member of Lonesome Pine Hunting Camp and enjoyed his days with friends there. Tom was delighted when both kids and adults saw him as Santa, and he loved to share memories of his encounters.

His loving family includes his wife, Donna; daughters, Christine M. (Gregory) Bishop and Katherine A. (Tyler) Gettmann; grandchildren, Eleanor K. Bishop, Miles C. Gettmann and Maizie C. Gettmann; brother, Norman R. (Anne) Montague, Jr.; and sister-in-law, Carole L. (Robert) Kwiatkoske. Also, many cousins and friends survive.

He is predeceased by his parents, father-in-law, Frederick J. Eckert, and mother-in-law, Virginia M. (Simmons) Eckert.

It was important to Tom to be a good provider, and he instilled that importance in his daughters. Tom loved his family and loved being a grandfather.

Tom’s family would like to send a heartfelt thank you to Speculator EMS, Sergeant Loomis from Hamilton County Sheriff’s Office and their wonderful neighbors.

The family will receive friends Saturday, April 25, 2026, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home 217 York Ave. Towanda, PA.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to your local chapter of Big Brothers Big Sisters, a cause that is close to his heart, or Speculator, New York EMS.

Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting [www.bowenfuneralhomes.com](http://www.bowenfuneralhomes.com).

# Previous Events

## Receive Friends

APR **25**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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**Maria A.** - April 24 at 10:54 PM

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“ *Susan I. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas E. Montague.*

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**Susan I.** - April 21 at 01:27 AM