



Thomas Edward Barszcz

November 2, 2007

Thomas Edward Barszcz, 51, went to be with the Lord on November 2, 2007. He was a native of Buffalo, NY a member of the Church of the Resurrection and served on the Board of Directors for Guardian Federal Credit Union. Tom was a ship supervisor for Lyons Shipyard and a retired Coast Guard Veteran of Desert Storm.

Tom is survived by his children, April Hollowell and Lucas Barszcz; a grandson, Sage Hollowell; parents, Regina and Edward Barszcz; a brother, Mark Barszcz and many other loving relatives.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday in the Church of the Resurrection. The family will receive friends in Loving Funeral Home Friday from 6:30-7:30 p.m. In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorial contributions to the American Cancer Society.

Tribute Wall



“ I extend my deepest sympathy to Tom's family. I met Tom while I was employed at Moran Tug Company. Since we were retired Coasties, we bonded and became instant friends. May he rest in peace.##imported-begin##Pete Pilla##imported-end##

November 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Having known Tom even before he had his children he truly had the gift on being a good person,a good man, a good family man and a friend who was loyal and caring. His was the first Christmas I received each year. I'm going to miss that. Mostly thou Tom, I am going to miss you. Prayers to the family during this difficult time. Please take comfort in knowing that Tom now has eternal life in a better place.
Love to you all, Karen Steinhaus##imported-begin##Karen Steinhaus##imported-end##

November 14, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ I would like to send my heartfelt sympathy to Tom's loving family.
I would like to tell you something that I am sure you all know and that is,,Tom adored his children he absolutely loved his grandson and he cherished his parents.
Tom held each and every one of you close to his heart daily.
Tom was a wonderful man.A great friend .I will miss him tremendously.
All of you are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Darlene##imported-end##

November 13, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Tom was a man with a heart larger than life. We have sat a talked many hours on the computer and phone just to comfort each other from life?s ups and downs. His grandson was his light. He took much time and support to help me as my mom is going through Dementia. I just wanted you all to know the heart of the man that has touched so many will be greatly missed. As Tom would say to me you are in my prayers.##imported-begin##Jenny Lucas##imported-end##

November 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ I have had the pleasure of knowing Tom since he started working at Lyon Shipyard. I'm a port engineer for a fleet of fishing boats and Tom and I have worked together on many projects over the years. I will remember Tom as a friend who was always happy and ready to help out in any way he could. I could tell by the way he interacted with his customers that he was well liked and respected. I offer my condolences to his family for their loss.

Sincerely,

Jake Haynie

November 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ My heart goes out to Tom and his entire family. I knew Tom a long time and thoroughly enjoyed working with him. We all lost a good one!

November 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ April, Lucas and Sage;
Tom was a wonderful man. I have known him for almost 18 years. He was always upbeat and friendly. We would always pick on each other when he would come into the credit union. I knew that if I ever needed anything, Tom would have been there to help me. I talked him into becoming a Board Member at Guardian Federal Credit Union. He was just learning the ropes and was doing so well. I will miss him, his humor and his friendship. There is no better tribute to a man than to hear his friends say they loved him and he will be missed. And that's how Tom's friends feel. He was a true friend! I'll miss you Tom.

November 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Lucas, April and Sage,
Your Father and Grandfather was a very special person! He was truly one of a kind and will be missed. Live in his memories as he will always be with you there and in your hearts. Your in our thoughts and prayers.
Tom, Marie and Zachary

November 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Tom, your wisdom, leadership and most of all your friendship will not be forgotten, but a cherished memory. Shipmate, Friend and Mentor. Fair winds and following seas. DCC Thomas Sirois ret sends.##imported-begin##Thomas Sirois III##imported-end##

November 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ I am fortunate to have known Tom. He was a trusted friend and a great man to work for. Tom gave me a hand up when I most needed it, no questions asked. He will be missed terribly. Semper fi, my friend.##imported-begin##Mark Haviland##imported-end##

November 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ All of us at Johnson's Ship Propeller would like to extend our condolences and let your family know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Tom will be missed greatly.##imported-begin##Johnson's ShipPropeller##imported-end##

November 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Tom was a dear friend and trusted shipmate. My thoughts and prayers are with his family as they cope with his passing. He is dearly missed.##imported-begin##Ray Erne##imported-end##

November 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ April, Lucas and Sage,

I worked with your father/grandfather at Lyon Shipyard for 4 years. As a Superintendent, he was the best. He had a gift for working with a customer to get the job done to both his and the customers satisfaction, while gaining not only the loyalty of the customer, but loyal friends as well. That's what Tom was - a "true" friend. I remember when I first met him, he instantly set me at ease with his jokes and wit, taking time to teach me the little in's and out's of the shipyard. He was such a personable man. I liked him instantly. From that day on, the bond only got stronger. Tom believed in me and helped me in ways that has brought me to where I am today, not only professionally but personally as well. I can never truly repay him for all he's done for me, all I can do now is to move forward, honoring the memory of Tom and the vision he had for me, back from that very first day, 4 years ago. Although that bright spot that was "Tom" may be a little dimmer, you can still see it glowing strong in each person whose life was lucky enough to have been touched and changed forever by the father, grandfather and friend that was Thomas E. Barszcz - Tom I will deeply miss you always and never forget the happiness you brought to my life. Until we meet again.....LOVE YOU!!! Terri A.K.A. Montibobonti###imported-begin##Terri Morris###imported-end##

November 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ I spent many years working with Tom, first inspecting barges for me while in the coast guard, then repairing them for me while in the shipyard. He always took great care of me and my needs and enjoyed lunches, talking about growing up in upstate New York and trying to convince our parents to move south. Thanks for lunch wednesday, your calls, emails and visits will be missed. Until we meet again!###imported-begin##Herman Schlimmer###imported-end##

November 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ I had the pleasure of meeting Tom about 12 years ago when I still lived in Hampton Roads. Tom always spoke lovingly of his family and they were a huge part of his life. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers during this time.###imported-begin##Martha Klemp###imported-end##

November 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ As the CEO of Guardian FCU and on behalf of the Board of Directors and staff of Guardian FCU I offer our condolences. Tom had been a member of Guardian FCU for years and was a true believer in credit unions. His recent election to our Board of Directors was the beginning of his vision that all Coasties and Portsmouth citizens have access to a credit union dedicated to them. Tom will be missed but the Board of Directors and staff will continue the pursuit of his vision.##imported-begin##Chris Anuswith##imported-end##

November 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Though they were so long ago, remember the days...You'll be missed more than you know...

April, Lucas and Sage,
Heartfelt condolences to you all. Your Dad/Grandad was a very special man. He was so proud of you all. Please know that he'll always be with you, watching out for you.##imported-begin##Pam##imported-end##

November 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *** You all are in my prayers***##imported-begin##Monica Roland##imported-end##

November 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ I only knew Tom briefly while working at Lyon Shipyard. I was saddened by his passing and will keep him and his loved ones in my prayers during this time of sorrow. Thank you Tom for your service to the Nation. Nancy##imported-begin##Nancy Mrazik##imported-end##

November 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ April, Lucas, and Sage,
I want you all to know my thoughts and prayers are with you...##imported-begin##Angela Murphy##imported-end##

November 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ To Tom's Family

I am so very sorry to hear about Tom's passing. My prayers are with you. Tom, thank you for coming into my life 10 yrs ago, I don't know what I would have done without you! Even though we never met in real life, just talked on the phone for hours and hours. A day never went by without telling each other friends are friends for life, and I love you. You always reminded me to cherish life and family. I will miss all the lovely poems you sent me or just a love you kid letter. I will never forget you! Sleep peacefully my friend and goodnight I will see you in the morning. LOVE YOU TOM!!!!!!!!!!##imported-begin##Kat Breen##imported-end##

November 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ I am really going to miss and remember my friend. We met over 7 yrs ago and in that time, I was always offered a helping hand, genuine friendship and we shared a lot of laughs. Tom was very proud of his family. I remember back in April when he and Sage mowed the grass together. He just loved spending time with his pride and joys. I am glad he was able to travel back to NY this summer. I just received an email from him on Thursday. He has left many wonderful memories to cherish. From my heart, we are so sorry for this loss. Rest in Peace my friend.##imported-begin##Lori Young##imported-end##

November 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Chief,

I am very grateful to have talked with you last week. You taught me many great life lessons which helped me grow up to be the man I am today. You were my first Chief as well as a great friend. Thank You and Rest in Peace!##imported-begin##Scott Barnes##imported-end##

November 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ FROM MYSELF AND THE ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT AT LYON SHIPYARD. OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU, GOD BLESS.##imported-begin##EDWARD W. GAYLE##imported-end##

November 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Tom was the most wonderful friend a person could ask for, he was a blast to hang out with, and no matter what, he would never let you down, always a kind hearted guy, i will miss him truly. ##imported-begin##christa allen ponce##imported-end##

November 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Our sympathies to your family. We met Tom and found out just how small of a world it is. He knew our father from the Coast Guard. He made us laugh and was very nice. We are truly sorry for your loss. ##imported-begin##Michael & Cassandra Spain##imported-end##

November 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so very sorry for your loss. Tom was a dear friend with whom I shared many happy times. I am grateful to have known him and will miss him very much. ##imported-begin##Kelly Lonergan##imported-end##

November 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ April, Lucas, and Sage,
I want you all to know our thoughts and prayers are with you. Tom will be missed by our family. I am glad you all became a part of my life and my family. The past four summers with you all and your father will always be so special to me. I have many memories of your father he was such a sweet man and so funny. The first time i met your father he helped me get in the house when Taylor locked us out. He will be truly missed by us. Treasure your memories he will always be watching over you.
Love, Jennifer and Mike, Taylor and Cameron Juzdowski ##imported-begin##jennifer juzdowski##imported-end##

November 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ My heartfelt condolences go out to the entire family at this time of sadness. You are in my thoughts and prayers. ##imported-begin##Richard Rockwell##imported-end##

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