



## Thomas J. Lynch Jr.

February 8, 1948 - August 9, 2023

Thomas J. Lynch, Jr. passed away peacefully at his home on Wednesday, August 9, 2023. Born in Philadelphia to the late Thomas J. and Mary Rita (nee Thompson) Lynch. Tom was 75 years old.

Beloved husband of 50 years to the late Joan P. Lynch; loving father of Thomas J., III (Amy), Matthew (Amy), and Tracy (Chris) Rodgers; and cherished "Pops" to Tessa, Luke, Quinn, MJ, Analee, Sadie, and Welles. Tom is survived by his siblings Betsy and (Harry) Hession, James (Kathy) Lynch, Paul (Regina) Lynch, Robert (Monica) Lynch, and Meg (Robert) Verrelle. He is also survived by his sister-in-law Gail Owens, and many nieces and nephews, all of whom he loved dearly.

Tom spent his childhood in the Mayfair section of Philadelphia where he attended St. Matthew's Catholic School and Father Judge High School. He fulfilled his childhood dream of playing basketball in the Big Five at St. Joseph's University and was a loyal Hawk his entire life. Following college, Tom married his high school sweetheart, Joan, and moved to Cinnaminson, where they raised their family and lived for 50 years. Tom started his career teaching and coaching basketball at Germantown Academy and St. Joseph's Prep. He went on to receive his master's degree in education from Villanova University. After a few years, he transitioned out of education and became a sales representative for Callahan Chemical Company. He spent the rest of his

career in sales using his wonderful talent of connecting with people, and retired from Univar in 2019.

Tom exemplified a life well lived. In 1982, Tom started the Cinnaminson PAL Basketball Clinic, where he volunteered for over 35 years. Over the years, he coached countless teams for St. Charles Borromeo CYO and Cinnaminson PAL. He was also actively involved in the Philadelphia Markward Basketball Club. Tom's faith was most important to him and he was an active parishioner of Sacred Heart Parish where he taught religious education classes and was a Eucharistic minister. In recent years you could always find him on the sidelines cheering on his grandkids at their many sporting events. Tom's favorite thing was spending time with his family and friends. His warm, loving, spirit drew people to him.

A gathering of family and friends will be held Tuesday, August 15th, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Wednesday, August 16th, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. at The Church of the Sacred Heart, 103 4th Street Riverton. His Memorial Mass will follow at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Church of the Sacred Heart ([shcriverton.org](http://shcriverton.org)), Father Judge High School ([fatherjudge.com](http://fatherjudge.com)), LaSalle Academy ([lasalleacademy.net](http://lasalleacademy.net)), or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital ([stjude.org](http://stjude.org).)

To share your fondest memories of Tom, please visit [www.givnish.com](http://www.givnish.com)

# Previous Events

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# Tribute Wall

MC

“ Condolences to the entire Lynch family. I went to grade school with Paul and knew Jim and Bobby. What a nice and upstanding family the Lynch family is/was. RIP Tom.

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**Mark Connors** - September 16, 2023 at 10:59 AM

PE

“ Our deepest sympathy to The Lynch Family. Many good memories of watching our children playing sports together with your parents. Many other activities as well. Tom made Cinnaminson a better place to raise our families.  
Peg and Jack McGough

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**PegMcGough** - August 18, 2023 at 11:21 AM

BC

“ We are so very sorry to hear of Mr. Lynch's passing. He was Dean's CCD teacher this year. He enjoyed attending his class and absolutely LOVED the Lynch Olympics on the last day. He made religious education class fun!! He truly was the sweetest man and will be greatly missed. Our condolences go out to his family.

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**Becky Condodina** - August 16, 2023 at 12:19 AM

MO

“ TJ, Matt and Tracy, Our sincerest condolences to you and the Lynch family. Tommy Lynch was a true gentleman in every sense of the word. A kind soul who had a quiet, gentle way about him. And, he was great dancer! He will be sorely missed by all who were fortunate to have crossed paths with him. RIP Tommy. Monica & Tom Teesdale

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**Monia** - August 15, 2023 at 08:57 PM

DH

“ Prayers for a great friend and my partner in keeping the Markward Club alive. I will do my best to keep it going.  
I will you again some day on the Basketball court in Heaven.

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**Dennis W Hill** - August 15, 2023 at 07:39 PM

HZ

“ The Zimmermann Family was blessed to meet the Lynch Family over 35 years ago. Our kids were amongst the thousands that were introduced to basketball by Tom. Kids that were coached by Tom "won the lottery" as he was a fine instructor and most importantly the ultimate role model. Tom was a good friend to all that needed one and a loving husband, father, and grandfather.

**ONLY THE LORD COULD PACK ALL THIS INTO ONE MAN.**

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**Harold Zimmermann** - August 15, 2023 at 06:38 PM

KP

Heaven has gained yet another beautiful soul. I'm sure it was Joan who walked him through the pearly gates to our lord.

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**kathy portella** - August 16, 2023 at 09:09 AM

LA

“ Lisa A. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas J. Lynch Jr..

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**Lisa A.** - August 15, 2023 at 06:25 PM

MO

“ My most sincere condolences to the entire Lynch family. I knew Tom as a classmate, someone who defeated me for Class VP, a fellow athlete and finally as an outstanding business associate. We were married on the same day and both stayed at the same hotel (Brass Rail) before starting our honeymoon. Here is one story that says so much about the guy who was the "Man of the Year" at FJ. Tom was an All-Catholic basketball player who organized a group of teammates to be cheerleaders for football. We of course had to follow Tom's leadership and became cheerleaders when Basketball season started. Our paths crossed again when he was a salesman for Callahan Chemical. Resty in God's peace my friend Ace O'Neill '66

Michael (Ace) O'Neill - August 15, 2023 at 04:57 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Thomas J. Lynch Jr..

August 15, 2023 at 08:55 AM



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“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas J. Lynch Jr..*



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August 14, 2023 at 01:09 PM



“ *Robert F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas J. Lynch Jr..*

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**Robert F.** - August 14, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ *I want to pass along my warmest condolences to the Lynch Family. As I was two years behind Tom at Father Judge, I first saw Tom as an outstanding basketball player. I eventually was able to meet Tom and I was impressed with his consistently pleasant and friendly manner. Over many years, I have met Tom a few times and have always been impressed with his kindness and high character. It has been a privilege to know Tom. May God bless Tom and his family!*

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**Mike Krawczyk** - August 14, 2023 at 11:33 AM

JY

“ I met Tommy in 1990 when we were working for Unocal. From there we went to different companies for a period and by 1998 we were reunited and working for Ashland where we worked together until 2013. Spent many sales meetings and overnite trips with Tom and on occasions had to bunk together. A ton of good times spent with Tommy. Not having a father since college Tommy took me under his wing and help me develop as a professional and a human being. I called him Pops and he called me Sal and thats the way it was for our entire career. Tommy was a beautiful person and I am honored to be able to call him a friend. RIP my friend Jude (Sal)

jude yanette - August 14, 2023 at 11:23 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Thomas J. Lynch Jr..

August 11, 2023 at 09:41 PM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Thomas J. Lynch Jr..



August 11, 2023 at 09:41 PM

BH

“ Tom is a dear friend that enjoyed his beer as much as I do. Many afternoons we spent in Camden at a couple of the local constabularies, imbibing You could never walk into a place without someone shouting Hi Tom or look it’s Lynch. Our world lost one of the truly greats of our era and will never be the same. However Heaven has welcomed one of the greats that will make Heaven a much much better place. Please Joan welcome your partner with open arms. Love ya my friend. God 🙏 Bless.

Bud Hughes - August 11, 2023 at 09:20 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas J. Lynch Jr..



August 11, 2023 at 09:25 AM

EC

“ Our sincere condolences to the entire Lynch family. My father and Joe (my brother) were very dear friends of Tom. Tom was the perfect gentleman! May he RIP. The Ridgway Family

Esther Costantini - August 11, 2023 at 07:27 AM

VM

“ In a class of over 1200 students Tom stood out in more ways than one. RIP CRUSADER

Vince McBride - August 10, 2023 at 08:19 PM

PM

“ Always loved seeing Uncle Tom at LBI. He always had a kind word or a story to share about his basketball days with all the kids and adults as well. We will all miss him. Im sure Joan was waiting to greet him with open arms.

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**Patty Maffey** - August 10, 2023 at 04:56 PM

AF

“ Saw him often at Palmyra P.O. A good friend of Eddie's and a kindly soul. We should all be so good.

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**A. Friend** - August 10, 2023 at 04:32 PM

JD

“ My sincere condolences to Tommy, Matthew and Tracy. Tom was the epitome of the the definition of a 'gentleman.'" He was there at a time when a friend was needed for my family and me. I always had the highest respect for Tom by the way he carried himself at all times. He will be missed for sure but Tom, Matt and Tracy please know that he 'taught you well" through his actions and his presence alone. Thank you Tom for all you did for so many.

Sincerely,  
Jack Don

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**Jack Don** - August 10, 2023 at 03:50 PM



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