



Mr. Thomas C. Rizzo

August 21, 1965 - April 27, 2018

Mr. Thomas C. Rizzo, 52, of Pittsfield, passed away on Friday, April 27, 2018 at home after a long illness. Born in Pittsfield the son of Tony and Peggy Rizzo, he was a 1983 graduate of Taconic High School and later earned his Master's Degree from Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts.

Tom had a long career in baseball starting with local youth teams and then for Taconic High School. Tom played on college teams including the Dalton Collegians and the Harwich Mariners of the Cape Cod League. In 1988 he was drafted by the Atlanta Braves where he played for four years in their Minor League System.

After his time with the Braves, he enlisted in the United States Air Force and was stationed in Anchorage Alaska. He continued s playing baseball while in the service for the Anchorage Bucs in the Alaskan League.

Tom returned to Pittsfield after leaving the Air Force and continued playing and coaching baseball. He was a member of the Berkshire Hillies and the Bristol Barnstormers as well as being very active in youth baseball. He was a coach for the 2015 Babe Ruth All-Stars that went to the Babe Ruth World Series in Lawrenceburg, TN.

Besides his parents, Tom is survived by his wife, the former Lisa Cabrera, whom he married on July 14, 2007. He also leaves his two children, Jailyn Rose and Antonia Grace; a brother, Michael Rizzo and his wife Susan; two sisters. Michelle Martin and her husband Mark and Christine Carrol Rizzo as well as several nieces and nephews and many brothers in baseball.

Funeral Notice: Funeral services for Mr. Thomas C. Rizzo will be Thursday, May 3, 2018, with a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 10 am at Sacred Heart Church, celebrated by Rev. A. Peter Gregory. Burial will follow at St. Joseph Cemetery. Calling hours at the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North St., Pittsfield, MA will be on Wednesday, May 2, 2018 from 4 to 7 p.m.. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Lisa Rizzo, care of the Dwyer Funeral Home, to help with family expenses during this difficult time. Please visit www.dwyerfuneral.com to leave condolences and remembrances.

Cemetery

St. Joseph Cemetery

222 Peck's Rd.

Pittsfield, MA, 01201

Comments



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas C. Rizzo.



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“ Memories to Treasure was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas C. Rizzo.



Yesterday at 01:53 PM



“ 37 files added to the album LifeTributes



Dwyer Funeral Home Inc. - Yesterday at 11:05 AM



“ Sorry to hear of your loss.

Ray Crocker - Yesterday at 09:02 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas C. Rizzo.



Yesterday at 07:54 AM



“ Lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas C. Rizzo



Jennifer Wasserloos - Yesterday at 10:59 PM



“ Tony, Peggy & Family,
My thoughts and prayers are with each of you. It is times like this that is is hard to be so far away from family. Please try to find comfort in the wonderful memories that you share. Although physical distance separates us, know that I am with you in my heart and prayers.
With love,
Kathy Winters

Kathleen Winters - April 30 at 07:53 PM



“ Whittier College Staff purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Thomas C. Rizzo.



Whittier College Staff - April 30 at 05:58 PM



“ Love Everlasting Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas C. Rizzo.



April 30 at 04:15 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas C. Rizzo.



April 30 at 03:22 PM



“ Sent a gift in memory of Mr. Thomas C. Rizzo



Gaelynn Anderson - April 30 at 03:02 PM



“ Tom was an invaluable member of the NASC/MCLA baseball program. He was an all american caliber player, a well respected coach, and simply made our programs better! Our thoughts and prayers are with the Rizzo family, his wife Lisa, and his children. They are also with all members of the NASC/MCLA baseball family that Tom impacted. He will be dearly missed!

Jeff Puleri



Jeff Puleri - April 30 at 01:31 PM