



Thomas "Tom" Gavin

May 21, 1952 - November 30, 2022

Tom Gavin, 70, longtime Benicia resident, passed away Wednesday following his battle with cancer. He was born in Chicago, moved to Vallejo when he 16 years old, and lived in Benicia for the past 37 years.

Tom attended St. Patrick's High School in Vallejo, was a member of its first graduating class, and was inducted into its Hall of Fame. He attended U.C. Davis and graduated in 1974. He was a

long-time agent for New York Life Insurance, like his father Patrick. He was a partner in Gavin

and Schreiner Insurance Services, which was twice named as the Benicia Chamber of Commerce

Business of the Year and also won the Spirit of Solano award. Tom served the local community

in numerous ways. Among his many civic contributions, he was a 42-year member, board

director, and a past President of the Benicia Main Street Program; a 41-year member, board

director, and past President of the Benicia Chamber of Commerce; and a 36-year member and

past President of Benicia Rotary Club. He also served as Treasurer of the

Benicia Library

Foundation, as Chairman of the St. Patrick-St. Vincent Board of Regents, as a board member for

Downtown Business Alliance, and as the first Chairman of the Board for Solano Bank. He

mentored students at Liberty High School, coached basketball at St. Dominic's School, and

coached softball for Benicia PAL.

Tom was a man of faith and a longtime active member of St. Dominic's Parish.

He was a

devoted husband, father and friend, who loved to listen to music, golf, garden, take walks

downtown, and spend time with his children and grandchildren. Tom is survived by Patrice

(Patty), his wife of 45 years; children Meghan (Josh) Baker and Lauren (Paul) Solis;

grandchildren Brynn, Delaney, and Xavier; his seven siblings Patrick (Patti) Gavin, Kathy (Mike)

Laherty, Jean (Dennis) Petri, Joanne (Doug) Jones, John (Sabrina) Gavin, Joe (Ann) Gavin, and

Michael (Stacy) Gavin; and a multitude of nieces and nephews. His kind, gentle, and generous

spirit will be missed by all.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, December 6, at 6:00 p.m. followed by vigil services at 7:00

p.m. at St. Dominic's Church at 475 East I Street in Benicia. Mass of Christian Burial will be held

at St. Dominic's on Wednesday, December 7, at 1:00 p.m. with a reception to follow in the

Parish Hall. Burial will be private. Family prefers donations to St. Patrick's-St. Vincent's High

School or St. Vincent DePaul Society of Benicia.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 6. 6:00 PM (PT)

St. Dominic's Church
475 East I Street
Benicia, CA

Vigil Service

DEC 6. 7:00 PM (PT)

St. Dominics
475 East I Street
Benicia, CA

Mass of Christian Burial

DEC 7. 1:00 PM (PT)

St. Dominics
475 East I Street
Benicia, CA 94591

Tribute Wall

RO

“ I only found out today 1.28.23 of his passing so I apologize for this delayed response...

He was a great citizen of not only Benicia but the wider world. Tom was a humble man. He was a great contributor to Benicia and wider community. He thought of others and was most considerate and kind

I also enjoyed talking with Tom and being around him. He was terrific. He always made with laugh with stories he had to say. I wish his family the best and am sorry to hear about his passing. He was a wonderful person

Kindest wishes, Rob...

Rob - January 28, 2023 at 12:03 PM

RV

“ Rex and Julie Vescovi purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Thomas "Tom" Gavin.



Rex and Julie Vescovi - December 06, 2022 at 01:59 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" Gavin.



December 06, 2022 at 12:26 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" Gavin.*



December 05, 2022 at 11:32 PM



“ *Oh my, I am so, so saddened by your loss. I remember Tom so well from the time he was at my house for Kathy's wedding celebration. And of course from all of the delightful things I have heard over the years from Kathy. You are all in my thoughts. Marsha Wilson*

Marsha Wilson - December 03, 2022 at 08:46 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" Gavin.*



December 03, 2022 at 06:57 PM



“ *Gary and Sue Heppell purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Thomas "Tom" Gavin.*



Gary and Sue Heppell - December 03, 2022 at 05:33 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" Gavin.*



December 02, 2022 at 10:51 PM



“ *One of the greatest guys I've had the honor to know and call Friend. A stalwart, loyal citizen and neighbor to Benicia and Vallejo ... Tom will be missed.*

Our deepest sympathy to Patty, Meghan, Lauren, his beloved grandbabies and siblings.

Rich & Ronda Curtola

Rich Curtola - December 02, 2022 at 08:23 PM