



Thomas N. "Tom" Brennan

October 11, 1951 - October 22, 2016

Thomas "Tom" Newell Brennan, 65, of Benicia, California, passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by his family on October 22, 2016, after an 18 month battle with lung cancer. Born in Trenton, NJ to Herbert and Jo Ann Brennan, he grew up in El Sobrante, CA. He graduated from De Anza High School in 1969 and immediately entered the workforce. In 1978 he met his wife, Vangie, in Oakland, CA and started a family in Rodeo, CA for 12 years, followed by the next 25 years in Benicia, CA.

Tom is survived by his loving wife of 38 years, Vangie; his sons Tony (Angela) and Ryan (Colleen); sisters, Jeannie (Greg) Reginato and Patty (Kevin) Allen-Renfro; brother, Bobby Brennan, and many loving nieces, nephews, and extended family. Tom was a loving husband, father and friend to all.

Tom Spent 35 years in the banking industry including 7 years at Fireside Thrift as a Branch Manager and 28 years at the Mechanics Bank with his last 7 years as Senior Vice President for the installment loan department. He loved spending time with his family and friends as well as travelling, playing golf, watching sports, his Corvettes, attending car shows, and eating Italian food. He was well known for being an avid fan of the San Francisco Giants, San Francisco 49ers, and Golden State Warriors. Tom was very proud of his sons and heavily involved in their lives, including youth education, sports, performing arts, college, and their careers.

The family would like to say thank you to the many family and friends that kept Tom's spirits as high as possible during a difficult time with many visits and kind words on Facebook. Also a special thank you to Kaiser Hospice in Vallejo for their loving care and support.

Visitation will be held 4pm to 9pm, with a Vigil service at 7pm, Thursday, at Passalacqua Funeral Chapel, 901 W Second St, Benicia. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 1:30pm. Friday, October 28, at St. Dominic's Church, 475 East I St., Benicia, followed by a celebration of life at Benicia Veterans Memorial Hall at 3pm at 1150 First Street, Benicia. One of Tom's current plans was to donate to the Giants Community Fund to help the youth. You can do so at:

https://secure.e2rm.com/registant/donate.aspx?EventID=83189&LangPref=en-CA&Referrer=http%3a%2f%2fwww.mlb.com%2fsf%2fcommunity%2fdonation_module.jsp or by mail at:

Giants Community Fund (Tax ID #94-3200061)
24 Willie Mays Plaza
San Francisco, CA 94107
1.877.JR.GIANT

Cemetery Details

St. Dominic's Cemetery

Hillcrest Avenue & East 5th Street
Benicia, CA 94510

Previous Events

Vigil services

OCT 27. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (PT)

Passalacqua Funeral Chapel
901 W Second Street
Benicia, CA 94510
(707) 745-3130
info@passalacquafuneralchapel.com
<https://www.passalacquafuneralchapel.com>

Mass of Christian Burial

OCT 28. 1:30 PM (PT)

St Dominic's Catholic Church
475 E I St
Benicia, CA 94510
(707) 747-7220

Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas N. "Tom" Brennan*

November 29, 2022 at 08:20 PM



“ *As the baseball season starts with the A's and Giants playing the last of the spring training games I am thinking of Tom. Miss you buddy.*

Greg Gartrell - March 30, 2017 at 08:31 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Thomas N. "Tom" Brennan.*



October 27, 2016 at 11:36 PM



“ *Tommy, thank you for bringing such light and love to so many. Wishing you blessings on your journey into to the universe...you will forever be in the hearts of many ❤️*



Kathleen Ingram - October 27, 2016 at 10:23 PM

CT

“ Christopher Tran purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Thomas N. "Tom" Brennan.



Christopher Tran - October 27, 2016 at 08:42 PM

NC

“ Natalie Chia & David Chavez purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Thomas N. "Tom" Brennan.



Natalie Chia & David Chavez - October 27, 2016 at 12:23 PM

BH

“ To The Family,

I had the honor to meet Tom when I moved to El Sobrante in the 5th grade. Tom and Tom Carter teased me all the time! At the time I didn't know that meant that they liked me as a new friend.

We went through our high school years at De Anza always having respect for one another.

I had also worked at Mechanics Bank for 7 years and sad to say, I had already moved on to AT&T so I missed working with Tom. I truly loved working at Mechanics Bank.

I was thrilled when I learned how much Tom loved his corvettes and the car shows...I had somehow mirrored Tom's life because I too got very involved with cars, mine being a 1931 Model A Ford Victoria. Always a thumbs up to Tom on facebook and many congratulations with his trophy's.

I know he is off to the great Car Show in the Heavens with all the bright lights shining on him.

May the Lord Bless You and Keep you Tom, and loving arms to your family.

Berlene Carroll Horne

Berlene Carroll Horne - October 27, 2016 at 12:56 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas N. "Tom" Brennan.



October 26, 2016 at 08:35 PM



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Tony Brennan - October 26, 2016 at 04:40 PM



“ Mike & Tina Raspolich purchased the Sapphire S kies Bouquet for the family of Thomas N. "Tom" Brennan.



Mike & Tina Raspolich - October 26, 2016 at 04:20 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas N. "Tom" Brennan.



October 26, 2016 at 03:10 PM



“ *Joanne and Paul, Phyllis and Bobby, Steven & Jane purchased the Cheryl's Love and Support Sympathy Tower for the family of Thomas N. "Tom" Brennan.*



Joanne and Paul, Phyllis and Bobby, Steven & Jane -
October 26, 2016 at 02:53 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Thomas N. "Tom" Brennan.*



October 26, 2016 at 12:25 PM

CW

“ My sincere condolences to Vangie, Tony, and Ryan on your loss of Tom.



I will always remember his keen sense of humor. He told me it was important to laugh at yourself once in a while and not to take yourself so seriously. He made me laugh each day at work. I will also remember his strong work ethic. First in the office every day and the the last to leave. I really appreciated that "first in" because he would have the coffee ready!!

I enjoyed our telephone conversations and texts these past 18 months. He would always start out by asking how I was doing and each time I would think how gracious considering what he was going through.

I will miss you, Tom. May the Lord bless you and keep you.

Connie Wilson - October 26, 2016 at 11:36 AM

JB

“ Jessie, Frank, Anne, and Steve Bianchi purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Thomas N. "Tom" Brennan.



Jessie, Frank, Anne, and Steve Bianchi - October 26, 2016 at 09:28 AM

GS

“ DEAREST VANGIE..

MAY THE GRACE, PEACE, STRENGTH, COMFORT AND LOVE OF OUR LORD BE WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY DURING THIS TIME OF TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS.

A HUMBLING COMFORTING REFLECTION.....FROM
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THERE IS A TIME FOR EVERYTHING AND A SEASON FOR EVERY ACTIVITY UNDER HEAVEN. A TIME TO BE BORN AND A TIME TO DIE. A TIME TO PLANT AND A TIME TO UPROOT, A TIME TO WEEP AND A TIME TO REJOICE, A TIME TO KILL AND A TIME TO HEAL, A TIME TO MOURN AND A TIME TO DANCE, A TIME TO SCATTER STONES AND A TIME TO GATHER THEM, A TIME TO EMBRACE AND A TIME TO REFRAIN, A TIME TO SEARCH AND A TIME TO GIVE UP, A TIME TO KEEP AND A TIME TO THROW AWAY, AT TIME TO BE IN TEAR AND A TIME TO MEND, A TIME TO BE IN SILENT AND A TIME TO SPEAK, A TIME TO LOVE AND TIME TO PRAY FOR PEACE FOR OUR DEPARTED LOVE ONES.

VANGIE.. OUR LIVES ARE LIKE FINE WEAVING THAT OUR GOOD LORD AND WE PREPARE. EACH LIFE IS A FABRIC WELL PLANNED AND FASHIONED IN HIS CARE, THOU WE MAY NEVER UNDERSTAND JUST HOW THE WEAVINGS INTERTWINE. WE MUST TRUST THE MASTER'S HAND AND FOLLOW HIS DESIGN. SOMETIMES A STRAND OF SORROW IS ADDED TO HIS PLAN, AND THOUGH ITS DIFFICULT FOR US , WE STILL MUST UNDERSTAND. IT IS HE WHO KNOWS WHAT IS BEST, SO WE MUST WEAVE IN PATIENCE AND LIVE TO HIM THE REST; FOR ONE DAY, GOD WILL UNROLL THE CANVAS AND EXPLAIN THE REASON WHY.....WE MUST ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT IT IS IN DYING THAT WE ARE BORN INTO ETERNAL LIFE.

FROM MY FAMILY TO YOURS, OUR DEEPEST EXPRESSION OF SORROW AND SYMPATHY.

HUMBLY AND WITH ACCEPTANCE,PRESERVE THE WONDERFUL LEGACY LEFT BY TOM.... IN THIS JOURNEY OF LIFE, PEOPLE COME AND GO INTO OUR LIVES AND QUICKLY GO. SOME STAY FOR A WHILE AND LEAVE FOOTPRINT IN OUR HEART AND WE ARE NEVER THE SAME.

I WILL KEEP TOM NAME FOR A MASS INTENTION BY A SEMINARIAN WHO WILL BE ORDAIN TOMORROW AND IN MY PRAYERS . PLS. TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF AND NEVER CEASE PRAYING. ALWAYS TRUST THE GOOD LORD AND HE WILL DO THE REST.... HUMBLY KEEP YOUR HEAD UP HIGH. THE CROSS WE CARRY IN THIS LIFE IS A MANIFESTATION OF HIS LOVE FOR US NOT TO HURT US BUT TO BRING OUT MORE THE GREATER GOODNESS OF US AND BRING US CLOSER TO HIM. MAY OUR GOOD ORD BLESS YOU AND THE FAMILY AND GIVE YOU STRENGTH,COMFORT , PEACE AND LOVE.

GURMEL SINGH AND FAMILY...

gurmel singh - October 25, 2016 at 11:00 PM

JH

“ *Jon & Joanne Hilbrich purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Thomas N. "Tom" Brennan.*



Jon & Joanne Hilbrich - October 25, 2016 at 08:42 PM

LD

“ The first Sunday of Feb. (15) found Tom and I at the "Cars and Coffee" in Blackhawk. We took Tom's new vette as it was pretty cold for the 59. Tom had a cough for about a month and was going in for a chest Xray the next day. On Thursday of that week Tom received his diagnosis. A week later in, Louie's Trim Shop, Tom got an email grading his cancer as stage 4, with 6 to 9 months to live. Tom made it 20 months with the most courage and class of any person I have ever seen. Complaining hardly at all, his first statement each time we talked was his constant concern for Susan and I. You see Susan received her diagnosis two weeks after Toms. Tom and I were working on the 59 about the same time, so I would talk to him daily. His first words were always of concern, support, and Hope for Susan during her ordeal.

Six weeks ago I lost my dog Scooter. With all that Tom was going through at that time, my first call of condolences was from Tom, trying to get me passed losing Scoot. Once again a man who was in great pain and should have been worried, disgruntled, and losing faith, found me in need and forgot all his own troubles to be a BEST FREIND.

"God Speed" Tom Brennan, I miss you already

Love, Lou and Susan Davies

Lou Davies - October 25, 2016 at 06:06 PM

BJ

“ Our condolences to the family especially to Vangie and her sons. We pray that Tom be granted eternal rest and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

Betsog Jugo

Betsog Jugo - October 25, 2016 at 05:43 PM

RG

“ Rob, Mary, and Tyler Garduno purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Thomas N. "Tom" Brennan.



Rob, Mary, and Tyler Garduno - October 25, 2016 at 02:31 PM



“ With Our Deepest Sympathy Gift Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas N. "Tom" Brennan.



October 25, 2016 at 01:23 PM

BF

“ BHCS Alameda County Friends purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Thomas N. "Tom" Brennan.



BHCS Alameda County Friends - October 25, 2016 at 01:12 PM

PC

“ PARAMOUNT EXPORT COMPANY purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Thomas N. "Tom" Brennan.



PARAMOUNT EXPORT COMPANY - October 25, 2016 at 01:08 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas N. "Tom" Brennan.



October 25, 2016 at 12:29 PM



“ Tom, I will miss you very much. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to work with you as your assistant for 12 wonderful years. I learned so much with you. You were so kind and respectful not only as a boss but as a friend. Thank you for becoming my friend and including me in your family functions. I will always admire you and thank you for letting me part of your life and your family for the past 20 years.



cristina wilson - October 25, 2016 at 12:07 PM



“ Tom, I will miss you. Thank you for everything that you taught me. You were so kind, respectful, and respected. Thank you the opportunity to be your assistant for 12 years and friend for 20.

cristina Wilson - October 25, 2016 at 12:01 PM



“ Anita Kenoly & Family purchased the Pretty Plea se for the family of Thomas N. "Tom" Brennan.



Anita Kenoly & Family - October 25, 2016 at 11:56 AM



“ May the Lord's blessings bring strength to Vangie, Tony and Ryan during this difficult time. Tom was a great man. I was blessed to have had the opportunity to work with him for many years and have a lasting friendship. I hope you are up there "Do-Whopping" in the sky, shining down upon us. God Bless -

Kelly Attebery and Family

Kelly Lucido Attebery - October 25, 2016 at 11:55 AM

BE

“ Tom was always a gentleman when he comes through my grocery line. He was always very patient and never yelled & screamed when he had to wait a few extra minutes. Soft spoken and just a nice customer to wait on. I will miss his gentle soul and soft smile. As the Chinese would say: “We shall meet again!” Condolences to his family.



*Betty
Benicia*

Betty - October 25, 2016 at 11:44 AM

CF

“ Castillo/Rowan family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Thomas N. "Tom" Brennan.



Castillo/Rowan family - October 25, 2016 at 11:22 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Thomas N. "Tom" Brennan.*



October 25, 2016 at 10:55 AM



“ *Bob and Kael Triglia purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Thomas N. "Tom" Brennan.*



Bob and Kael Triglia - October 25, 2016 at 03:47 AM



“ *Bob and Marilyn totherow purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Thomas N. "Tom" Brennan.*



Bob and Marilyn totherow - October 25, 2016 at 12:44 AM



“ *We had a good run Tom . . . At Fireside & at Mechanics. Great memories . . . Thank you for your mentorship & support for all those years. . . Couldn't have done it without you. Will miss you BIG TIME !!*

evan - October 25, 2016 at 12:30 AM

PW

“ *Patty and Manny Weiss purchased the Cheryl's Classic Gift Bundle for the family of Thomas N. "Tom" Brennan.*



Patty and Manny Weiss - October 24, 2016 at 11:54 PM

YG

“ *Your Bunco Girlfriends purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Thomas N. "Tom" Brennan.*



Your Bunco Girlfriends - October 24, 2016 at 10:56 PM

TB

“ *1 file added to the album Tom*



Tony Brennan - October 24, 2016 at 10:15 PM

TB

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Tony Brennan - October 24, 2016 at 10:12 PM



“ Sympathy Chocolates was purchased for the family of Thomas N. "Tom" Brennan.



October 24, 2016 at 08:51 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas N. "Tom" Brennan.



October 24, 2016 at 07:00 PM



“ My fondest memories with Tom started with the early Caticism days, with Tommy Carter, Pat Walsh, Alfred Garcia, Tom Arrington, Jim Olry, Jim Perky, what a handfull for those poor nuns! Always a loyal friend in high school. Sorry I didn't get to know him again in later life. Hopefully we will catch up down the road. Joe Beucler

joe beucler - October 24, 2016 at 05:16 PM



I was with Tom in catachism also.I spoke to to Tom about the good times and the trouble we got into...I always told my wife Tom got me into trouble.....I think she knows better....Tom just laughed..we all gave the nuns hell....Miss you Tom ... like Joe said maby we'll meet up again one day

Barry C. BUENVENIDA - October 25, 2016 at 01:42 AM

SA

“ Tom, you were the best friend a person could have. I enjoyed knowing you for over 45 years. I am particularly happy that we got to spend a lot of time together in these last 18 months. The banker lunches that you hosted were a real bonding experience. It is hard to believe you are not with us anymore but I assure you that you will not be forgotten. Donna and I send our heartfelt condolences to Vangie, your sons Ryan and Tony and all of your extended family. Love you Tom. Stan and Donna Adkins

Stan Adkins - October 24, 2016 at 04:00 PM

LC

My deepest condolences to Vangie & family. Eternal rest grant unto Tom oh Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him, may Tom rest in peace... Amen.

Lyn Cipriano - October 29, 2016 at 02:44 AM

LC

Deepest condolences to Vangie and family. Eternal rest grant unto Ton Brennan oh Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him, may Tom rest in peace.... Amen. Take care. Marlyn Matela Cipriano

Lyn Cipriano - October 29, 2016 at 02:49 AM