



Mr. Thomas Edward Marcantonio Sr

August 29, 1934 - January 20, 2017

Thomas Edward Marcantonio Sr., 82, also fondly known as "Tommy Marc" passed away on January 20, 2017 after a courageous battle against Mesothelioma; he both lived and died according to his own terms. Thomas was in the care of his daughter, Suzanne Marcantonio Self in Jacksonville, NC, at the time of his passing.

Thomas is loved and remembered by his surviving family including his wife of 50 years, Mary Ellen Marcantonio of Jacksonville, NC; his children, Thomas Marcantonio, Jr., of Moultrie, GA; Suzanne M. Self of Jacksonville, NC; Timothy Marcantonio of Jupiter, FL; and Richard Marcantonio of Londonderry, NH. He was blessed with six grandchildren: Julie Countryman, Samantha Marcantonio, Ashley Marcantonio, Daniel Self, Kayla Marcantonio and Thomas Marcantonio.

Thomas and his wife were former residents of Ocala, FL and Wayland, MA.

One of the most important aspects of his life was the family (both surviving and pre-deceased) including his pride in the ancestral family name.

Thomas was the youngest of seven sons and is survived by two older brothers: James George Marcantonio of Jefferson City, MO; and Richard C. Marcantonio of Irvington, NY. He is predeceased by his parents: Louis Albert

and Anna Costantino Marcantonio; and his brothers Louis Albert Marcantonio (who died in childbirth), Louis Albert Marcantonio, Jr., Gabriel Marcantonio and Joseph Marcantonio. All seven brothers proudly served in the US military and Thomas is a veteran of the United States Navy.

His active lifestyle included being a natural athlete; from a young age it was apparent that Thomas excelled with just about every sport he participated in. He graduated from Wayland High School in Wayland, MA, where he held records for football, basketball and baseball. Even as a senior citizen, he was a champion on softball teams, golfing leagues and bowling teams.

Always giving 100% to anything he put his mind to, Thomas was a man who worked hard and played hard. He instilled that desire in his children and those who got to know him.

Thomas will be remembered and loved by the many people he has met throughout his long lifetime. We'd like to thank his bowling team friends, neighbors and friends in Ocala, FL, and his past co-workers from Cushing Hospital (where he retired from after more than 20 years of service) and Framingham Union Hospital in Massachusetts.

A special thank you goes out for the outstanding care he received from Sukumaran Ramaswami, M.D. of Ocala, FL; Peakash Chickakuragodu, his pharmacist at CVS in Ocala, FL; and Nagesh Jayaram, M.D. of Oncology at Southeastern Medical Oncology Center in Jacksonville, NC. We also sincerely appreciate the caring staff from Community Home Care and Hospice who made it possible for him to be surrounded and cared for at home, while surrounded by his family.

Thomas's daughter, Suzanne Self, continues her fight against Alzheimer's Disease and will be participating in the Jacksonville, NC Walk to End

Alzheimer's. For those who would like to make a memorial donation on Thomas's behalf, please use this link:

https://act.alz.org/site/Donation2?idb=859487804&df_id=32780&32780.donation=form1&FR_ID=10566&mfc_pref=T&PROXY_ID=9692199&PROXY_TYPE=20.

Donations can also be mailed to:

Alzheimer's Association, Eastern NC Chapter

Attn: Rhonda Quador

RE: Participant Suzy Self Jacksonville, NC Walk ID # 9692199

3739 National Drive, Suite 110

Raleigh, NC 27612

Thomas will always be "Big T from Wayland," a true original who LOVED his New England teams, cherished his family and friends, and took pride in his hometown of Wayland, MA.

Arrangements are in the care of Coastal Cremations, Carolina Shores, NC.

Tribute Wall

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“ Tom and I had a common background as we were both Navy. Although Tom was a BT and I was an MM, he had attended MM 'A' School in Great Lakes the same as me. I had to convinced him that just because he had gone to my school, he still didn't know as much about the engine room as me. He conceded but only with, "but you don't know as much about the boiler room as I do!". We enjoyed getting to know each other; we were 'cut from the same cloth'. He was a good man and a good sailor. All he wanted was to make sure his family was cared for. I'll miss Tom. Fair Winds and Following Seas shipmate.
Mark Feine MMC(SS) U.S. Navy (Ret.)

Mark Feine - February 06, 2017 at 10:35 AM

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“ Dad I remember how proudly you displayed in your home (which I now do in mine) all the photos of you and your brothers in your various military branch uniforms. Thank you for serving our country. You don't know how proud I was when I was a teenager to be allowed to wear one of your navy uniform tops with the sailor hat. It made me feel unique and proud.



Suzanne Self - February 06, 2017 at 09:03 AM

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“Dad I remember you putting a basketball hoop out on the road at Riverview Circle by our yard so not only us kids but those in the neighborhood could come shoot hoops and play HORSE. I LOVE you for going outside with me most nights even in the Winter to shoot hoops, practice my dribbling and passing which was my way to let off steam and de-stress. Thanks for showing me my small size did not matter if I could sink that basketball hoop. I remember watching the Celtics with you on television or trying to pick it up on the radio during the trips to Bellingham to pick up brother, Tom.



Suzanne Self - February 05, 2017 at 06:04 PM



“Dad you taught me how to throw a spiral by releasing the football off my fingertips and when catching to cradle and tuck and hold on for dear life. Being small has never kept me from being fast and you told me to run like hell whenever I caught the ball to avoid being tackled. Unfortunately my knowledge of football is not that of my entire family, I am hopeless as 2 of my WHS classmates Paul Harmon and Chris Marobella can attest to an my infamous "SUE you are running the wrong way, mishap event at Wayland Middle School. I know you will be watching your "beloved" New England Patriots this weekend and cheering them on dad. Me the hopeless football fan will even watch in your honor with mom who is more of a football fan than all the males in the Marcantonio family. Thanks for treating me and teaching me with the same passion you did the boys. I love and miss you so very much.



Sue Self - February 03, 2017 at 05:58 PM

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“ I was Thomas's patient advocate. He contacted our mesothelioma center on Asbestos.com and was requesting for information. We spoke over the phone and he was such a sweet man. I would call him every so often to see how treatment was going or he would call me with any concerns or just to share any good news his doc may have shared. He'll be very missed! I really enjoyed speaking with him over the phone, always this happy person who had such a positive attitude.

Dr. Smart - February 01, 2017 at 12:25 PM



“ Today's memory is how my dad let me go down in the basement to "the Man Cave/Workshop" where I learned along with my brothers how to use all those organized hand tools and even some of the power tools. Thanks dad, for helping me with my projects when I had to build something for school. I remember how proud you were of my Wayland Middle School woodworking projects, even though the boys ones were way better. You always made me believe I could do whatever I set my mind to. I miss and Love you so much.



Sue Self - January 31, 2017 at 06:57 PM



“ One of the things I remember about my dad, is him telling me how he would speak to some of the homeless people in his area. He and my mom would go through their cabinets or to the Publix grocery store and bring food to these lost souls. You wonder where I get my heart and kindness its from these 2 amazing people, my parents.



Sue Self - January 30, 2017 at 01:18 PM



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Coastal Cremations Direct - January 30, 2017 at 01:11 PM



This was an amazing day, during the month I was down in FL to help he get started with treatments for the mesothelioma. Dad wanted to exercise, but hates walking & loves biking. So on this amazing day he took my furry brother, Luigi for a ride on his bike in the Ocala Palms neighborhood. GREAT Day.

Sue Self - January 30, 2017 at 01:26 PM



“ *Suzu Q I am so sorry for your loss. I only had the privilege of meeting your Dad a couple of times, but he was an awesome man who raised a very special and awesome daughter. Keep remembering the good times and post so that we may all enjoy that time with you. Love to you and your family.-----Debbie*

Debbie - January 30, 2017 at 09:36 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss Susy he was a good neighbor From all the Morrissey's*

Kenneth Morrissey - January 29, 2017 at 05:50 PM

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Thank you Kenny, your family was such a big part of mine growing up from your immediate family to your uncles who lived in the neighborhood. I considered them my Uncle Frank & Uncle Bernie. Tommy was like having another younger brother, and he is missed by us all.

Suzanne Self - February 04, 2017 at 05:41 PM



“ *I am so thankful you taught me how to be like a "boy" with my brothers and did not turn me away. You showed me how to throw and catch a baseball, how to read the pitcher for the throw and line up for the swing to knock it out of the park. I still remember the family trips to Boston to see "the Green Monster" and cheer on the Red Sox. Remember how I was the only one to get the most autographs for the family- got that knack from you dad. I hope there are those who are stopping to read who can recall my dad coaching the little league baseball teams in Wayland for my brothers, Tim & Rich. Remember who was the score keeper and helped with managing the line-up- yes ME!*

Thanks for showing so many about sportsmanship, being their best, and working as a team player. Love You Dad.



Sue Self - January 29, 2017 at 10:25 AM

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“ I can remember the first Boston Bruins game my dad took me to as a teenager since he instilled a LOVE of the Boston Bruins in me since I was a baby. He always told me about how my head would move back and forth as I watched the Bruins in my baby chair or on his lap, jumping up and down with the action. That game we went to at the Boston Garden gave my dad a taste of knowing I could take care of myself and handle drunk hockey fans, especially Montreal Canadiens. It was one of my favorite days, just me & dad cheering on the Boston Bruins. I still say, dad Ray Bourque is the better Bruin to wear the #7 in his career before he changed it.



Suzanne Self - January 29, 2017 at 08:07 AM



“ Suzy Q: I will always remember hanging out at your house in the summers when visiting with Nani & Papa. We always loved coming to Wayland and your parents took us all in like we were their kids. I am so sorry for your loss and pray you find the strength to get through the coming months. It's hard, but you can do it, especially with the love of your Mom and brothers. Love you girl.



Hydie Richards - January 29, 2017 at 08:07 AM

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“ Dad, thanks for teaching me how to skate and play hockey in the backyard on the frozen over Sudbury River. You don't know how much it was appreciated and valued when you installed the flood lights, tested the ice, and shoveled it off so not only us (me, Tom, Tim, & Rich) but all the kids in the neighborhood could go skating safely. Go Boston Bruins!

I know how much it meant to you in your memories about skating the Sudbury River in just a tee shirt as far as you could in its frozen state. You will always be "Big T from Wayland".



Suzanne Self - January 29, 2017 at 08:04 AM

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“ Dad I will always remember you requesting for me to bake a fresh batch of Molasses Sugar Cookies because that's what you felt like eating just days before you left us. Those around from Community Home Hospice, told me you wouldn't be able to eat- but you showed your true Marcantonio spirit and ate a whole cookie dunking it in your tea! Thanks for that memory and that strength of will. I LOVE you and Miss you every single day. Suzy



Suzanne Self - January 29, 2017 at 07:47 AM

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