



Thomas Maher Fabbri Sr.

December 19, 1956 - March 4, 2020

Thomas Maher Fabbri Sr., age 63, died after a short battle with cancer on Wednesday, March 4th, 2020 in Ft. Myers, Florida. He was born on December 19th 1956 in Litchfield, Connecticut to David Thomas Fabbri and Ruth (Barry) Fabbri. In 1982 he married Susan (Fortin) and together they raised their children, Thomas Maher Jr., Kevin and Kelly.

Thomas graduated from Litchfield High School in 1975 and shortly after graduating he moved to South Florida. Here, he began his life-long career in the beer industry, working for distributor Wm. Thies & Sons from 1979-2008 and then for distributor J.J. Taylor from 2008 until his untimely death. He always considered his “work family” a second family and stayed close to many throughout the years.

Thomas was a dedicated family man. He enjoyed participating in his children’s extracurricular activities both in school and in the community. He volunteered as a youth soccer coach for 15 years. He had a soft spot for all animals, especially the numerous dogs the family had throughout the years. He was competitive in every facet of life, from playing or watching sports, (Boston Red Sox, golf, football, NASCAR, etc.) to his work life, (the term, “Tough Love” was used often) and even down to decorating his house for Christmas- he never lost. He most enjoyed quiet times with his family- either by the pool, on the beach or even antique shopping. He loved to teach and train anyone that was willing to learn, whether it was children on the field or an employee in the field- this was all too apparent when he had all his grandchildren in the pool. He loved afternoons in front of his grill, cooking food that would later be the center of an evening filled with family, friends and funny banter. He had a zest for life and lived it with passion, compassion and a little bit of stubbornness mixed in.

Thomas is preceded in death by his parents, David and Ruth; brother John Barry Fabbri; sister Margaret Fabbri; cousins Peggy Keuibeda, William Mooney, Kevin Mooney, and Michael Mooney. He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Susan; son Tom, his wife Brooke (Justice) Fabbri and their daughters Peyton and Avery; son Kevin with his daughter Lily and fiancé Jessica Ladmer; daughter Kelly with her husband Daniel Caner and their son

Nathan; cousins Moira (Mooney) Wood, and Cara (Mooney) Battistoni .

The funeral services have been postponed and will be announced at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Tom's name to the American Diabetes Association. <http://main.diabetes.org/goto/InMemoryofTomSenior>

To share a story or photo, leave a tribute or to offer condolences to the family at this difficult time, please visit Tom's memorial webpage located at www.fortmyersmemorial.com and sign his guestbook.

<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/5C2TNZXPRMS8CK4W>

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Ernest Desposito - April 02 at 10:16 AM



“ I just found out today from a JJT worker at Publix that Tom had passed. I'm a bartender at a Marriott property, and had the distinct honor of knowing Tom the last decade. I knew Tom took ill, but wasn't able to get in touch with his co-workers the last few weeks due to the Co-Vid virus. I was laid off 2 weeks ago, but that pales in comparison to the loss I heard about yesterday. To Sue, your family, and all the guys at JJT...I send my most sincere condolences. I will try to remember all the good times and laughs I had with Tom at my bar. You and your family are in my thoughts, Tom. Bless us all...

Jeff

Jeff - March 26 at 12:57 PM



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Michele - March 24 at 02:36 PM



“ Looks like Mike Santomaso

Scott Evert - July 09 at 06:43 PM



“ I love Tom to the moon and back. He helped guide me through the corporate life. At a loss for words. Prayers to Sue and the family!



Mindy Delnay - March 21 at 09:45 PM



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Ernie Desposito - March 21 at 03:10 PM



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Ernie Desposito - March 21 at 03:06 PM



“ The BOSS. The only time he really yelled at me was when I cut my hand on the paper cutter and screamed some expletives. He was was so mad at me that I made him worry. One of those guys that was good to have on your side. Thanks Sr.

Chris - March 21 at 12:40 PM



“ My condolences. I knew Tom as a neighbor in Boca and coworker at William Thies. He was always very kind to me. Rest easy Big Tom!



Anthony Verzillo - March 21 at 10:43 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas Maher Fabbri Sr..



March 14 at 05:03 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Thomas Maher Fabbri Sr..



March 12 at 12:47 PM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas Maher Fabbri Sr..



March 11 at 02:26 PM



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Charlie Trepcos - March 11 at 12:00 PM



“ I pray travelling mercies for your soul as it traverses to the bosom of The Almighty. It indeed was a pleasure to have known and worked with you Mr Tom Fabri .

Anthony Gosine - March 14 at 11:31 PM



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Mercedes Forbes - March 11 at 10:52 AM



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John Hudson - March 11 at 10:12 AM



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scott thompson - March 10 at 08:43 PM



“ Tom will forever be a part of my family's life. A Godfather to my son, a mentor to a young kid (me) entering the business world, but most importantly one of my dearest friends. I can truly say I would not be the man I am today without the friendship of such a genuine person. I remember on one of mine and Tom's many business adventures Tom just took over as GM of Sarasota branch. Tom had called me shortly after and said he wanted me to join the team he was putting together. Anyone who knows and respects Tom knows if he calls you go. I had just married and had to explain to my new wife that I was moving and I had to leave now. Thank God for an understanding, adventurous wife. Off I went, to move in with Tom and we became the new guys in the change over. I remember many whispers when I walked through the warehouse, people referring to me as " Tom's Boy " I would hear the same thing from drivers and sales staff. It was funny because they said "Tom's boy" as if it was a bad thing. Little did they know being known as one of "Tom's boys" was not a bad thing for me it was more like a badge of honor. I can assure you there are a lot of us that are going to miss him tremendously and are better business men, better father's and family men and better friends because Tom was a part of our lives. I was fortunate enough to spend some time with Tom and his family through Tom's battle with cancer and can assure you he was surrounded by the best team he ever put together, his FAMILY. Love to his family and Love to a great friend.
Sincerely, Ty Bruno
AKA " Tom's Boy "

ty bruno - March 10 at 07:44 PM



“ I’m so sorry to hear about Toms passing. He was my favorite boss that I ever had. I always enjoyed working with him and his relentless endeavor to vaporize Bud products from our market in Sarasota. He made the job amazingly fun and no longer the 4 letter word I have done since. I would always enjoy Toms begrudging laugh when I wouldn’t drink Miller lite and only Heineken for the longest time until he finally converted me over and I haven’t changed since. Even after 20 years out of the business I still loved my occasional phone convos with him. I’ll very much miss u Tom and your family will be in my thoughts during this tough time. I’m so very sorry that I won’t be able to make the service as well. Rest In Peace Tom!

steve cavanaugh - March 10 at 07:35 PM



“ I truly loved this man. A legend.

Debbie Mosely - March 10 at 06:59 PM



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Fort Myers Memorial Gardens - March 10 at 05:11 PM



“ Tom was a good man and a loyal fellow employee. I retired from JJT late last year and Tom is one of my fellow employees that I miss seeing everyday. We worked hard but always managed to have a good day. May God Bless all of the members of Tom's family.

David and Debbie Brooks

David Brooks - March 10 at 02:41 PM



“ Tommy was a great guy and real friend way back when I opened Dr Philgoods May God bless his family. Phil Gorman (Dr Philgood)

Phil Gorman - March 14 at 05:15 PM